

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 28th April 2016 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs D Chalmers (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, K Groves and G Turner
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
Mr D Beechey, Treasurer of the Muddlebridge Allotment Association
- 1604/45 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs Wood & Sherborne.
- 1604/46 **Declarations of interests**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Items 1604/53 and 1604/54 as Chairman of the Community Group.
- 1604/47 **To agree the agenda as published**
Agreed.
- 1604/48 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was reported that the roundabout in the Beechfield Play Area is not working very well. It was noted that the roundabout has not been right since its inception and it was agreed to talk to the Community Group about replacing the roundabout.
- 1604/49 **Public Participation Period**
Mr Beechey raised concerns over plot holders forfeiting their tenancy since the rent increase and the lack of response to his questions and asked for a copy of the income and expenditure for the allotments. Mr Beechey was asked to put his request in writing to the Parish Clerk, the written request would be treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- 1604/50 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 31st March 2016 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Chalmers duly signed the minutes.
- 1604/51 **To consider request to the North Devon Council for additional facilities on the green space at the rear of Merrythorn Road (item requested by Cllr Groves)**
Members considered the request and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to meet with the NDC Parks Officer on site and investigate an enhancement for the area and to request funding from the District Councillors and the Community Group.
- 1604/52 **To consider removal and replacement of the spring rider at the Swallowfield Play Area**
Members were informed that the spring rider at the Swallowfield Play Area was so old it had rotted and was no longer safe for use. It was noted that the equipment had been taped off and taken out of action. Members considered its removal/replacement and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to replace the spring rider with a similar piece of equipment and at a cost of £1,785 + VAT.
- 1604/53 **To consider hire of the Beechfield Playing Field**
Members considered a request to use the Beechfield Playing Field on Sunday 12th July 2016 for the Queen's 90th Birthday Party. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve the request subject to the hirer acquiring the appropriate licences and appropriate Public Liability Insurance.

1604/54 **To consider hire of the Village Green**
Members considered a request to use the Village Green on Friday 2nd December 2016 for the annual Christmas tree light switch on. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve the request subject to the hirer acquiring the appropriate licences and appropriate Public Liability Insurance.

1604/55 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.47am.

Signed.....

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