

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs F Biederman (Chairman), D Brailey, R Cann, D Chalmers,
Mrs J Dyson, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne,
G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer, and
Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer

Mr Ben Eardley, Energy Analysis

In Attendance: 1 Member of the public

- 1702/10 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom, Mrs J Flynn and K Groves.
- 1702/11 **Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 1702/12 **Chairman's Announcements**
Cllr Biederman reported that the Chairman had attended Opportunity Barnstaple 2 and a Celebration of the North Devon Record Office the reports from each meeting will be circulated.
- 1702/13 **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).
- 1702/14 **To receive a report from the Police**
The report was circulated and is attached as Appendix one. It was **resolved** to note the report.
- 1702/15 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public raised concerns about the amount of road traffic incidents on the main road through Yelland and the increase in traffic from the developments. It was agreed to highlight the concerns to the Police. The member of the public explained the pressures the medical centre is facing with the increase in developments and stated that the practice manger would like to be involved with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. It was agreed to forward contact details onto the Project Manager.
- 1702/16 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017**
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 9th January 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.
- 1702/17 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Footpaths Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Footpaths Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017.
 - Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017.

- Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017.

1702/18 **Highway issues – update**
None.

1702/19 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- Healthwatch Voices - Winter 2016/17
- Braunton Parish Council's response from the Defence Infrastructure Organisations (enclosed for Cllrs)
- Letter from Peter Heaton-Jones MP relating to hospital services (enclosed for Cllrs)
- Correspondence from The Devon Countryside Access Forum (enclosed for Cllrs)

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

1702/20 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Brailey reported that the Executive Committee of NDC would be proposing a zero increase budget to Full Council, however, a proposal to increase Council Tax by £5 per year (equivalent of 10p a week extra per Band D) would also be presented. NDC has just agreed to help groups relocate up to four refugee families in the area. Cllr Brailey further reported that NDC was working to rectify the situation with the Theatres.

Cllr Chalmers asked Cllr Cann about the air quality of Bickington as a result of the build-up of traffic in the mornings. Cllr Cann agreed to pursue the matter.

Cllr Biederman reported that an emergency meeting of NDC Full Council had been called to discuss the position of the theatres and he thanked NDC for acting so quickly. Cllr Biederman explained that DCC's Cabinet would meet on Friday to discuss the budget and he would report at the next Full Council.

1702/21 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)
Cllr Rennles explained that the Steering Group had obtained £10,000 in funding from Awards for All which was to be used for Community Engagement. The group had appointed a Youth Worker, which would be funded from the grant, to gain views, thoughts and opinions from young people between the ages of 8 and 30. The funding would also be used for householder surveys and wider consultation events.

1702/22 **To receive presentation on Community Energy from Energy Analysis**
The Chairman welcomed Mr Eardley to the meeting. Mr Eardley explained the concept of Community Renewable Energy to members and the community benefits of such a scheme. He explained that it could be community owned by local people purchasing shares and the community benefits that a scheme could bring. Considerations of whether or not to proceed with a scheme are:

Whether or not there is the community support.
If there are suitable sites available.
Would a scheme be technically and financially viable?

Mr Eardley explained that the project will run until 2019 and there is funding available to undertake a feasibility study, if it is a project the Council would like to pursue the Council could apply for the funding but does not necessarily have to be the body taking the project further.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Cann and the Clerk to investigate further and apply for funding/obtain quotations as necessary and report back to Council in due course.

Cllr Rennles left the meeting.

- 1702/23 **To consider consultation on Potential Traveller Sites**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the consultation.
- Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.
- 1702/24 **To consider attendance at DALC's South West Regional Conference**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Chalmers to attend the Conference.
- 1702/25 **To receive correspondence from the 1st Fremington Air Scouts Group relating to the proposed Community Building on the former Army Camp Development Site**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the correspondence and for the Working Party to continue discussions with the Developers and Scouting Groups.
- Mr Eardley left the meeting.
- 1702/26 **North Devon Council – Planning Appeal**
North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has advised that the following Appeal has been ALLOWED by The Planning Inspectorate:
- Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/W/16/3154193
Appeal by: Cavanna Homes (South West) Ltd
Planning Application: 60985
Location: Land west of Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1702/27 **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
- 62349 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: 20 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Theobald
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.
- 62353 Proposal: Erection of dwelling & garage
Location: Land adjacent Springfield, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs C Beresford
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle. Concerns were raised about the surface water runoff and the impact this could have on Springfield Road any approval should ensure remedial measures are put in place to prevent any increase in the surface water runoff.

62373 Proposal: Change of use from ancillary accommodation to full residential use
Location: Store Penny Cottage, Old School Lane, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Bramwell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL ancillary accommodation should complement the main house concerns were raised that a separate unit of accommodation would not be appropriate in this area and there is a lack of parking provision.

62376 Proposal: First floor extension to dwelling
Location: 3 Becklake Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Rook

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

62411 Proposal: Single storey side extension
Location: 5 Wester Moor Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs G Taylor

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

62444 Proposal: Erection of 4 No. dwellings
Location: Glenwood Farm, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Cargo Homes Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to highlight concerns at further progressive development in this area, there are not any adequate footways in the area to the Old Bideford Road, in adequate access to the site and would have a negative impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties. If the North Devon Council is mindful to approve then a site meeting should be held.

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North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

61137 Proposal: Approved of details in respect of discharge of Conditions 13 (archaeology), 21 (contaminated land), 23 (CMP), 37 (AMS) attached to planning permission 53881
Location: Land off Tews lane, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Ian Jewson Planning Ltd

61874 Proposal: Application for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of various pruning & removal works
Location: The Red House, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Chris Groves Associates

62076 Proposal: Extension to an existing industrial building for B8 storage and distribution area
Location: Global House, Yelland Quay, West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: A W Weed C.ENG M.I.C.E

62093 Proposal: Outline application for demolition of garage & erection of one dwelling together with garage for existing dwelling
Location: 1 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D & Mrs H Wilson



- 62123 Proposal: Erection of outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation
Location: Longmead, Bickington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects
- 62199 Proposal: Extensions & alterations to dwelling
Location: 4 Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates
- 62205 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Conditions 13 (drainage management plan) & 14 (construction drainage) attached to planning permission 60234 (amended description)
Location: Land off Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Wainhomes (South West) Holdings Limited
- 62312 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 2 (flood emergency plan) & Condition 3 (details of anchor bolts) attached to planning permission 61202
Location: Certas Energy Ltd, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Trident Engineering Consultants
- 62318 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling
Location: 23 Rooks Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Graham
- 62419 Proposal: Agricultural building works prior notification for proposed forestry building
Location: Land at Bickleton Woods, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: N Polkinghorne, NPAS Devon Ltd

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following applications:

- 61994 Proposal: Conversion of garage & office space to form a holiday cottage
Location: 2 Bickleton Cottages, Bickleton, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Beer
- 62105 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of pollarding three lime trees
Location: West Brookfield, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Dr N Burge
- 62263 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 31 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

To note that the following applications have been WITHDRAWN:

- 62112 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling together with enlargement of off-road parking area
Location: 52 Beards Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services
- 62179 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: Haslemere, Pottery Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: PWH Surveyors Ltd

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



1702/29


Councillors Questions

Cllr Chalmers asked if Stagecoach had provided any answers on the issues raised at the previous meeting. Cllr Chalmers was informed that Stagecoach is going to consult with DCC. Cllr Chalmers asked if the Parish Council could ask that Stagecoach provides an answer for the next Full Council meeting. It was agreed to ask.

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Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

Signed  Dated 6-3-17