

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 24th November 2016 at 7.30pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs F Biederman (Chairman), R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Ms M Scott (from Minute No.1611/67), B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer, and Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer

In Attendance: 7 Members of the public

1611/66 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, Mrs S Kingdom, K Groves, D Brailey and A Rennles.

1611/67 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Wood declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1611/73 Application 62094.

Cllr Ms Scott entered the meeting.

1611/68 **Chairman's Announcements**
None.

1611/69 **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). The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed to deal with planning application 62094 last.

PART A

1611/70 **Public Participation Period**
Public Participation was dealt with prior to the planning application.

1611/71 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016**
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 7th November as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.

1611/72 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2016.

1611/73 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- South West Highways – Road closure Brynsworthy Lane, Fremington, 24th – 25th November 2016
- DCC – Notice of Temporary Prohibition of Traffic A39 Barnstaple Bypass from 30th November to 3rd December 2016 between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00

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

1611/74

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

61103 Proposal: Listed Building application for replacement of rainwater goods, replacement of door & replacement of conservatory
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 respecting the traditional character of the building.

61910 Proposal: Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation
Location: 4 Beech Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Ayre

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

61940 Proposal: Outline application for erection of one dwelling (all matters reserved)
Location: Land to the north of Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr K Moore

Cllr Cann reported that he had called the above application in to be dealt with by NDC's Planning Committee.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal is a departure from the Local and emerging Plan, it is an intrusion into the open countryside and will have a negative impact on the estuary setting and the amenity of neighbouring properties.

62004 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 1 Springfield Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Gubb

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal not being over-intensification of the site and the design being in character.

The Chairman allowed members of the public to speak on the following application. Concerns were raised about the loss of the green open space which is seen locally as a Village Green and held in high regard, issues with flooding, traffic and the loss of amenity for neighbouring properties. Concerns were also raised about the impact on the wildlife and noise.

Cllr Cann reported that he had called the application in to be dealt with by NDC's Planning Committee.

62017 Proposal: Erection of 7 affordable bungalows for over 55's along with upgrade to open space and existing car park area
Location: Land off Hollamoor View, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: North Devon Homes Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and an abstentions from Cllrs Biederman and Wood, to recommend REFUSAL. This is a valuable open space regarded locally as a Village Green, it is over-intensification of the site and would negatively affect the character of the area and the amenity, including loss of light, of neighbouring properties.

Cllr Ms Scott and six members of the public left the meeting at 8pm.

62089 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction of 1 Ash & 1 Oak & removal of 1 Alder
Location: 15 Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr K Smelt

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

62095 Proposal: Application for consent for works to tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Oak tree
Location: 13 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Collins

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL this tree is in good health in a protected hedgerow, it is a valuable amenity for the area and the Parish Council would only support pruning for good tree management.

62096 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Oak tree
Location: 14 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs V Manning

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. This tree is in good health in a protected hedgerow, it is a valuable amenity for the area and the Parish Council would only support pruning for good tree management.

62105 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of pollarding three Lime trees
Location: Brookfield, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Dr N Burge

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL as long as the work is minimal and in the interest of good tree management.

62114 Proposal: Demolition of workshop & erection of a replacement building to form ancillary accommodation
Location: 4 Springfield Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Hammett

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the Parish Council does not believe, given the information provided, that the development is justified, the access is inadequate and across a flood plain.

Cllr Wood declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the following application and left the meeting he did not return.

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62094 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of coppicing one Willow and one Elm tree
Location: Land to the south of 6 Griggs Garden, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr B Taylor

The Parish Council is commenting on the above application as neighbouring property owners and would only support the application if it is in the interest of good tree management.

1611/75

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following application with conditions as filed:

60781 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 58335 residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units) and associated infrastructure to allow amended design & boundary treatments
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects

61635 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of various pruning & removal of trees
Location: Muddlebridge Allotments, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Fremington Parish Council

61637 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of selective crown lifting/branch reduction & selective pruning of one crossing branch of Copper Beech tree
Location: Cedars Inn, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S O'Shea

61645 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Holm Oak
Location: Fremington Manor Sub Station, Fremington Manor, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Blythe Construction (SW) Ltd

61721 Proposal: Closure of existing & creation of new vehicular access
Location: Shobrook, 22 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Spencer

61797 Proposal: Erection of porch
Location: 7 Allenstyle Drive, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Harris

61821 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 59992 (conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation) to raise height of roof on south-east elevation
Location: 50 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Varity

61860 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 8 (ecological mitigation & open space) attached to planning permission 60234
Location: Land adj to Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Clews, Wainhomes (South West) Limited

61948 Proposal: Replacement dormer window
Location: 71 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Steve Clements

To note that North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following planning application.

61166 Outline application for erection of two dwellings (all matters reserved)
Location: Land at Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Jillings Heynes Planning Ltd

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

1611/76 **Councillors Questions**
None.

1611/77 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16pm.

Signed  Dated 5.12.16