

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 6th July 2015 at 7.30pm 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 Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, K Groves, Ms M Scott, G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer and Mrs L Kimberly, Head Teacher, Fremington Community Primary School

In Attendance: 30 Members of the public

1507/01 **Apologies**
Cllr Sherborne.

1507/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Mrs Flynn declared a Personal Interest in Item 59446 as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 59556 as the applicant is known to her and a Personal Interest in Item 9 as her employer.

Cllr Mrs Dyson declared a Personal Interest in Item 12 as she works for the NHS.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 59556 as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest in Item 59451 as an objector is known to him.

1507/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman reminded members that there will be an informal workshop on 29th July 2015 and announced that she had sent an e-mail regarding the traffic lights for the Army Camp development and had not received any response.

1507/04 **To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**
Cllr Biederman proposed and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to move Item No. 59451 forward to this point.

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential).

PART A

1507/05 **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

Members of the public expressed their concerns over the development. They were concerned that it is outside of the development boundary, would have a negative impact on the estuary and the access to the development is inadequate. The area is designated as green infrastructure in the emerging Local Plan and not shown for development in the adopted Local Plan. The proposed development is not in keeping with the existing and has no economic benefit to the area.

59451 Proposal: Erection of three bungalows & enhancement of a public footpath
 Location: Belmont Park, Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr J Evans

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstentions, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal is outside of the development boundary and right across the skyline, this is an area that should be protected. It is not in keeping with the area and would be a visual intrusion and negatively impact on the landscape and estuary. This would set a precedent for future development and is not in the adopted or emerging Local Plan, there has been significant development at Woodville in recent years and suitable land has already been identified at alternative sites including Tews Lane, Glenwood Farm, Mead Park and North Lane to satisfy the five year land supply.

1507/06 **To receive a report from the Police**

Members were informed that the Police will no longer be submitting a report, it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner explaining the size of the parish and a need for a Police report at Parish Council meetings.

1507/07 **Public Participation Period**

A member of the public had requested a traffic census from Cllr Biederman at the last Parish Council meeting and had not received a copy – Cllr Biederman will investigate.

Members of the public were still concerned at the road lay out as a request of the Army Camp development – they were informed that a stage 3 safety audit would be carried out in due course and would highlight all the issues. A representative from the Church was concerned about the impact double yellow lines along Military Road would have on Church events and fundraising.

A member of the public was concerned that two men are going around the parish offering to undertake gardening work and they are not legitimate.

1507/08 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th June 2015 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 8th June as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1507/09 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

Copies had been circulated with the agenda.

- Tews Lane Committee held on Monday 22nd June 2015
 It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee held on Monday 22nd June 2015
- Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015
 It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015
- Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 25th June 2015
 Cllr Cann raised concerns over minute no. 1506/58 about a community consultation event being held at the Babbages play area. It was felt that this would be the wrong place for such an event and any event should be held at Tews Lane, which has all the necessary facilities for an event such as parking. Cllr Cann also felt that the play area only requires some paint and a tidy up and not a completely new play area. It was proposed and seconded to refer minute no.1506/58 back to Parks and Playing Fields and to adopt the rest of the minutes, when put to the vote the vote was tied (7.7) the vote was

won on the Chairman's casting vote and it was **resolved**, with seven votes to the contrary, to refer minute no.1506/58 back to the Parks and Playing Fields Committee and adopt the rest of the minutes.

1507/10 **To discuss parking issues around the Fremington Community Primary and Nursery School with the Head Teacher**

The Parish Council welcomed Mrs Kimberly and the Chairman of the School Council. Mrs Kimberley explained that they have some parking problems around the school at the beginning and end of the day. The school does have some initiatives to try and tackle the problem that they are investigating such as a walking bus and they would be grateful for any other suggestions. The School would also like to see a disabled parking space somewhere along near the Scout Hut, they did investigate the possibility of including a space in the School car park but a Health and Safety Officer advised that the School gates should be shut during drop off and pick up times to ensure the safety of children entering the school and these would be the times the space would need to be accessed. Cllr Biederman confirmed that plans for a disabled space were in hand. Members thought the walking bus was a good idea but also felt that the School Council would be best placed to send letters and talk to parents. It was noted that a piece of legislation as implemented approximately two years ago which allows schools to designate where people park and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would investigate.

1507/11 **To consider the provision of a public toilet (Item requested by Cllr Bell)**

Cllr Bell explained that as a result of the Post Office in Yelland closing, residents have to use the Post Office in Fremington. Most of the residents are elderly and by the time they reach Fremington are in need of a public toilet. The Parish Council sympathised with the situation but also had concerns about the cost and maintenance that such a facility would incur, it was also noted that the District Council is reducing its public toilets due to the cost and liability.

