

# *Fremington Parish Council*



*Annual Report  
2012-2013*

## **Chairman's Annual Report - Cllr Rodney Cann**

We have once again seen the Council make progress in a number of projects and consolidated on the success of the first year of this administration in other areas.

Your Council has been pleased to grant aid to 20 local organisations within a budget of £2800 to help ensure the continuity of our vibrant and active community.

We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee by presenting the children of the Parish aged eleven and under a souvenir mug. Your Council also marked the event by re-dedicating the Tews Lane Sports Field as "The Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field".

Management of the sports field is now undertaken by an active user group which reports back to the Parish Council.

This arrangement has been particularly successful and we are delighted to be able to announce that after several years of criticism and regular inspections by the Football Foundation we are now regarded as having met their funding criteria.

I believe we should be proud that this sports field is now one of the best used in North Devon with around fifteen teams regularly using the football pitches.

It is of some satisfaction to note that we are able to provide for a wide range of users varying from the disadvantaged to juniors, ladies and adult men's teams.

Fremington Junior and Senior football clubs are enjoying great success on the field but are desperate for improved facilities if they are to progress further.

Your Parish Council has recognised the shortcomings of the Beechfield Centre and football facilities and has made their replacement a priority and set up a User Group Task team to progress a replacement facility.

### **Fremington Army Camp Development**

Your Parish Council has supported the views of the local community and strongly opposed the proposals to access the development of the former camp by way of the Military Road.

The application has been turned down by the local Planning Authority but has now gone to appeal. Your Parish Council will ensure that local views are well represented at the forthcoming enquiry.

Fremington Quay is very much a success story providing an important amenity for local people and tourists alike and has the benefit of generating a significant income for the parish.

Your Council has been pleased to support the extension of the Heritage Centre with a grant of £5k . The total raised by the Quay group is now over £148K and work is programmed to commence this spring.

No report would be complete without highlighting the remarkable achievements of the Fremington Community Group in raising funds for local schemes. My congratulations and thanks to them for the excellent contribution they make to our local community.

Looking to the future we face significant pressure for more development from proposals in the Draft Local Plan and must ensure that if development does go ahead on the scale envisaged we must have the assurance that adequate infrastructure is provided before building commences, not after the event. Our roads are already congested and our schools at or near capacity, as are our medical facilities.

We will also need new employment opportunities with any development as jobs will be required for local people.

We should not overlook the request for a new parish to be created at Roundswell. When planning for the future we must not under-estimate the consequences of splitting the parish and our ability to deliver the level of service we now enjoy.

Finally, I would to pay tribute to our ladies in the office, who without their hard work and dedication we would not be able to deliver our objectives and provide a first class service to the council taxpayers of the parish.

Cllr Rodney Cann  
Chairman Fremington Parish Council

## **Tews Lane Committee - Cllr Rodney Cann**

The Committee is made up of representatives of the user groups, Head of Marland School, Chief Executive of Community Action and Parish Councillors.

This has been a particularly successful year for the committee which has seen us taken out of what are effectively special measures by the Football Foundation. We have now satisfied the expectations that came with the funding from them for the facilities on site.

Maintenance has improved significantly now that the responsibility is with private contractors.

The last year has seen the installation of an informal jogging/footpath around the perimeter of the sports field.

A very popular skateboard half pipe ramp and younger children's play area have also been installed.

We are pleased to say that there are around 15 football teams using the facility.

Plans are in hand for: -

- Marland School to create a Nature Garden
- To provide a cradle swing in the play area
- Explore the possibility of football dugouts and floodlighting
- Prepare plans for an Section 106 funding to provide a club house/community hall
- To complete the existing changing facilities

Cllr Rodney Cann  
Chairman Tews Lane Committee

## **Parks and Playing Fields Committee - Cllr Tony Wood**

This will be a very short report this year due to the fact that we have only had 8 meetings out of 12. I am not sure if this is a good thing or a bad thing! It could mean that we have carried out a lot of work previously leaving very little for this year. One good thing we have accomplished is the continuation of the path around Griggs Field, this has proven to be an asset over the last year with the continuous rain we have experienced. It is also part of footpath 101 which has allowed many people to walk to the woods.

