

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs B Clifton (Chairman), C Bell, J Bell, D Brailey, R Cann, Mrs J Flynn, Mrs S Kingdom, Mrs C McCormack-Hole and B Sherborne  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer  
County Cllr J Matthews and Mrs S Wright, Commissioning Manager.

**In Attendance:** 3 Members of the public

- 1411/01      **Apologies**  
Cllrs F Biederman, T Wood, C Turner, B Hockin and Ms M Scott.
- 1411/02      **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal Interest in Item no. 1411/13 as a member of the CCG Board.
- 1411/03      **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman announced the following: -
- The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the parade will start at 10.50am and a service will follow for any Cllrs who wish to attend.
- Just to remind all members that the public consultation period for the replacement of the Beechfield Centre has begun and will run until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with a public consultation evening at the centre on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm – 8pm.
- Fremington Christmas Tree Festival 2014 – the Parish Council is required to provide a title for the tree and details of the display, we also need two Cllrs to set up the tree on either the morning of (between 11am and 1pm) Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December or Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- Tony Hogg, Police Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and the Chief Constable for Devon and Cornwall, Shaun Sawyer, are holding a 5<sup>th</sup> “Hot Seat Live” in Hatherleigh on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 from 12.30pm
- The Parish Council's letter to the Police following the serious collision on the A39 on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 has been forwarded to the Roads Casualty Reduction Officer, and it has been indicated that he would be happy to assist a working group designed to look at how diversions could be better managed in a similar future situation.
- The North Devon and Torridge Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment with an April 2014 base date has been finalised and published, the full report can be found on the Planning Policy pages of the District Council's website.
- 1411/04      **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**
- 1411/05      **To receive a report from the Police**  
There was no report received.
- 1411/06      **Public Participation Period**  
A member of the public congratulated the Parish Council on the speed in clearing the pathways. The member of the public expressed his concerns that the issue of parking around Fremington School has been ongoing with no resolution for years.

- 1411/07      **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Clifton duly signed the minutes.
- 1411/08      **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 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- 1411/09      **Highway issues – update**  
Cllr Cann reported that he had requested an item to be placed on the HATOC Committee relating to the Cedars roundabout and the meeting would be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- Following the recent article in the paper about the improvements to the roundabout on the A39, members were concerned that the new layout was confusing especially to those visiting the area. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to invite DCC to a site meeting.
- 1411/10      **Matters to note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**
- Email from DCC re temporary prohibition of through traffic & parking - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to anticipated finish on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015, between the hours of 9.30-15.30 – road from Lydacott Cross to Lovacott Cross, Fremington (copy enclosed)
  - Letter from NDC re decision on notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area in respect of removal of 1 Sycamore & crown lifting of various trees, west of track to Pill Bungalow/Cottage & verge, Fremington Manor, Fremington (Copy enclosed)
  - Healthwatch Voices – Issue 6 Autumn 2014
  - Devon Senior Voice – Issue 24 Autumn 2014
  - Veterans World – Issue 33 September 2014
  - Email from DCC re 2015 Mobile Library Timetable
  - Letter of thanks from Mrs M Beauchamp re DCC's closure of Oakwell Care Home
  - Email from office of the Police & Crime Commissioner re Public Question Time Event – Hatherleigh – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 12.30pm
  - Notice from NHS Clinical Commissioning Group re Urgent and necessary measures to address patient demand
- Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole drew members' attention to the notice from the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the above items.
- 1411/11      **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.  
Cllr Cann reported that the District Council's new recycling vehicles were in place and would enhance the service with a saving of approximately £300,000 a year and an increase in the types of recycling.
- 1411/12      **To discuss parking issues at Woodville with County Cllr John Matthews**  
The Chairman introduced and thanked Cllr Matthews for attending the meeting. Cllr Sherborne explained that he would like to see yellow lines introduced on the corner of Woodville Close and the entrance of Woodville. Cllr Matthews explained that he had spoken to the Head Teacher at the School who did not think there was an issue with parking, he further explained that parents are allowed by law to stop, unload children, walk them to school, and return to their cars, and cars parked on pavements are only classed as an obstruction if they are blocking the whole of the pavement. After discussion it was **resolved**, with

no votes to the contrary, to e-mail the request for yellow lines on the corner of Woodville Close and the entrance to Woodville to County Cllr Matthews who will investigate with DCC and report back.

