

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.20pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, Ms M Scott (from Minute No.1703/12), B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer

County Councillor J Matthews, Co-option candidates Mrs J Adnams Hatch and Ms L Goodger

In Attendance: 1 Member of the public

1703/01

Apologies

Cllrs K Groves and D Brailey.

1703/02

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1703/14 as her parents live at the Quay and Item 1703/26 application 62472 as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1703/12 as an applicant is known to him and a Personal Interest in Item 1703/25 as a member of DCC.

Cllr Chalmers declared a Personal Interest in Item 1703/12 as an applicant is known to him.

1703/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that the website had received nearly 7,000 views in February, it was noted that Mrs Steer had undertaken the project to re-design the website and the Council thanked Mrs Steer for her hard work. It was further noted that the Parish Council's Facebook had been shared several times. The Chairman reminded all members of the importance of reading their paperwork and asking for clarification where required ahead of meetings so informed decisions can be made and reported that Westward Pathfinder had been taken up on their offer and were undertaking clearance works in Roundswell.

1703/04

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).

1703/05

To receive a report from the Police

The report was circulated and is attached as Appendix One. It was **resolved** to note the report. Whilst members were grateful to receive the report it was noted that more detail would be helpful. Cllr Rennles asked if clarification could be sought on whether or not it is illegal for a bicycle to travel on a pavement. It was noted that the concerns raised at the last meeting relating to road traffic incidents on the main road through Yelland had been passed to the Police who had confirmed they would carry out speed checks in the area.

1703/06

Public Participation Period

A member of the public raised concerns about cyclists on pavements along Church Hill and the conflict of residents walking out of their front door. The member of the public also raised concerns about the traffic lights and distance from the property.

A member of the public left the meeting.



A member of the public raised concerns on behalf of a resident who lives in Tews Lane about the disruption the developers are causing in the area and the conditions which are being broken by them working at 6am and on Sundays amongst other issues. Cllr Cann agreed to make further representations to the Planning Department at NDC.

1703/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 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 6th February 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1703/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Monday 20th February 2017
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2017.
- Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017
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- Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017
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- Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Footpaths Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017

1703/09 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Biederman reported that the road surface in Allenstyle Gardens, Close and View had been resurfaced and the rest of Allenstyle would be resurfaced by the developers once the development has been completed. Cllr Biederman explained that three proposals for the Cedars roundabout were being presented to the HATOC meeting at the end of March and the adoption of Military Road was still being held up by a Civil Matter and a dispute over land ownership.

1703/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- NDC – Certificate of Lawfulness – Application for a proposed loft conversion, 46 Home Farm Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
- Report from Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole on promoting Independence (copy enclosed)
- Changes to NDC's Waste and Recycling Services (copy enclosed)
- Letter from NDC - Confirmation of compliance of conditions attached to PAs 42053 & 43630 (Erection of dwelling with integral garage) at Gamlyn House, Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath
- Devon Senior Voice – Issue No.32 Spring 2017

Cllr Mrs Flynn asked for clarification on whether or not NDC recycles Tetra Packs, Cllr Cann responded that he was not aware that NDC does but there are facilities in



Cllr Chalmers asked if NDC would be carrying out an education program on what can be recycled. Cllr Cann explained that education and awareness was key to the success of the changes.

Cllr Wood asked for clarification on how the emptying of green bins will be administered. Cllr Cann explained that you would opt into the service either online, over the telephone or in person and would be charged accordingly.

Cllr Turner asked about arrangements for green bins for the Roundswell Residents' Association. Cllr Cann confirmed that he would investigate.

Cllrs Mrs McCormack-Hole drew members' attention to the report she had produced on promoting independence and asked that if members are available could they attend the events.

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

1703/11

County and District Councillors' Reports - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Mrs Flynn congratulated Cllr Cann on all his efforts with the clean-up programs he has been running throughout the district. The Council agreed and thanked Cllr Cann.

