

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council's Tews Lane Committee
held on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 10am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs R Cann (Chairman), F Biederman, Mrs S Kingdom, B Sherborne and G Turner
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs M Birchmore, Barnstaple Football Club
- 1511/26 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn and D Chalmers, Mr R Sharples, Barnstaple Football Club, and Mr C French, FA.
- 1511/27 **Declarations of interests**
There were no declarations.
- 1511/28 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.
- 1511/29 **Chairman's Announcements**
None.
- 1511/30 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 8th October 2015 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Cann duly signed the minutes.
- 1511/31 **To receive update on the future maintenance of the Football Pitches**
Mrs Birchmore reported that a business plan for the Football Club to take over the pitches was being produced and would be approved by the FA in the near future but in order to complete, the club needs to know the rent they would be expected to pay for the pitches. Members considered the situation and felt a decision could not be taken until the business case was presented to the Council along with prices for maintenance of the remaining site from the Parish Contractors; however, if the Football Club was taking over the maintenance of the pitches it was felt that the hire of the pitches could be at a peppercorn rent of £1 to be reviewed annually and the pavilion would be hired to the club at a separate rate.
- Cllr Cann reported that there is a lack of storage on the site and he has spoken to NDC about the possibility of adding a permanent building/extension to the pavilion to a S106 agreement to provide storage facilities for goals posts and maintenance equipment; members agreed that this would be an aspiration for the future.
- 1511/32 **To review hire charges for 2016-2017**
Members considered the hire charges for 2016-2017. Members were concerned that an increase might prevent groups from hiring the site and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to increase the charges for 2016-2017 but to highlight to users the cost of running the site and to try to increase the use of the site.
- 1511/33 **To consider draft budget for 2016-2017**
Members considered the draft budget. It was noted that the budget would be dependent on the cost of the maintenance contract for the site and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the draft budget.
- 1511/34 **Close 10.25am.**

Signed.....

Dated