

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 10th August 2015 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, K Groves, A Rennles, Ms M Scott (from Min No. 1508/02), G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

In Attendance: 5 Members of the public

- 1508/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, F Biederman and D Brailey.
- 1508/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Mrs Dyson declared a Personal Interest in Item 1506/13.

Cllr Ms Scott entered.
- 1508/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman reported that she had received a reply to her e-mail with reference to the Army Camp development.

The Chairman congratulated those that had attended Defibrillator training and handed out certificates to Cllrs Chalmers, Mrs Dyson, Cann, Wood, Ms Scott and Mrs Kingdom. The training was found to be worthwhile but it was noted that if members put their name forward for something they should ensure they can attend to avoid costing the Council money for non-attendance.
- 1508/04 **To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential).
- PART A**
- 1508/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
Members received a response from the Police re Police attendance at Council meetings and Crime Reports. Members were disappointed with the response and noted that a PSCO was in attendance at a recent Berrynarbor Parish Council Meeting. It was further noted that a Crime Report had not been received since June and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to follow up and obtain Crime Reports for future meetings.
- 1508/06 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public had requested a copy of an email sent from the Conservative Constituency Office Manager Officer to the Parish Council, he had been informed he would need to contact the Officer direct, which he had done and was told the Parish Council could provide him with a copy. The Clerk reported that she had written confirmation from the Officer that the member of the public would need to contact him direct for a copy – the Clerk will clarify.
- 1508/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th July 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 6th July 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

- 1508/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
Copies had been circulated with the agenda.
- Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 30th July 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 30th July 2015
 - Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Tuesday 30th July 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Tuesday 30th July 2015
- 1508/09 **Highway issues – update**
None.
- 1508/10 **Matters to Note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**
- Email from NDC advising planning appeal date for development of land at Allenstyle, Yelland – Planning Application 58294 (Copy enclosed)
 - Email from NDC advising planning appeal date for development of land off Barn Park Road, Fremington – Application 58824 (Copy enclosed)
 - Letter from NDC re Prior Approval for change of Use of Agricultural Building to 3 dwellings, Barn at Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey (Copy enclosed)
 - Details re Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 (Copy enclosed)
 - Details of height of fences, gates and garden walls (Copy enclosed)
 - Email from Cllr Biederman relating to comments from the RNIB on Military Road, Fremington (Copy enclosed)
 - Letter from NHS Clinical Commissioning Group re future configuration of community hospital services (Copy enclosed)
 - Letter from Mr J Hart, DCC, re Closure of Picnic Site Facilities A39 Roundswell (Copy enclosed)
 - Devon County Council – Parish Paths Partnership Newsletter – July 2015
 - Healthwatch Devon – Issue 9 - Summer 2015
- 1508/11 **County and District Councillors’ Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Wood reported that he had attended the appeal for the proposed development at West Yelland and he felt that the developers put up a better case than the District Council.
- Cllr Cann reported that he had also attended the appeal and had given notice to speak, he was able to dispel some of the allegations made by the Developers. He informed members that he had been made Chairman of the Devon Waste and Recycling Committee.
- 1508/12 **To receive recommendation from the Finance and Personnel for the Parish Council’s Insurance Renewal**
Members were informed that the Parish Council’s Insurance is due for renewal on the 1st October 2015. The recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee was based on the thorough examination of the four quotations received. The Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee, Cllr Chalmers explained that the contents of the quotations and insurance cover were discussed in depth. The quotation offered by Zurich did not offer cover for several areas such as increased cost of working, loss of revenue and commercial legal expenses, contents cover was not included in the quotation from Zurich and Hiscox (through Came and Company) offered a higher insurance sum for the Parish Council’s assets. When considering the quotations members considered the levels of cover and details of the insurance that would be provided along with reputation and services offered.

