

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, D Brailey, R Cann, D Chalmers, K Groves, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer and Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer

In Attendance: 2 Members of the public

- 1603/12 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn and A Rennles.
- 1603/13 **Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 1603/14 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman announced that the Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth ceremony would take place at 9.45am on Monday 14th March 2016 and all Parish Councillors are invited to attend.
- 1603/15 **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**
- 1603/16 **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. The Chairman has asked the Clerk to clarify what "other" covers. Cllr Biederman asked if an update on the investigations into the graffiti could be obtained.
- 1603/17 **Public Participation Period**
None.
- 1603/18 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th February 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 8th February 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.
- 1603/19 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016.
 - Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2016.
 - Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th February.

- 1603/20 **Highway issues – update**
Cllr Cann raised concerns at the state of the verge from the Cedars roundabout down to Roundswell. Cllr Biederman reported that the Community Group had funded the work and the contractor was in the process of tidying the area.
- 1603/21 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- Email from DCC regarding the Devon Minerals Plan Submission (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
 - Email from South West Highways – road closure on A361 Aller X to Pathfields and Newton X to Bolham Roundabout 14th to 19th March 2016 (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
 - Notes from Mrs McCormack-Hole, Devon Senior Voice, re Dementia Friendly Communities (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
 - NDC Certificate of Lawful Use or Development at Units 1-19 parts of Combrew Lane, Barnstaple EX31 2ND
 - Email from Mr Robert Young, DCC, Mineral Plan Examination (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1603/22 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Brailey reported that 2 x planning applications will be submitted this week for Anchor Wood Bank, the appeal to remove the listing on the Oliver Buildings was refused so they will remain listed. Car park charges have been increased to cover increasing costs.
- Cllr Cann stated that the increase in car parking charges was also to encourage people to park outside of the town and in longer stay car parks.
- Cllr Biederman reported that NDC would be increasing its precept by 1.99% and DCC by 3.99% (Band D equivalent).
- 1603/23 **To discuss the Combined Authority Devolution Bid with Cllr Brailey**
Cllr Brailey informed members that the bid had been submitted which would be a high level bid and the detail would be discussed at a later stage. However, they would be fighting to get the area the best deal and would be looking to see what benefits would be offered by Central Government. Cllr Brailey will keep the Parish Council up to date with progress. Cllr Brailey confirmed that this was not another tier of local government but 23 authorities working together to draw money into the area.
- Cllr Biederman left the meeting at 8.20pm
- 1603/24 **To discuss the unfair enforcement by planning enforcement officers in the Parish** (item requested by Cllr Mrs J Flynn)
Members were informed by Cllr Cann that a commercial premises in Bickington had been the subject of an enforcement case for its signage, it was felt that other commercial premises within the parish have similar signage which has not been enforced. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to highlight the need for uniformed enforcement throughout the parish to NDC.
- 1603/25 **To consider a priority for planning enforcement within the Parish**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to clarify the policy on signage and banners.
- 1603/26 **To consider supporting a Bus Shelter on Bickington Road & to receive update on the Bus Shelter for Chilpark**
Members considered supporting a bus shelter on Bickington Road and it was **resolved**, with one abstention, to support a bus shelter in this location.
- An update was not received for the proposed bus shelter at Chilpark.

- 1603/27 **To consider attendance at the Planning & Environment School 2016**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1603/28 **To consider and respond to the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Consultation and the proposed policy relating to Wind Energy Development and a series of additional proposed main changes to the insertion of Policy ST19A: Starter Homes Exception Sites**
Cllr Cann reported that the whole area had been identified as suitable for wind energy, however, CPRE had made representations to NDC that it did not believe this inclusion to be statutory, NDC decided to consult on the proposals whilst it seeks clarification so as not to delay the plan any further.

Cllr Brailey left the meeting at 8.40pm.
- 1603/29 **To receive report from the Stakeholders Meeting on the Future of the Records Office**
Members considered the report and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the future of the Records Office in principle.
- 1603/30 **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
- 60534 Proposal: Erection of fence and creation of hardstanding
Location: 13 Becklake Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs A Fielding
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the street scene and the fence being no higher than 1m.
- 60581 Proposal: Extension at rear of property and loft conversion
Location: 20 Linscott Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Edwards
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbours and the development not resulting in an over intensification of the site.
- 60610 Proposal: Retrospective change of use of building from industrial to part gym
Location: Inspirations Gym, Unit 2-3 Narita House, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Inspiration Fitness
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.
- 60611 Proposal: Erection of agricultural workers dwelling to replace temporary agricultural dwelling
Location: Horseacre Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Bament
- The Parish Council would not support the development if it did not have a strong agricultural tie and support and has concerns that this is unnecessary development in the open countryside.

60637 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 12 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Denton

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbours and the development does not result in over-intensification of the site.

60645 Proposal: Erection of two dwellings
Location: Bickington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Bell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to it respecting the character of the area and clarification on the impact on the bus stop.

60662 Proposal: Removal of Condition 11 (temporary access track) attached to planning permission 58715 erection of a 4.5MW solar photovoltaic power plant, together with inverters, transformers, substation & other ancillary equipment – to allow use of the access for the lifetime of the development
Location: Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Jazwa

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, there are not enough details on the vehicular access.

60666 Proposal: Certificate of appropriate alternative development for school site
Location: Land at Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Ian Jewson Planning

The Parish Council does not support any development in this location and would prefer to see the site as Open Space.

60686 Proposal: Alterations & extension to dwelling
Location: 48 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Turner

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

60690 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of pollarding of six Oak, one Thorn, three Elm & one Ash tree
Location: 48 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Canavan

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

60701 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 2 Rosewood Grove, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs A Burrell

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

60759 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & erection of new garage with storage above
Location: 4 Springfield Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Hammett

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

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North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

58192 Proposal: Erection of 10 bungalows including landscaping, provision of parking & a vehicular & pedestrian access (amended plans & description)
Location: The Green, Chilpark, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: WYG (Wellington)

60445 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: 3 Fremington Quay, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P H Watkins

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

60597 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 58335 in respect of change of housing locations
Location: Land at Allenstyle, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects

60616 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 6 Lower Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John Stromski & Associates

60723 Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of crown reduction of 1 Holm Oak
Location: Greystones, Church Hill, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: R Newing

To note that the following planning application has been WITHDRAWN and will no longer be considered:

60464 Proposal: Siting of double skinned oil tanks
Location: Certas Energy Ltd, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Trident Engineering Consultants

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

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Councillors Questions

Cllr Chalmers reported that he will be attending the DALC highway conference and DALC was organising a meeting to discuss refugees on the 22nd March.

Cllr Wood asked Cllr Cann why cardboard is not being taken unless it is in the brown bags. Cllr Cann reported that the policy is not to take cardboard that is not in the brown bags, households can have up to two bags, however, the new vehicles don't have enough capacity for collecting large amounts of cardboard.

Cllr Ms Scott thanked the Parish Council for taking part in the Clean for the Queen event and said it was a really nice event. Cllr Cann congratulated the Parish Council on its efforts to take part.

Cllr Sherborne asked when litter becomes the property of NDC, Cllr Cann suggested this would be at collection point.

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Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed Dated