

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

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

**In Attendance:** 12 Members of the public

1604/01 **Apologies**  
Cllr G Turner.

1604/02 **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Chalmers declared a Personal Interest in Item 1604/21 as he is on the Board of Directors for Sunrise.

1604/03 **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman announced that there will be a public meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Fremington Parish Hall at 7pm to discuss the planning application which has been submitted for the Yelland Power Station Site. The Chairman also announced that an amended application for the Oakland Park South development had been received and would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

1604/04 **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**

1604/05 **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. Members were informed that the description "others" applies to sensitive crimes which could include sexual offences and domestic incidents.

1604/06 **Public Participation Period**  
A member of the public raised concerns over the increase in allotment rents.

Cllr Groves entered the meeting at 7.03pm.

The member of the public explained that there has been an increase in rents and there will be a further increase in two years' time. Only 1.8 of the 3 acres is used as allotments yet the rest of the land is financially covered by the allotments. The member of the public asked how many Councillors inspected the land and thought it was good value for money. It was noted that correspondence from the Landowner's Agent to the Parish Council stated that originally the Parish Council had requested this land be included in the lease so it could be improved and brought into public use and the Council was asked:

- What these improvements were
- What improvements the Parish Council is planning
- Why the allotment holders are subsidising this piece of land
- If the Parish Council will consider paying for the piece of land

A member of the public expressed concern that the lights on the road leading to the Army Camp development are illegal and Devon County Council has not yet adopted the road.

A member of the public raised concerns over the bus turning area on the Army Camp Development site, he was previously told that buses would not be entering the site. Concerns were also raised over the Public Participation format.

It was agreed that the Council would review the format for Public Participation.

A representative from North Devon Sanctuary explained that they are trying to bring empty homes back into use to house refugees and any help in identifying these houses would be appreciated.

1604/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1604/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 016.

1604/09 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Matthews reported that the works in Oakland Avenue would take longer than planned and the Road Closure will be in place until 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

1604/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- DCC – Notice of Temporary Prohibition of through traffic & parking – Combrew Lane, Bickington – 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Devon Senior Voice – Issue No.29 – Spring 2016
- Letter from DCC re Planning Application for proposed cycle/walkway linking Fishleigh Road, Roundswell with the B3232 (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- Letter from NDC re land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland: Footpath 41, Fremington Diversion Order 2016 (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- Letter from NDC re Planning Application 60662 (Amended description) (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- Report from Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole re meeting at Exeter to discuss Modern Day Slavery
- Report from Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole re Speak to your Pharmacist First

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

1604/11 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Biederman congratulated Cllr Mrs Flynn on being re-elected as Chairman of the North Devon Council. Cllr Biederman explained that there was a question of ownership over a strip of land leading to the Army Camp Development and DCC

would not adopt the road until this was rectified. DCC has now accepted a scheme to move one of the islands further towards Instow and turn the other island around to face the correct direction and these alterations will take place in the next three months. Several options have been drawn up for improvements to the Cedars Roundabout and will be sent off to be safety audited, those that pass will then be presented to the Parish Council for comments.

Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that she had been attending several Civic Events around the County and they are all experiencing similar difficulties. Cllr Mrs Flynn informed members that she was currently dealing with the inconsistency in enforcing temporary banners.

Cllr Cann reported that the waste and green waste collection is currently being reviewed and he is pleased to report that the Clean for the Queen campaign is ongoing. The Local Plan should be ready for submission in May and the group working on the Plan will be recommending to Full Council that no land is identified for wind turbines given the amount we already have in the District, however, provision can be included in a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Cann informed members that if recycle or waste material is put out the day before collection it is classed as fly tipping and action will be taken.

Cllr Brailey reported that there will be an opening ceremony for the walk-way from Anchorwood Bank which would be by invitation only, the Chairman asked if she could attend the ceremony and Cllr Brailey agreed to obtain an invitation. Cllr Brailey reported that ASDA will take over the site next week and hope to open in October and the Developers and NDC are coming up with a scheme for the Oliver Buildings.

Cllr Matthews reported that he has received several complaints about parking on the junction of Woodville as you turn off off Bickington Road and a proposal for double yellow lines will be considered by the HATOC Committee. DCC has an extra 2million pounds to deal with pot holes but they must be reported so DCC is aware of repairs required. Cllr Matthews was pleased to report that he had obtained over £700,000 for the expansion to Sticklepath School which was due for completion in September 2016. Cllr Matthews explained that both proposed schools at Larkbear and Tews Lane could go ahead and the Police Crime Commissioner has given £250,000 towards solving the problem of the delays when contacting the Police.

Cllr Brailey congratulated Cllr Matthews on his efforts for the improvements to Sticklepath School.

1604/12 **To receive update on the Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)

Cllr Rennles reported that the first drop in consultation session had been a success and urged people to come along to subsequent sessions to have their say on the plan for the future. He reported that the Facebook page had been a success and requested that anyone with Facebook please like and share the page and explained that the Steering Group was still looking for members and in particular someone interested in the economy of the parish.

1604/13 **To discuss naming and numbering of new development at Mead Park, Bickington**

Members considered the information and felt that the 22 Squadron should be remembered especially as the development site was part of the flight path. It was **resolved**, with three votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend the development be named Sea King Close.

