

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 27th November 2014 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, and B Sherborne
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Cllr D Brailey
- 1411/32 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs Ms M Scott and D Harris.
- 1411/33 **Declarations of interests**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Items 1411/40 and 1411/41 as Chairman of the Community Group.
- 1411/34 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.
- 1411/35 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was announced that the Beechfield Centre would no longer be cleaned from December 2014.
- 1411/36 **Public Participation Period**
None.
- 1411/37 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 30th October 2014 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.
- 1411/38 **To consider draft budget for 2015-2016**
Members considered the draft budget for 2015-2016 and it was resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the budget for 2015-2016.
- 1411/39 **To formally approve additional play equipment for the Ellerslie Road Play Area**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to the installation of a spring horse and carousel at the Ellerslie play area, Cllr Brailey had already obtained the funds for the new equipment and installation.
- 1411/40 **To receive feedback from the Replacement of the Beechfield Centre Consultation period**
- 1411/41 **To consider date for hire of Village Green further to Minute No. 1409/65**
Members were informed that the consultation period had now ended, the responses had been positive and included comments such as "I can see it becoming the hub of the community" a suggestion was received to swap the location of the toilets and the kitchen which would allow teas and coffees to be served to both the meeting room and football field at the same time, it was **resolved**, with no votes the contrary, to view plans with the alter locations for the toilets and kitchen, the Fremington and District Community Group had written a letter of support for the scheme but would ask members to consider opening up the toilets for members of the public using the play area. Members considered the idea and it was felt that due to the risk of vandalism and the running costs it would not be possible to open the toilets up to members of the public.
- 1411/42 **To receive an update on the North Devon Council's Dog Bin at Fremington Quay – Further to Minute No. 1410/4**
Members were informed that this item had been pursued as far as possible and the dog bin would be remaining in its new location, it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1411/43 **To consider further quotations for the upgrade and refurbishment of the Swallowfield Play Area following further to Minute No. 1410/47**
Members considered three quotations obtained for the upgrade and refurbishment of

the Swallowfield Play Area. Members were informed that £10,605.81 had been secured in Section 106 funding and £5,700 from Investing in Devon giving a total of £16,305.81, members had identified priorities for the project at the previous meeting the quotations had been priced based on these priorities the three quotations were broken down into individual pricing for each stage of the works, after consideration it was agreed to accept the quotation which provided the best value for money it was, therefore, resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Playground Solutions to undertake the works the quotation was slightly over budget at £17,205 and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would negotiate the price and/or source additional funding to meet the cost.

1411/44 **To consider the use of the floodlights at the Beechfield Play Area and Field –**
(item requested by Cllr Biederman)

Cllr Biederman informed members that he had received complaints that the floodlights were coming on late and night and shinning into residents bedrooms, he believed that they lights were not working as they should. Members were informed that a complaint was received by the office in January 2014, the lights were checked by an Electrician and the switch was found to be broken. In February 2014 the switch was fixed by the same electrician, since this the Office has not received any complaints that the lights do not work properly. The lights are programmed to come on, once the button is pressed, between the hours of 6pm and 10pm and will stay on for half an hour. Members discussed the timings of the lights and it was resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to alter the times the lights come on to 6pm – 9pm, it was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that Cllr Biederman will monitor the situation and report back to the Office.

1411/45 **Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.55am.

Signed.....

Dated