Cllr Biederman left the meeting.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer any decision until such time the Parish Council relocates its offices.

Cllr Biederman entered the meeting.

1507/12 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Biederman reiterated that a stage 3 audit would be carried out on the traffic lights and road layout as a result of the Army Camp development.

Cllr Turner left the meeting.

Members asked if there were going to be improvements to the A361; Cllr Biederman was not aware of any official plans.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole was concerned at the closure of the laybys and facilities and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to highlight the Parish Council's concerns at the future use of the laybys especially those in close proximity to residential and business areas.

1506/13 **Matters to note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**

- Email from Mr D Hoare re meeting with NDC Planning and DCC Highways relating to Fremington Army Camp (Copy attached)
- Email From Mr G Townsend, NDC, re Mead Park s106 Agreement (Copy attached)
- Email from Mr A Jones, NDC, re works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order at Muddlebridge House, Fremington

- Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust – Press Release – Delivering Care Closer to Home: Trust launches consultation on future of community hospital services in Northern Devon (Copy attached)

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole highlighted the Press Release from the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust; she explained that they will be closing 30 beds and the question now is where those beds will be closed.

Cllr Turner returned to the meeting.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole explained that the Parish Council is entitled to receive a presentation on the consultations.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make representations to the appropriate body and the MP.

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

1506/14 **County and District Councillors' Reports-** To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that she had been busy as Chairman of NDC attending a variety of Civic Events.

Cllr Cann was pleased to report that the District Council now has two full time Wardens to deal with litter and dogs and he is currently looking at a community clean contract to facility communities to clean their areas.

Cllr Brailey reported that NDC is in a reasonable financial position to weather the storm, the Leisure Centre has a swimming pool on the 1st floor which has caused problems over the years and a decision will need to be made about the Leisure Centre's future. The District Council has completely moved out of the Civic Centre which will save between £200,000 and £300,000 a year and North and Mid Devon will be working together on IT.

Cllr Biederman reported that a representative from the RNIB would be writing a report on the road layout as part of the Army Camp development and he was pleased to announce that £3,500 from his locality fund had been approved to help towards cutting the highway verges in the Parish.

Cllr Rennles left the meeting.

Cllr Brailey reported that there had been a meeting with the MP who had lobbied the Chancellor and was positive about improvements to the North Devon Link Road.

1506/15 **North Devon Council – Planning Applications**

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59266 Proposal: Erection of garden fence
Location: 15 Hele Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs N Lock

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Flynn left the meeting.

It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the fence being a maximum height of 1m.

Cllr Mrs Flynn returned to the meeting.

59376 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of one dwelling
(outline planning permission 53903)
Location: 1 Welchs Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C McGowan-Hayes

It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design and character for the area.

59381 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling
Location: Victoria Cottage, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Lovell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle the position of the dwelling should be central to prevent further development on the site and protect the impact on neighbours.

59446 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 55 Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Paddon

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design and size, no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbours and it is restricted to a single dwelling.

59469 Proposal: Erection of replacement boundary wall
Location: 65 Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Smale

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the wall being a maximum height of 1m and of an appropriate design.

It was further **resolved** for the Clerk to investigate the rules relating to the height of fences and walls adjoining a highway.

59556 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Sycamore, 1 Alder, 1 Oak & 1 Beech tree
Location: Land to south & east of 47 Merrythorn Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr I Withey

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to recommend REFUSAL the trees form a part of Woodland that separates two developments and should be protected.

1507/16

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

58940 Proposal: Erection of detached garage
Location: 3 Rushcott Close, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Hobbs

- 59064 Proposal: Application for consent for work to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of cutting down of 1 Ash tree to create standing deadwood monolith
Location: Land adj to Lyddicleave Stream, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Moulton, NDC
- 59065 Proposal: (Class M(A)(B) – Prior approval application for change of use from retail (use Class A1/A2) to residential (use Class C3)
Location: 131 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Judges
- 59180 Proposal: Retrospective extension to dwelling
Location: 10 Pathfield Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Miss R Higgs
- 59206 Proposal: Construction of raised deck and access steps to rear of property
Location: 66 Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: GE Designs
- 59231 Proposal: Erection of garage
Location: 1 Merrythorn Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Martin Scott
- 59233 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 11 Broady Strap, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr H Woolfenden
- 59439 Proposal: Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 57601 in respect of amended material for perimeter wall
Location: 2 Allenstyle Drive, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs D Somerville

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

1507/17

Councillors Questions

It was agreed to write to the Chair of the School Council to thank him for attending the Council meeting.

Cllr Turner asked for an update on the clearance of the area around the underpass near Sainsburys. Cllr Cann reported that money had been identified to clear the area but then they were informed that the area is likely to be owned by DCC. It was agreed to write to DCC and NDC to ascertain ownership of the land.

1507/18

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed Dated