

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 31st July 2014 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs D Harris (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne and T Wood
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
- 1407/50 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Ms M Scott.
- 1407/51 **Declarations of interests**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1407/65 as friends live at Fremington Quay.
- 1407/52 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.
- 1407/53 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was announced that Devon and Cornwall Housing had offered to remove a dead Elm from the hedge bank between Aspen Grove and Griggs Field; it was unclear where the boundary line was but these works would take place whilst their contractors are on site. It was agreed to accept the offer.
- 1407/54 **Public Participation Period**
None.
- 1407/55 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 26th June 2014 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Harris duly signed the minutes.
- 1407/56 **Issues raised by residents at Fremington Quay**
None.
- 1407/57 **To consider replacement of hanging carousel at the Beechfield Play Area**
Members considered the options for replacement of the broken hanging carousel at the Beechfield Play Area and the associated quotations. It was noted that the Fremington and District Environment Group had indicated that they would be willing to contribute funds towards upgrading the equipment in this play area and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to remove the hanging carousel from the play area at a cost of £225.00 and replace with Option 4, the Rock Spinner, at a cost of £2,315 including installation; £1,500 of the cost will be met from the new equipment budget and a request submitted to the Fremington and District Community Group for the outstanding balance.
- 1407/58 **To receive response from the North Devon Council regarding the relocation of the Dog Bin at Fremington Quay**
The response confirmed that the bin had been relocated for Health and Safety reasons; it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to enquire as to whether the Parish Council's contractor could empty the bin at the previous location, if so the Parish Council will offer to relocate the bin back to its original location and empty the bin on behalf of the North Devon Council with the cost being reimbursed from NDC to the Parish Council.
- 1407/59 **To re-consider the insurance requirements and cost for the return of the bikes to the Heritage Centre – item has been referred back by Full Council under Standing Order 11a)**
Members re-considered the request and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Parish Council to pay the £91.16 insurance premium for one year for the return of the bikes. It was further **resolved** to ask the Environment Group to place a comments book in the Heritage Centre and review the interest in the bikes and cost of the insurance after one year.

1407/60 **Griggs Field Grass Cutting** (item requested by Cllr Harris)
Members discussed the timings for grass cutting at Griggs Field and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate to the Parish Clerk, in conjunction with the grass contractor, to agree two cuts a year as required, preferably in March and end of September.

1407/61 **To review grass cutting schedule at Fremington Quay**
The grass cutting schedule for the hedge and estuary side of the BOAT Road was considered and it was **resolved** to obtain a quotation for a second strim per annum on the estuary side, to delegate to the Parish Clerk, in conjunction with the grass contractor, to cut the hedge side twice per annum, preferably in March and October plus a light prune in July.

1407/62 **To receive update on discussions regarding taking over North Devon Council's grass cutting of amenity areas in Fremington Parish**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to take over the following amenity areas if they can be removed from the existing contract at a cost of £4,253.49 per annum to be met by the District Council:

Bickington-

Lower Cross Road 2468m²

Mead Park 10438m²

Fremington-

Red Lane open space 1652m²

Heal Park Crescent 1966m²

Beards Road 515m²

Yelland-

Lagoon View 3997m²

Allenstyle 2911m²

Littlemoor Close 2061m²

St Katherines Close 623m²

Total 26,631m²

1407/63 **To consider request to use the Village Green for a Children's Fun Day**
A request for the use of the Village Green was received as follows:

Applicant: The Fox

Date: Saturday 16th August 2014 Time: 1pm – 4pm

Purpose: Children's Fun Day

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request subject to the applicant obtaining any necessary licences.

PART B

1407/64 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:

1407/65 **To receive correspondence from residents relating to the sewage treatment plant at Fremington Quay**

The correspondence was circulated and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer the item for further investigations.

1407/66 **Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.25am.

Signed.....

Dated