The revamp of the BMX track has proven very popular with young people and has been well used over the past year, it has been noted that many groups outside Fremington have also been using the track. I have also managed, during the last 2 weeks of dry weather, to re-spray weed killer on the edges of the track, which should now be ok for the rest of the year.

On a sad note we have lost a very productive group in Fremington in Bloom. Of course I am somewhat prejudiced being a former Chairman, but Fremington in Bloom not only provided colour to the village they also contributed to many other jobs including litter picking, extra grass cutting and many more small jobs in the village.

On a positive note the replacement of the Beechfield Youth Hut is back on the agenda. Having been a Councillor for many years, this has been on the agenda several times before but has not progressed. This time I hope it will be replaced, and I will do my best, if I am re-elected to Parks and Playing Fields, to keep this item moving forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee and the office staff for supporting me over the last year.

Cllr Tony Wood  
Chairman Parks and Playing Fields Committee

## **Finance and Personnel Committee - Cllr Brian Hockin**

The Parish Council has had a relatively good year. We have managed to increase our incoming revenue and have had a reduction on our outgoings.

With the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Clerk and members of the Finance and Personnel Committee a number of projects have been completed.

We have seen an increase of twenty five thousand pounds in capital reserves.

We have kept the increase of the precept as low as possible in anticipation of losing a substantial amount of our grant from the District Council in future years.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our former Parish Clerk, Mrs Clare Dalley. We wish to thank her for her excellent service, she will be greatly missed. On a more positive note we would like to welcome Victoria Woodhouse to the post of Parish Clerk and look forward to an excellent working relationship, and another successful year.

Cllr Brian Hockin  
Chairman Finance and Personnel Committee

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(Last) Year Ended  
31st. March 2012

**Fremington Parish Council  
Income & Expenditure Account  
1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013**  
**Income**

(Current) Year  
Ended  
31st. March 2013

3,359.63	Administration	849.43
33,182.50	Parks & Playing Fields	18,372.66
0.00	106 Funding from NDC	51,870.52
6,797.00	Cemetery	10,905.00
19,367.44	Fremington Quay	14,276.71
105.33	Salaries & Inland Revenue	0.00
0.00	Insurance	115.53
500.00	Parish Paths	390.00
0.00	TAP Fund	4,456.83
111,869.00	Precept	114,106.00
248.30	Dog Bins	248.30
23,363.00	Grants	178.55
-1,453.83	Restated	0.00
<b>197,338.37</b>		<b>243,586.23</b>

**Expenditure**

21,595.51	Administration	18,733.59
55,682.82	Parks & Playing Fields	35,411.61
0.00	106 Funding NDC	50,270.00
4,642.24	Cemetery	4,683.97
12,953.13	Fremington Quay	10,855.82
63,353.21	Salaries	52,147.49
0.00	TAP Fund	4,254.53
760.00	Parish Paths	1,085.00
0.00	Fremington In Flower	0.00
0.00	Beechfield Youth Club	0.00
4,282.62	Loans	4,282.62
4,959.60	Insurance	5,233.06
1,130.15	Parish Enhancements	0.00
5,035.85	Dog Bins	4,347.96
6,215.00	Grants	7,985.00
5,055.34	Election Costs	0.00
1,085.50	Earmarked Reserves	13,152.80
<b>186,750.97</b>		<b>222,473.45</b>

**General Fund**

<b>62,527.32</b>	Balance at 1st April 2012	<b>67,904.69</b>
197,338.37	ADD Total Income	243,568.23
259,865.69		311,472.92
186,750.97	Deduct Total Expenditure	222,473.45
73,114.72		88,999.47
5,210.03	Transfer to/from reserves	7,117.00
<b>67,904.69</b>	Balance at 31st March 2013	<b>81,822.47</b>

## Parish Councillors

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Cllr Mr Brian Hockin  
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Cllr Mr James Bell  
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Cllr Mr Brian Clifton  
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## Parish Council Officers

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