

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 24th April 2014 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs D Harris (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, R Cann, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne and T Wood
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Cllr C Bell, three members of the public and Mr Colin Brown, Managing Director of Colin Brown Environmental Ltd
- 1404/38 **Apologies for Absence**
None received.
- 1404/39 **Declarations of interests**
Cllr R Cann declared a Personal Interest in Item 1404/45 as lead member for NDC of Environment.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 1404/46 and Item 1404/49 as her parents live at Fremington Quay.
- 1404/40 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.
- 1404/41 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was announced that one of the carousels at the Beechfield Play Area was broken and would be repaired if feasible; members noted that the carousel was old and may need to be removed.
- 1404/42 **Public Participation Period**
There was not any public participation at this point.
- 1404/43 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 27th March 2014 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Harris duly signed the minutes.
- 1404/44 **Issues raised by residents at Fremington Quay**
Residents raised concerns about the issues experienced over the Easter Bank Holiday which included overflowing litter bins, loss of signs and sleepers, and inconsiderate and obstructive parking (including parking in the passing places along the BOAT Road). There are issues with children playing on the Galleon and parents expecting first aid treatment from the café and concerns about access for emergency vehicles to the Tarka Trail. It was noted that there was an incident during the weekend and an ambulance was required, the driver could not access the Tarka Trail and the café does not have a key for the access point, there is a procedure in place with Devon County Council and County Cllr Biederman will pursue.

A resident thanked the Council for arranging for the boat that was blocking a passing place to be removed so quickly and also for the installation of the bollard to prevent unauthorised vehicular access to the foreshore. The resident raised the relocation of the dog bin and it was noted that a sign had been erected informing members of the public that the bin had been moved for Health and Safety Reasons, it was agreed to write to the North Devon Council to request clarification on these reasons.

Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest in the following Item.
- 1404/45 **To note receipt of and consider allocation of the grant for the community toilet scheme**
Members were informed that, as the Parish Council no longer charges for the use of the public toilets at Fremington Quay, the Parish Council had been awarded a grant under the scheme of £405. Currently the tenants of the Café at Fremington Quay

provide all of the consumables, cleaning, electricity and water for the public toilets and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to pass on half of the grant to the tenants towards the running costs of the toilets, the other half will be placed in a sinking fund for use towards renewals and repairs.

1404/46

Fremington Quay**a) To discuss proposals for fencing following site visit**

Proposals for fencing at Fremington Quay were discussed at a recent site meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to give the tenants permission to erect a fence (to be in keeping with the existing and allow an open view of the area) where the temporary fence has been installed the new fence will continue around to the other side of the existing interpretation board. At the other end of the platform, next to the toilets, a fence will be erected along the low wall by the public toilets, at this stage the Parish Council will not permit the tenants to install gates but the situation will be reviewed at the end of the summer.

b) To consider request for new doors to front and back of Wardens Accommodation

The Wardens submitted quotations for two UPVC doors (one to be an inner door at the front of the property and one for the rear of the property) and a composite door (for the front of the property). The cost of all three doors would be £2,100 +VAT, it was noted that the budget for Fremington Quay General Maintenance and Repairs was only £500 for the financial year although there is £3,000 in an EMR for Fremington Quay Repairs and Renewals. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to accept the proposal in principle with a final decision on design being made at a site visit of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee.

1404/47

To receive update on the refurbishment of the Beechfield Centre and consider associated quotations

Members were informed that as the proposal to refurbish the Beechfield Centre was not feasible and the project had changed due to the proposed Army Camp Development, quotations had been received from Architects to draw up plans in consultation with the Community and Parish Council through to final submission of a planning application. The quotations varied depending on the Council's requirements and it was suggested that a working party be created to look at the project and quotations in depth and to submit a recommendation to the next Committee Meeting.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to set up a working party to deal with the project of rebuilding the Beechfield Centre. It was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that Cllrs Biederman, Harris, Cann and Wood would sit on the working party.

PART B

1404/48

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:

1404/49

To receive and consider the second opinion report for the sewage treatment plant

Mr C Brown presented the report and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to obtain quotations for a flow meter and the testing of effluent samples. The Committee thanked Mr Brown for his report.

1404/50

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15am.

Signed.....

Dated