Members felt that the insurance offered from Hiscox through Came and Company was more comprehensive and better suited to the insurance needs of the Parish Council. It was also noted that Came and Company is supported by SLCC and have provided a very professional and helpful service to the Parish Council over the last three years. Given the level of cover and services it was recommended that the Parish Council renews its insurance with Came and Company and enters into a 3 year agreement with Hiscox, the cover offered by Hiscox is more comprehensive than that offered by Zurich and better suits the Parish Council's insurance requirements

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the recommendation and to renew the Parish Council's insurance through Came and Company and enter into a three year agreement with Hiscox at a cost of £5,549.92.

- 1508/13 **To receive Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole's resignation as Representative on the Tomlin Hall Management Committee and appoint a replacement member**
The resignation was received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Chalmers to be appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the Tomlin Hall Management Committee.
- 1508/14 **To receive Cllr Ms Scott's resignation from the Finance and Personnel Committee and appoint a replacement member**
The resignation was received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Rennles to be appointed to the Finance and Personnel Committee.
- 1508/15 **To receive Cllr Ms Scott's resignation from the Fremington Quay Management Committee and appoint a replacement member**
The resignation was received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Rennles to be appointed to the Fremington Quay Management Committee.
- 1508/16 **To consider supporting Community Action Days** (item requested by Cllr Groves)
Cllr Groves informed members that he would like to set up a group of volunteers to undertake tasks such as litter picking in the Parish. If the Council agrees to support the group it can be covered by the Parish Council's public liability insurance, the group may also be able to undertake training via the Parish Council. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the group subject to the group undertaking risk assessments as appropriate and complying with any conditions the Parish Council might suggest in order to meet insurance requirements. It was further agreed to e-mail all Councillors to ask for interest in being involved.
- 1508/17 **To receive ownership details from Devon County Council and North Devon Council on land surrounding the underpass at Roundswell**
The ownership details were received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate funding and groups that could undertake clearance of the area near the underpass subject to appropriate permissions.
- 1508/18 **To receive and consider information relating to 22 Sqdn RAF leaving Chivenor**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask Cllr Mrs Flynn to represent the Parish Council's interest.

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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

59583 Proposal: Extension to dwelling to create dependant relatives annexe
Location: 36 Juniper Court, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs N Busby

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the proposed is over development of the site and would have a negative impact on adjoining properties.

59665 Proposal: Householder application: Proposed extension to rear of bungalow
Location: 6 Magdala Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Bowden

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the size and scale of the development being appropriate for the site and no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties.

1508/20

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

58335 Proposal: Residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units and associated infrastructure
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects

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

59304 Proposal: Conversion of former telephone exchange building, currently used as a private workshop, into a 2 bedroom 1.5 storey dwelling
Location: Old Telephone Station, Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Rees

59327 Proposal: Erection of boundary fence to front of property
Location: Gamlyn House, Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

59376 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of one dwelling (outline planning permission 53903)
Location: 1 Welchs Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: PWH Associates Ltd

59446 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 55 Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd

59469 Proposal: Retrospective erection of replacement boundary wall
Location: 68 Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Smale

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following application:

59451 Proposal: Erection of three bungalows & enhancement of a public footpath
Location: Belmont Park, Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Maria Bailey Planning

The following application has been WITHDRAWN and will no longer be considered:

59381 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling
Location: Victoria Cottage, Bickington, Barnstaple

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

1508/21

Councillors Questions

Cllr Chalmers stated that the Parish Council had not be consulted by the Diocese of Exeter on a Church of England School and it was agreed for Cllr Chalmers to circulate the information to members.

Cllr Chalmers stated that people are still using the facilities in the closed laybys and asked what DCC's timescale was for selling the areas. It was agreed to follow up with DCC.

Cllr Chalmers stated that Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole is attending all the meetings for the Consultation on where to close community hospital beds.

Cllr Ms Scott asked if where the Agenda says copies attached it could say copies attached for Councillors only.

Cllr Cann proposed that the Parish Council responds to the Diocese of Exeter Consultation stating that, in light of the amount of development, the Parish Council is in favour of a Church of England School on the Larkbear site, it was agreed with one abstention.

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Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed Dated