- 1604/14      **To consider amount of financial support towards the Records Office**  
Members considered a financial contribution for the first year's running costs. It was noted that the budget for grants for 2016-2017 was £3,000 and the Parish Council has already committed £2,500. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and three abstentions, to contribute £500 towards the first year of the Records Office running costs under the rescue bid.
- 1604/15      **To amend the Parks and Playing Fields Budget for 2016-2017**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to amend the Parks and Playing Fields Budget for 2016-2017 to reflect the agreed allotment rents.
- 1604/16      **To consider support for a bus shelter at Coopers Drive** (Item requested by Cllr Cann)  
A resident had requested support for a bus shelter at Coopers Drive and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the request subject to no adverse impact on the adjoining properties and to write to Devon County Council to ask if an ad-shelter could be considered for this location.
- 1604/17      **To consider correspondence relating to the changes to the 21a bus service**  
The correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting and members noted that advertised buses were not arriving.  
  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak on this item.  
  
A member of the public informed members that the 21a was a life line to those taking children to school in East the Water and going to work. There are a few 21a services in the morning but none during the day; the 20 service has been increased but does not take the same route. East the Water and Appledore will be having bus surgeries.  
  
Standing Orders were reinstated and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to raise the issue via a letter to Stagecoach.
- 1604/18      **To discuss closure of the Barnstaple Park and Ride** (item requested by Cllr Chalmers)  
Cllr Chalmers was concerned over the impact the closure will have on the traffic within the parish. Cllr Matthews reported that this was a commercial decision, the service was run by a commercial company and was no longer viable and DCC was not in a position to offer any further subsidy.
- 1604/19      **To receive report from Cllr Chalmers following the DALC Highway Conference**  
Cllr Chalmers reported that the meeting was a follow on from the events DCC had held last year and was far more constructive with many Highway Officers in attendance.
- 1604/20      **To receive report from Cllr Chalmers following the DALC South West Devolution Bid Meeting**  
Cllr Chalmers reported that it was a useful opportunity to make representations to Phil Norrey the Chief Executive of DCC who has listened to the views of town and parish councils across Devon. There is expected to be an announcement in the autumn statement and the Government is keen for a Mayor to be elected, the question is what will their powers and role be? Cllr Mrs Flynn asked where DALC's dialogue is going and felt they should be discussing the feedback and views with District Councils. Cllr Brailey again gave a brief overview of the Devolution Bid and explained that the detail was unknown at this stage but the Parish Council would be kept up to date with progress.

1604/21

**To receive report from Cllr Chalmers following the Northern Devon Councillor's Forum on Refugee Crisis**

Cllr Chalmers reported that the North Devon Sanctuary would like to make Northern Devon the first refugee sanctuary, local councils have been asking what is their role in the process and what can they do? DALC funded the meeting to try to answer some of the questions. The Government's scheme is to relocate 20,000 refugees from the Middle East to this country with around 30 in Northern Devon but the decision actually lies with the District Council and NDC is yet to take a decision. However, Torrington District Council has written to town and parish councils to ask whether or not they would be in support of taking refugees and Torrington and Bideford have indicated support. Families would be supported for five years after which they could go back or reapply. Sunrise is a charity based in Barnstaple that could help the Refugees to integrate.

1604/22

**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*

60584 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of re-pollarding of Oak tree & selective crown reduction of two Ash trees  
Location: 48 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs West

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL as long as the works are in the interest of good tree management and not for aesthetic reasons.

60781 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to planning permission 58335 residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units) and associated infrastructure to allow amended design & boundary treatments  
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Greenfield

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjacent properties and the amenity verge and trees fronting the road being maintained.

60821 Proposal: First floor extension to property  
Location: 25 Cross Close, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Colley

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

60827 Proposal: Creation of passing place & bend realignment to unclassified road access  
Location: Land at Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr J C & Miss R C Ward

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the recommendations of the Highway Officer, the Parish Council would wish for any historic hedges to be

60852 Proposal: Extensions & alterations to dwelling  
Location: 4 Oaklea Crescent, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Jenkins

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties, and of an appropriate design, size and scale.

60854 Proposal: Erection of 73 dwellings, creation of open space, landscaping, infrastructure & all associated development  
Location: Glenwood Farm, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Redrow Homes West Country

It was noted that the application will be considered by the Planning Committee and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention from Cllr Biederman, to make the following comments: - the Parish Council has reservations given the amount of development in the area already, this is development of a greenfield site and will increase vehicular movements in the area. If the District Council is mindful to approve the Parish Council would like to see contributions towards education provision and the sports complex at Tews Lane.

60889 Proposal: Erection of dwelling  
Location: 11 Swallow Field, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs E Pullen

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. This would be over intensification of the site, would cause loss of visibility, negatively impact on the street scene and the highway and the Parish Council would question if the site is big enough.

1604/23

#### **North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

60534 Proposal: Erection of fence and creation of hardstanding  
Location: 13 Becklake Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs A Fielding

60581 Proposal: Extension at rear of property and loft conversion  
Location: 20 Linscott Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Edwards

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: John A Stromski & Associates

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

1604/24

#### **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Ms Scott asked if the item reference to the relocation of refugees would be placed on the next Agenda for discussion it was agreed, with 11 in favour, to place the item on the Agenda as soon after the District Council has made a decision (which should be June 2016).

Cllr Ms Scott asked what the situation was with the large development on the Roundswell Industrial Estate. Cllr Cann explained that the Parish Council considered the application in August 2013 and passed its comments onto NDC which included concerns on the visual impact; only one letter of objection was received from the neighbour and the building was moved 2m away from the boundary and the natural boundary was strengthened. However, it was given planning approval and the Planning Manager is going to ensure that it complies with that approval.

Cllr Bell asked about the new house that has been built opposite the power station entrance and the land that has appeared to have been grabbed from the verge outside. It was noted that this had been reported to the Planning Officer and forwarded to Planning Enforcement.

Members discussed the public meeting for the Yelland Power Station site and it was agreed to hold an Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting after the public consultation to formulate the Parish Council's response.

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**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....