

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 30th March 2017 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), F Biederman, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, A Rennles and G Turner
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
Cllr Mrs Kingdom (from Minute No. 1703/45)
Mr D Beechey, Treasurer, Muddlebridge Allotment Association
- 1703/38 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr B Sherborne.
- 1703/39 **Declarations of interests**
None.
- 1703/40 **To agree the agenda as published**
Agreed.
- 1703/41 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was noted that the fencing works at the Muddlebridge Allotment site had commenced.
- 1703/42 **Public Participation Period**
Mr Beechey disputed the accuracy of Minute No. 1701/41 **Public Participation Period** from the Committee meeting held on 26th January 2017. Mr Beechey stated that the minutes read:

"Mr Beechey explained that the Council had agreed a tree survey in June and appointed a contractor to complete the works following the results of the survey. He explained that the works had been completed at the beginning of January and asked the following three questions.

1. Why had the works to the crossing limbs at the entrance to the allotment site not been completed?

2. Two trees around the perimeter of the pond had had work carried out to them, why had the material not been removed from site?

3. The contractor had accessed the pond through the hedge and large gaps had appeared, Mr Beechey explained that his shed had been broken into and he asked if these gaps could have contributed?"

Mr Beechey stated that question three, as reported in the minutes, was inaccurate, he had in fact asked if the Council was going to fence the gaps.

Mr Beechey was informed that a fence was being erected along the length of the pond which is adjacent to the road.
- 1703/43 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 14th March 2017 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.
- 1703/44 **To receive and consider correspondence from NDC's Building Control relating to the condition of the Beechfield Centre** (this item has been brought back under Standing Order 11)

Members were informed that this item had been referred back to the Committee under Standing Order 11, the three signatories did not believe that the report, which is attached as appendix A, had been considered in depth and there were serious Health & Safety issues with the building that

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were not discussed. Members felt that the report had been considered in depth, the immediate risk of the damaged flooring had been rectified and the other items highlighted were to be monitored. It was noted that if the building was closed there would not be a facility for the football club that meets the league's requirements.

Members were informed that the Council's Insurance Company were yet to provide a view on the report. Members debated the report at some length.

The Chairman, with the majority of members in favour, allowed Mr Beechey to read a minute that he felt was relevant to the discussion. Mr Beechey read an abstract from a Committee meeting held in 2011 relating to repairs to the building, Cllr Biederman explained that numerous works had been undertaken since that meeting and a recent report undertaken and the debate continued.

Cllr Mrs Kingdom entered the meeting at 10.30am.

The condition of the building was debated in depth it was noted that the report did not state that the building was safe or unsafe and stated "if it is not your intent to keep the building for the long term I suggest that you monitor the other items." With this in mind Cllr Biederman proposed, seconded by Cllr Chalmers, that the original proposal of retaining 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 should stand with the addition of writing to the Football Club to highlight the importance of protecting the structure of the building and that any misuse will result in the building being closed immediately.

Cllr Wood felt that the Council has a duty of care and would be putting people in danger by not closing the building.

Cllr Wood proposed an amendment, seconded by Cllr Turner, to defer a decision until a view from the Insurance Company has been received. When put to the vote the amendment was lost with two votes in favour and four against.

Therefore it was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary and one abstention, to retain the building for another year, to closely monitor the building and to only permit the Football Club to use the building to ensure the longevity for this period. It was further **resolved** to write to the Football Club to highlight the importance of protecting the structure of the building and that any misuse will result in the building being closed immediately.

1703/45

To appoint members to the new Working Party of the Beechfield Centre

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee, the Chairman of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee, Cllr Biederman and a representative from both the adult and youth football clubs to a working party to progress the project.

1703/46

To consider request for a Half Pipe (item requested by Cllr Biederman)

Members considered the request and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support in principle and to investigate options and costs for a half pipe in the parish.

1703/47

To consider request for a temporary banner to advertise event on the Village Green Railings

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request for a maximum of four weeks and to highlight that the Parish Council will not accept any responsibility for

any permissions that may be necessary from the Planning or Highway Authority.

1703/48

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.07am.

Signed.....

Dated

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