

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), D Chalmers, F Biederman (from Minute No. 1702/41), G Turner (from Minute No. 1702/43) and B Sherborne
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk

Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom, A Rennles and Mr D Beechey, Treasurer, Muddlebridge Allotment Association

1702/41 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Mrs J Dyson and K Groves.

Cllr Biederman entered the meeting.

1702/42 **Declarations of interests**

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1702/47 as Chairman of the Community Group.

Cllr Turner entered the meeting.

Cllr Wood declared a Personal Interest in Item 1702/49 and 1702/50 he uses one of the contractors.

1702/43 **To agree the agenda as published**

Agreed.

1702/44 **Chairman's Announcements**

None.

1702/45 **Public Participation Period**

None.

1702/46 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 26th January 2017 as a correct record**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.

1702/47 **To note response from South West Water in relation to the proposed enhancement of the Village Green project**

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

1702/48 **To receive and consider correspondence from the Treasurer of the Muddlebridge Allotments Association relating to gaps in the hedge adjacent to the pond**

It was noted that the correspondence related to gaps in the hedge which runs between the pond and the road. Members were informed that this raises a Health and Safety Issue and the Council has a responsibility and duty of care to prevent accidents in and around the pond. Cllr Rennles spoke on the matter as the Allotment Representative and explained that if nothing is done there is a risk of those trespassing and accessing the site through the gaps falling in the pond and one option is to fence the length of the hedge.

Members debated the issue and solutions in depth and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate investigations into the cheapest most appropriate course of action to the Parish Clerk who will then decide a way forward in conjunction with the Committee.

Cllr Rennles and Mr Beechey left the meeting.



- 1702/49 **To receive and consider quotations to undertake grass cutting within the parish from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2020**
Members considered the quotations received, it was noted that a quotation had been received after the deadline given. Members agreed to consider this quotation as well and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Dave Budd Gardening Services to undertake grass cutting within the parish from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2020. It was felt that being the lowest tender not only would it provide value for money but also continuity of service, the Parish Council had also been very happy with the standard of work.
- 1702/50 **To receive and consider quotations to undertake highways grass cutting for 2017-2018**
Members considered the quotations received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Dave Budd Gardening Services to undertake highway grass cutting for 2017-2018 which would give the most amount of cuts throughout the year for the budget available, it would provide value for money but also continuity of service. The Parish Council had also been very happy with the standard of work.
- 1702/51 **To consider request to use the Village Green for a Duck Race**
It was noted the request was from the PTFA of Fremington School. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request subject to the appropriate insurance and risk assessments being in place, the group would be responsible for applying for any necessary licenses.
- 1702/52 **To receive and consider correspondence from NDC's Building Control relating to the condition of the Beechfield Centre**
Members considered the report. It was noted that an area of floorboards required replacing immediately and it was noted that the Football Club would undertake this work. Members noted that if the building is demolished at this stage the Football Club does not have alternative facilities. Cllr Wood made strong objections to keeping the building and felt if the building was demolished it would move the project along. It was noted that the funding was not in place to rebuild the Centre and it was therefore **resolved**, with one strong vote to the contrary from Cllr Wood, to retain the building for another year, to closely monitor the building and to only permit the Football Club use to ensure the longevity for this period. It was further **resolved** to place the creation of a new Working Party with representatives of the community on the next Agenda to progress the project.
- 1702/53 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.59am.

Signed.....Dated