1411/13

**To receive presentation from a Care Closer to Home representative on the proposed changes**

Mrs Sara Wright, the Commissioning Manager, explained that there is a 12 week public consultation to discuss the proposed changes and although the health care budget is ring fenced there are rising costs and savings need to be found along with improvements to services. The main focus of the changes is the closure of beds in community hospitals; there are currently too many beds with a low occupancy and the proposal is to close several of the beds to allow an occupancy rate of around 90% and improve community nursing so more people can be cared for at home, they will also look to purchase beds in nursing homes where necessary to bridge the gap. Members asked how beds would be bought, and if they would be bought in advance? Mrs Wright informed members that they would not be looking to purchase in advance, they would be looking to spot purchase. The number is likely to be so small that they do not envisage a problem or a lack of beds. Members felt that beds would need to be purchased strategically to cut travelling for family members. Concerns were raised that people might not get the appropriate care and attention and beds might not be available when required. There were also concerns that social care is currently not adequate.

Cllr Mrs Flynn left the meeting at 8pm and did not return.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to forward the Parish Council's concerns that beds would need to be purchased strategically to cut travelling for family members. Concerns were raised that people might not get the appropriate care and attention and beds might not be available when required. There were also concerns that social care is currently not adequate.

County Cllr Matthews, Cllr C Bell and Mrs Wright left the meeting at 8.05pm and did not return.

1411/14

**To consider pricing structure for the hire of Parish Council land and facilities**

Members considered the proposed pricing structure which was circulated prior to the meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to introduce the following pricing structure:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
Tews Lane, Hire of field	£5 per hour	£10 per hour
Use of facilities in Tews Lane Pavilion with the hire of the field	£5 per day	£10 per day
Beechfield Hire of Field	£3.50 per hour	£7 per hour
Beechfield Hire of Centre	£4.50 per hour	£9 per hour
Village Green	Free of Charge	£10 per hour
Fremington Quay	Free of Charge	£10 per hour

Reinstatement charge for all facilities will be charged at £10 per hour, and a deposit, amount to be agreed with the Clerk and Chairman of Finance Committee, will be taken at the time of booking to cover any reinstatement costs.

1411/15

**To consider report on the review of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee**

Members considered the report which was circulated prior to the meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to introduce a Fremington Quay Management Committee which would have delegated authority to deal with any issues relating to the management of Fremington Quay; the Committee would be called on an as and when basis when there is business to be transacted. The Committee will consist of 6 members, Cllrs Brailey, Cann, Hockin, Mrs Kingdom, J Bell and Sherborne and the quorum will be a minimum of 3 members.

1411/16

**To receive a recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding the Grant Applications received for the financial year 2015/2016**

A list of the organisations/groups who had applied for a grant in financial year 2015-2016, together with how much they had asked for, had been circulated with the agenda and the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee was considered. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to award the following grants:

	Grant Applications 2015/2016	Recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee
1	Albert Hall Show Band	£100
2	Barnstaple Disabled Fellowship Club	£100
3	Bickington Brownies	£100
4	Torrige, North Devon, Mid Devon, Bude CAB	£300
5	Elmfield Boat Project	£120
6	1 <sup>st</sup> Fremington Air Scouts Beaver Colony	£100
7	1 <sup>st</sup> Fremington Air Scouts Cub Section	£100
8	1 <sup>st</sup> Fremington Air Scouts	£100
9	1 <sup>st</sup> Fremington Brownies	£100
10	1 <sup>st</sup> Fremington District Rainbows	£100
11	1 <sup>st</sup> Fremington Guides	£100
12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fremington Rainbows	£100
13	Fremington Football Club	£100
14	Fremington Garden Club	£100
15	Fremington Parish Hall Management Committee	Pass on amount received from NDC usually £200
16	Fremington Relief in Need Trust	0
17	Instow & District Social & Friendship Club	£100
18	Instow, Westleigh & West Yelland Parish News	£60
19	Lagoon View Community Orchard Association	0
20	Muddlebridge Allotment Association	0
21	Roundswell Parent & Toddler Group	£100
22	50 <sup>th</sup> North Devon Scouts	£100
23	The Lady Linscott Club	£120
24	Tomlin Hall Bickington	Pass on amount received from North Devon Council usually £200
	<b>Total Grant Funding</b>	<b>£2,500</b>

1411/17 **To receive and consider consultations from Devon County Council regarding budget cuts** (information enclosed further information can be found at [www.toughchoices.co.uk](http://www.toughchoices.co.uk))

**a) Highway Services**

Members considered the consultations and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make strong representations against these cuts, the Parish Council has concerns over the practicalities of the proposals and feels it would impact on public safety. It was further **resolved** to request information on the budget DCC holds for claims against them for damaged vehicles and the amount it pays out.

