

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 31st March 2016 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, D Chalmers, K Groves and B Sherborne
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom and A Rennles
- 1603/34 **Apologies for Absence**
None.
- 1603/35 **Declarations of interests**
None.
- 1603/36 **To agree the agenda as published**
Agreed.
- 1603/37 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was reported that the Beechfield Play Area had suffered a significant amount of vandalism just before the start of the Easter Holidays.

The Chairman noted that Griggs Field had not yet received its first cut of the year due to the wet weather and he felt that it was too late in the season to cut the Field now due to wildflowers. The Committee agreed to forgo the cut.
- 1603/38 **Public Participation Period**
None.
- 1603/39 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 25th February 2016 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.
- 1603/40 **To consider request for a 7 x 6ft shed at the Muddlebridge Allotment Site**
Members considered the request to allow a 7 x 6ft shed on the Muddlebridge Allotment site and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to refuse the request. Members were concerned a larger shed would attract more attention to the site which could compromise security, tenants should be discouraged from keeping too many tools on site.
- 1603/41 **To consider request for use of the Village Green for a Fundraising event**
Members considered a request to use the Village Green for a Fundraising Event on 21st May 2016. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve use of the Village Green subject to appropriate Public Liability Insurance, a Risk Assessment and necessary licences being in place.
- 1603/42 **To consider request to the North Devon Council for additional maintenance and facilities on green space at the rear of Merrythorn Road** (item requested by Cllr Groves)
Cllr Groves reported that when the item was requested the grass was quite long, however, this has subsequently been cut. The area requires rolling before it dries out due to the pits that have appeared. Cllr Groves also felt that some seating for parents on the green space was required. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to request NDC to roll the area and to organise a site meeting for members to view the area.

1603/43 **To authorise the execution of the legal deed for the land at Maple Grove and in line with Standing Order 14**
Members were informed that the transfer of the land to the Parish Council was nearing completion and Standing Orders requires a resolution to execute a deed and the deed will be signed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Parish Clerk. Members raised concerns over the broken gate and fence and it was agreed to query the repairs with NDC before completing the transfer. Members were informed that the indemnity clause from the transfer cannot be removed but it will be just for the land being transferred to the Parish Council and not for the whole site. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to proceed with the transfer and for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Parish Clerk to execute the deed on behalf of the Parish Council

1603/44 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Signed.....

Dated