

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, R Cann (from Minute No. 1602/27), D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

In Attendance: 4 Members of the public and press

1602/11 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, A Rennles, K Groves, D Brailey and G Turner.

1602/12 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item No. 1602/28 60445 as the applicant is a neighbour of her parents.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item No. 1602/26 as a County Councillor and a Personal Interest in Item No. 1602/28 60445 as the applicant is a neighbour of a friend.

1602/13 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman announced that the Parish Council had finally managed to open a 3 month fixed term deposit account. The Clerk first attempted to set up the account in July 2015 and after several false starts the account was opened on the 2nd December 2015.

Due to the length of time Lloyds has taken to open the savings account and the interest lost, the Clerk wrote a letter of complaint on behalf of the Council. In response Lloyds has apologised for the situation and the delays that have been caused. In addition, the bank has credited the Parish Council's account with a total of £532.01 to cover lost interest, call costs and the Clerk's time in dealing with the matter. The Council thanked the Clerk for her efforts in dealing with this matter.

The Chairman announced that Cllr Biederman had a cheque to present to the Council on behalf of the Fremington and District Community Group for £925 to contribute towards the play equipment repairs at the Babbages Play Area and for the maintenance to the shrub by the bus stop at Taw View. The Council thanked the Community Group for its kind contribution.

1602/14 **To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential).

PART A

1602/15 **To receive a report from the Police**
The District Crime Report, which is attached to these minutes as Appendix One, was circulated prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to note the report.

1602/16 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public produced a letter from Environmental Health at NDC and requested that all Councillors read a copy. The Clerk confirmed that a copy would be circulated to Councillors. The member of the public stated that 15 samples had today been taken from the former army camp site. Cllr Biederman reported that he would hope this was part of ongoing monitoring of the site and it was agreed to write to NDC to ask if samples had been taken and if so to request a copy of the results.

A member of the public stated that there are not any worms in the soil on the former army camp because the soil is “toxic”.

- 1602/17 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th January 2016 as a correct record**
Copies were circulated with the agenda.
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 11th January 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.
- 1602/18 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Minutes of Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee held on Tuesday 26th January 2016.
 - Minutes of Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th January 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 28th January 2016.
- 1602/19 **Highway issues – update**
Cllr Ms Scott reported that a large pothole at the top of Old School Lane had been repaired.
- Cllr Chalmers reported that DALC will be holding a Highways planning event on the 16th March at a cost of £35 per delegate. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Chalmers to attend on the Parish Council’s behalf.
- It was reported that there is a large pothole on the approach to the BOAT Road, Cllr Biederman confirmed that this had been reported but requested that it is reported again.
- 1602/20 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- Letter from Lt Col T J Salberg, 24 Commando Engineer Regiment, Chivenor, re 300th Anniversary of the formation of ‘The Sappers’ (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
 - Healthwatch Devon – Issue 11 Winter 2015/2016
 - NDC Certificate of Lawful Use or Development – building known as Teddy House, Bickleton Farm, Bickleton, Barnstaple
 - DCC notice of temporary restriction at Brynsworthy Lane, Bickington from Monday 22nd February 2016 to Friday 25th March 2016
 - Letter from NDC - Certificate of Lawfulness Application relating to change of use at Combrew Farm, Bickington, Barnstaple (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
 - Email from Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Devon: Final Recommendations (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
 - Email from NALC – Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings – 29th January 2016 (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
 - Email from NDC Planning re Allenstyle development footpath diversion (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1602/21 **County and District Councillors’ Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Biederman reported that draft budgets were being considered at both DCC and NDC and it was difficult to find the savings required. He reported that DCC is considering the loss of Lollipop men and women and he has put in an amendment to keep this valuable service. Cllr Ms Scott asked if the renewal of school bus passes for every term could be investigated.

