

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee  
held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 9.00am  
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, Mr Paul Curtis, Secretary, Fremington and District Community Group and two members of the public
- 1402/23      **Apologies for Absence**  
None received.
- 1402/24      **Declarations of interests**  
Cllr Biederman declared a personal interest in Item 1402/31 as Chairman of the Fremington and District Community Group.  
  
Cllr Ms Scott declared a personal interest in Item 1402/31 as a member of the Fremington and District Community Group, and Item 1402/29 & 1402/32 as close relatives live at Fremington Quay.
- 1402/25      **To agree the agenda as published**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.
- 1402/26      **Chairman's Announcements**  
There were not any announcements.
- 1402/27      **Public Participation Period**  
There was not any public participation at this point.
- 1402/28      **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 as a correct record**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Harris duly signed the minutes.
- 1402/29      **Issues raised by residents at Fremington Quay**  
A resident expressed appreciation to the committee, on behalf of the residents at Fremington Quay, at being able to address the committee about issues at Fremington Quay. The resident thanked the Parish Council for the work undertaken in ensuring the dangerous trees along the BOAT Road are dealt with but expressed concern at the remaining dangerous trees. It was noted that Devon County Council is pursuing the landowner and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to contact DCC and ask that this item is progressed with speed and if contact with the landowner cannot be established DCC carries out the work and recharges the cost. The resident was pleased to see an additional litterbin at Fremington Quay but expressed concern at the dog bin which had been relocated. Further concerns were raised about vehicles accessing the beach and missing railway sleepers, it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate the feasibility of CCTV or a web cam at Fremington Quay.  
  
Another resident thanked the council for the use of the portacabin, which had now been painted and works had been undertaken to ensure it meets Health and Safety Requirements. The resident had concerns about distinguishing public areas and private areas at night and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate security options.
- 1402/30      **To discuss a request from 50<sup>th</sup> North Devon Scouts to use Ellerslie Road Playing Field on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**  
The request was considered and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to give permission to the 50<sup>th</sup> North Devon Scouts to use Ellerslie Road Playing Field on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 subject to the necessary licences and signed hire agreement being in place.

1402/31

**To consider request from the Fremington and District Community Group for events for the forthcoming year.**

Members considered the request for the Fremington and District Community Group to hold the following events on Parish Council land during 2014: -

**1) Family Barbecue** at Fremington Village Green on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 18:00 to 21:00. The event will involve a BBQ, bar and stage (the one used for the Christmas lights switch on and it will host two bands). This is a free event and the likely number of attendees could be anything from 100 upwards.

The Village Green is not licensed for live music, recorded music or the sale of alcohol; it would be the Community Group's responsibility to apply for all appropriate licences for the event.

**2) Cake and Ale Trail/Fremington Olympics** in the Paddock and platform area for the stage (to host a band) at Fremington Quay on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014, times to be confirmed. The trail needs to be confirmed and the Community Group might use Griggs Field as part of the trail (if the Committee is mindful to approve I would suggest the use of Griggs Field is agreed in principle subject to details of the trail being submitted and agreed by the Parish Council).

The Community Group has confirmed that they will discuss the plans with the tenants at the Quay; however, the Parish Council would also need to consult with them.

The areas proposed at Fremington Quay are not licensed for live music, recorded music or the sale of alcohol; it would be the Community Group's responsibility to apply for all appropriate licences for the event.

**3) Christmas Tree Light Switch On** at Fremington Village Green on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 18:00 to 20:00 same format as previous years with music and singing.

The Village Green is not licensed for live music, recorded music or the sale of alcohol; it would be the Community Group's responsibility to apply for all appropriate licences for the event.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to agree in principle to the above events subject to final discussions and approval from the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council would also require a copy of the Fremington and District Community Group's Public Liability Insurance, and signed hire agreements.

1402/32

**To receive and consider recommendation for the Highways Grass Cutting 2014-2015**

It was noted that confirmation from Devon County Council had not yet been received that the Parish Council would be undertaking the Highways Grass Cutting for 2014-2015 but it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate the decision, subject to confirmation of renewal of the agreement and funding from DCC, to delegate the decision to accept the lowest most appropriate quotation to the Parish Clerk.

1402/33

**Fremington Quay**

**a) To receive and consider correspondence from resident**

Members considered the request from a resident to create an additional parking area behind the large lay-by along the BOAT Road. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate the feasibility of providing car parking in this area.

**b) To discuss outcomes of the Fremington Quay Site Meeting.**

Members considered a draft Bench Policy for Fremington Quay and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the policy in principle but to gain further advice on the maintenance agreement from Instow Parish Council.

Members considered a locking bollard for the entrance to the beach from the far end car park. Cllr Biederman kindly offered to pay the costs for the purchase and installation of the bollard from his County Locality Budget up to £500. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept Cllr Biederman's offer and proceed with the installation of a locking bollard.

Members were concerned about the use of the disabled toilet at Fremington Quay and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to change the lock.

1402/34 **To discuss the possibility of the provision of Allotments at Lagoon View** (item requested by Cllr J Bell)

Cllr Bell reported that he had not received any further information or requests for allotments in this area and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to take any further action unless further representations were received from residents.

1402/35 **To receive report from Parish Clerk on the improvements to the Beechfield Centre**

The Parish Clerk reported that the option of refurbishing the current structure had been investigated and was found not to be financially viable. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate the possibility of rebuilding a purpose built building and to investigate the possibility of including works to the car park to include tarmac and lining as part of the proposals.

1402/36 **Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10am

Signed.....

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