**b) Waste Management**

Members considered the consultations and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make strong representations against these cuts, The Parish Council would strongly resist any cuts to this service and increases in charges at recycling centres. Any increase in charges at recycling centres will lead to an increase in fly-tipping, and we are already experiencing this problem in many areas, the clearing of this fly-tipping is in turn placing more pressure on the finances of other authorities and district councils.

1411/18 **North Devon Council – Planning Appeals**

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for any further comments from this Parish Council to be forwarded to The Planning Inspectorate, on the following planning appeal:

Appeal by: Mr Simon Cater

Proposal: Erection of 59 dwellings, associated highway & landscape works together with provision of community open space & associated infrastructure (amended plans)

Location: Land at Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple

Appeal ref: APP/X1118/A/14/2224465

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to reiterate the Parish Council's previous comments.

North Devon Council has also advised that the following appeal has been ALLOWED by The Planning Inspectorate:

Appeal by: Mr A Hunt, Prestige Marine Ltd

Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple

Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/A/14/2221832

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

1411/19 **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 were informed that planning applications 58059, 58071 and 58086 had already been determined and give approval by the Planning Authority despite time extensions being agreed. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the Chief Executive with a copy to the Monitoring Officer to express the Parish Council's disappointment.

57727 Proposal: Reserved matters application for residential development of 86 dwellings, roads, open space, landscaping & infrastructure (outline planning permission 55479)  
Location: Glenwood Farm, Old Bideford Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Redrow Homes West Country, a division of Redrow Homes Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make strong representations about the ability of Old Bideford Road and the Cedars Roundabout to cope with the increase in traffic.

58031 Proposal: Listed building application for replacement of windows & entrance door  
Location: The Old Mill, Mill Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Crockett

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the design being in keeping with the character of the building.

58059 Proposal: Erection of garage  
Location: 3 Rowan Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Hayes

58071 Proposal: Demolition of car showroom/workshop & erection of one dwelling  
Location: Midway Motors, 129 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Brend

58086 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & retrospective application for erection of replacement conservatory  
Location: 53 Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Heaman

The applicants made representations to the committee on the following application, explaining that the tree had become too large and they were willing to replace with another Walnut tree.

58105 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Walnut tree  
Location: Summers, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Rozenberg

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the works being in the interest of good tree management and it being replaced with an established Walnut tree.

58117 Proposal: Conversion of garage together with first floor extension over to form ancillary accommodation  
Location: 18 Cross Close, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Pye

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

The applicants made representations on the following application.

58120 Proposal: Erection of a dwelling  
Location: Summers, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Rozenberg

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this application back to the District Council, it was felt there was not enough information to make a recommendation.

58206 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 1 Cleave Park, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Purdon

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbours.

58298 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of re-pollarding of various trees (1,2,3,4,5,17 & 18) & removal of 2 stems from Ash tree (17)  
Location: 48 Lagoon View, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Canavan

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Parish Council could not agree to the works unless it was in the interest of good tree management or safety reasons.

1411/20 North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

53881 Proposal: Outline application for residential development comprising 350 dwellings, a primary school & associated public open space & infrastructure  
Location: Land west of Tews Lane, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Ross, Turley Associates

57519 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 53147 (APP/X1118/A/12/2188898) to allow for minor alteration to access road (military road) (additional information)  
Location: Former Fremington Army Camp, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: RPS Planning and Development

57831 Proposal: Extension & Alterations to dwelling together with erection of raised decking  
Location: 31 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Stapleton

57917 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of two Ash trees  
Location: 82 Lagoon View, West Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Haseldine

57942 Proposal: Formation of vehicular access  
Location: Hazeldene, Old Bideford Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

58025 Proposal: Erection of a dwelling  
Location: 14 Oaklea Crescent, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Holdway

58074 Proposal: Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction of Willow tree  
Location: Santamana, 97 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Hunnibell

58150 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown lifting of one Oak tree  
Location: 30 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Ms A Muir

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

57418 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Beech tree (amended description)  
Location: Fremington Manor, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Ms M Ward, Bix Developments Ltd

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

1411/21 **Councillors Questions**  
None.

1411/22 **Close**  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....