- 1602/22 **To receive update from the Fremington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**
Cllr Mrs Kingdom reported that representatives of education, health, transport, employment and sport had been invited to sit on the Steering Group, terms of reference had been adopted and the group would be meeting on the last Thursday of every month at 9am.
- 1602/23 **To receive correspondence relating to proposed sewer route at Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field**
Members considered the correspondence and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask if there would be an opportunity for compensation of the inconvenience to improve the drainage on the left hand side of the field.
- 1602/24 **To receive correspondence relating to the Combined Authority Devolution**
Members received the Devolution for the Heart of the South West a Prospectus for Productivity document. Cllr Chalmers reported that DALC would be holding a special meeting on the 18th February to discuss the Devolution and there are concerns on how combining 22 authorities across Devon and Somerset will impact on Town and Parish Councils. There were also concerns that there was little mention of North Devon, Agriculture and Tourism in the document and would like to know what the benefits will be for North Devon.
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to invite Cllr Brailey as the leader of NDC to give a presentation at the next Full Council Meeting on the Devolution.
- 1602/25 **To receive and consider Help us Clean for the Queen**
Members considered taking part in the Clean for the Queen event and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Councillors to lead on a project in each ward on Saturday 5th March 2016 at 10am. It was agreed that Cllrs Biederman and Groves would organise Fremington meeting at the New Inn Car Park, Cllr Bell and Mrs Dyson Yelland meeting at the former Post Office, Cllr Chalmers would lead in Bickington with Cllrs Mrs Flynn and Cann if available and would meet in the car park, Cllr Mrs Kingdom would lead in Roundswell with Cllr Turner if available and would meet at McDonalds and Cllr Sherborne would lead Woodville to meet at the School. It was agreed to circulate to all Councillors to help lead projects in their areas.
- 1602/26 **To receive further information relating to the Future of the North Devon Records Office**
Members received an update on the long term funding for the North Devon Records Office from Barnstaple Town Council. Members were disappointed that the Parish Council had not been invited to the Stakeholder Meeting. The Parish Council still has concerns that there is not enough detail for the Council to be able to make a decision by the end of February and would like to know:
- What other sources of revenue have been investigated
 - A clearer indication of the strategic plan for future funding and revenue
 - Has the possibility of joining the service with the Museum been investigated?
 - Why aren't businesses that benefit and district councils involved in the rescue package?

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in the following item as a County Councillor.

1602/27

Devon County Council – Planning Application

Devon County Council has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following application:

DCC/3830/2016

Proposed cycle/walkway linking Fishleigh Road, Roundswell Business Park, with the B3232. This involves the construction of a 41m bridge over the A39, approximately 2350m of steel approach ramps & steps, the formation of embankments and associated landscaping, off Fishleigh Road, Roundswell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the design being in keeping with the area and no adverse impact on the safety of the highway.

Cllr Cann entered the meeting at 8.15pm.

1602/28

North Devon Council – Planning Appeal

The Planning Inspectorate has advised that the following appeal has been DISMISSED:

Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/W/15/3035871

Application Ref: 58294

Proposal: Variation of Condition 36 (restriction of dwelling height) attached to planning permission 56054 to allow for the erection of two storey houses along the southern edge of the site

Location: Allenstyle, Yelland, Barnstaple

Appeal by: Rockford Homes Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1602/29

North Devon Council – Planning Applications

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning applications:

It was formally noted that participation of the Councillors who are also members of NDC in both the debate and subsequent vote (in respect of any of the above, were preliminary taking account of the information matters) was on the basis that the views expressed made available at the time to the Parish Council. The District Councillors were reserving their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the following item. Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

60445 Proposal: Erection of conservatory

Location: 3 Fremington Quay, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr N Danks

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design and materials.

Cllr Ms Scott returned to the meeting.

60559 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 4 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Hodgetts

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend Approval subject to an appropriate design and no adverse impact on the amenities of neighbours.

60616 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 6 Lower Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Hill

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend Approval subject to an appropriate design and no adverse impact on the amenities of neighbours.

1602/30

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following application with conditions as filed:

59758 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction of 1 Ash tree
Location: 17 Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Jeffery, Jeffery Tree Surgery

59806 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown lifting & selective reduction of 1 Beech tree
Location: 34 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Tarka Tree Care

59853 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction and selective crown lifting for one Copper Beech tree
Location: Fremington Manor, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Hawley, JP Associates

60044 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Beech tree
Location: 8 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Saunders, Special Branch Tree Services

60069 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of coppicing of 3 Ash (T1, T3 & T4) & selective pruning of 1 Ash (T2)
Location: Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Arnett-Clark, Taw & Torridge Tree Services

60246 Proposal: Change of use from storage facility to trampoline park leisure facility
Location: Centurion Court, Lauder Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: RGP Architects Ltd

60266 Proposal: Conversion of loft to provide additional living accommodation
Location: White Oaks, 18 Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Nigel Polkinghorne, NPAS Devon Ltd

60270 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 52 Brynsworthy Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

- 60286 Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to three dwellings (use Class C3) & for associated operational development
Location: Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Nigel Polkinghorne, NPAS Devon Ltd
- 60307 Proposal: Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order in respect of selective reduction of branches
Location: 1 Dunning Green, Woodville, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Tarka Tree Care
- 60309 Proposal: Extension to Hospice
Location: Children's Hospice South West, Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: David Wilson Partnership
- 60329 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 22 Becklake Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates
- 60336 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & erection of conservatory
Location: 22 Westaway, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Peregrine Mears Ltd
- 60366 Proposal: Erection of porch
Location: 18 Oakland Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Wilkins
- 60362 Proposal: First floor extension to dwelling
Location: 1 Rowan Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following applications:

- 60313 Proposal: Extension to double garage to form separate annexe ancillary to existing dwelling
Location: The Retreat, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Martin Scott
- 60407 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling
Location: Garden of 11 Swallow Field, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Nigel Polkinghorne, NPAS Devon Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1602/31

Councillors Questions

It was reported that the North Devon and Exmoor Landscape and Seascape is now available to view online.

1602/32

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed Dated