

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 24th September 2015 at 11.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), J Bell, D Chalmers, K Groves, B Sherborne and G Turner
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mr Derek Beechey, Treasurer
Muddlebridge Allotment Association
- 1509/49 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr F Biederman.
- 1509/50 **Declarations of interests**
None.
- 1509/51 **To agree the agenda as published**
Agreed.
- 1509/52 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was announced that the seat of the Basket Swing in the Beechfield Play Area would require replacing in the near future.
- Members were informed that complaints had been received with reference to the weeds that had grown over the grassed areas installed by the Community Group as a result of Phase one of the Village Green Enhancement Project, the weeds had been cut but this would need to be monitored in the future.
- 1509/53 **Public Participation Period**
Mr Beechey read a statement from Cllr Ms Scott who is the Parish Council's Allotment Representative but could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. The statement related to the renewal of the lease for the Muddlebridge Allotments and the importance of keeping rents affordable.
- 1509/54 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 30th July 2015 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.
- 1509/55 **To consider the installation of additional equipment for the Mulberry Way Play Area**
Members were informed that the Parish Council had been approached by residents about the lack of play facilities in the Mulberry Way Play Area. Possible funding had been identified through Section 106 money and the Community Fund for the installation of a Basket Swing and Double Swing (one junior one toddler). Concerns were raised over the future maintenance costs of the equipment especially the replacement of the seat on the basket swing in the future and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to additional equipment being installed in the Mulberry Way play area but to investigate equipment that is cheaper to maintain in the future. It was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask the housing association if it would be willing to contribute towards the future maintenance costs.
- 1509/56 **To receive and consider request for an additional building at the Byeways Bowling Club**
Members considered a request from the Byeways Bowling Club to erect another pavilion like building to provide two additional changing rooms and a viewing platform at the Byeways Bowling Club, the club will be seeking funding for the project. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to the additional building subject to the club obtaining planning permission as appropriate. It was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask the club if they would be willing to give the green area behind the car park back to the Council for allotments.

1509/57 **To receive Tree survey for Griggs Field and consider associated costs**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note receipt of the tree survey for Griggs Field. The associated costs for the work identified through the tree survey were considered and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the quotation from Tarka Tree Care at a cost of £190.

1509/58 **To receive further information and costings on the maintenance of the pathways around Griggs Field**
Members considered the costs involved in training volunteers to spray the pathways around Griggs Field. Given the costs involved it was felt this would not be financially viable and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to add spraying of the paths twice a year to the existing grass cutting contract.

PART B

1509/59 It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

1509/60 **To consider renewal of lease for the Muddlebridge Allotments**
Members considered the renewal of the lease and the terms and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to negotiate the terms of the lease with the Agents and submit a proposal to Full Council following negotiations.

1509/61 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.50am.

Signed.....

Dated