Cllr Matthews reported that there had been an incident earlier in the day involving three vans which had caused traffic disruption. He further reported that the yellow lines in Woodville and Bickington Road were now in place and because they are double yellow lines which are enforceable all day every day they do not require signs. Cllr Matthews informed members that DCC is currently undertaking a traffic survey at the top of Sticklepath which is a result of the developers of Larkbear wishing to use the Old Torrington Road to access the development.

Cllr Cann reported that an Osprey Pole had been installed on the Gaia Trust land which had been purchased in partnership with the Coastal Communities Team and a screen would be placed in the Heritage Centre. Cllr Cann further reported that a TAP application had been submitted to NDC for improvements to the existing and overspill car park at Fremington Quay, it was noted that if funding is approved it would require consent from the Committee to proceed. Cllr Cann reported that air pollution samples had been taken at Cedars roundabout and no problems found, further investigations and tests would be carried out in Bickington.

Cllr Biederman reported that with further Government cuts both NDC and DCC have had no choice but to increase Council Tax with NDC raising by 2.99% and DCC by 4.99%, although 3% of this is ring fenced for social care. Cllr Biederman reported that he had taken part in the hospital march and explained that no decisions have been made yet. He had also met with three refugees who were temporarily housed near Torrington and do not have any family in the country.

Cllrs Biederman and Chalmers declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

Cllr Matthews left the meeting.

Cllr Ms Scott entered the meeting at 7.59pm.

1703/12

To receive and consider Applications for Co-option for Fremington/Yelland Ward

Two applications for co-option were received and circulated to members before the meeting and as follows:

Fremington/Yelland
Mrs Julie Adnams Hatch
Ms Louise Goodger



The Chairman proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Chalmers that voting on this item should be undertaken by a Secret Ballot. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to vote by Secret Ballot.

Each candidate was asked to speak in support of their application and answer questions.

Voting slips were issued to all Councillors and following a vote it was **resolved** to co-opt Ms Louise Goodger (7 votes to 5) to Fremington/Yelland Ward. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and delivered.

1703/13

To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Rennles to report)

Cllr Rennles reported that the Steering Group had received a presentation from DCC on the proposed Bickington Link. Youth Consultations were ongoing and the Community Facilities audit was underway.

Cllr Chalmers reported that he and Cllr Mrs Kingdom had attended Flood Warden training which would feed into the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the following item.

1703/14

To receive update on the Coastal Communities Project and the Water Tower Project at Fremington Quay (Cllr Cann to report)

Cllr Cann reported that the Fremington Quay Environment Group and the NDC had paid for an Architect to draw up a scheme following the Parish Council's support in principle to the scheme and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to submit the planning enquiry which would mean the fee is waived. It was noted that any agreement was to the concept and the detail would have to come back to the Parish Council for approval and the Fremington Quay Environment Group would be the vehicle to raise the funds if the scheme was acceptable/achievable. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and four abstentions, for the Parish Council to submit the Planning Enquiry.

Cllr Ms Scott returned to the meeting.

1703/15

To receive Cllr Mrs Flynn's resignation from the Tews Lane Committee and Fremington Quay Committee from the 1st April 2017

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive Cllr Mrs Flynn's resignation.

1703/16

To receive Cllr Groves' resignation from the Finance & Personnel Committee, Parks & Playing Fields Committee and the Footpaths Committee

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive Cllr Grove's resignation.

1703/17

To appoint a member to the Tews Lane Committee from the 1st April 2017 and a substitute member if necessary

Cllr Ms Goodger was nominated seconded by Cllr Mrs Kingdom and Cllr Biederman was nominated seconded by Cllr Turner. When put to the vote there were 9 votes in favour of Cllr Biederman and 3 votes in favour of Cllr Ms Goodger and it was therefore **resolved** that Cllr Biederman be appointed to the Tews Lane Committee from the 1st April 2017.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Ms Goodger to be the substitute member on the Committee from the 1st April 2017.

- 1703/18 **To appoint a member to the Fremington Quay Committee from the 1st April 2017 and a substitute member if necessary**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Ms Goodger to be appointed to the Fremington Quay Committee from the 1st April 2017.
- 1703/19 **To appoint a member to the Finance & Personnel Committee and a substitute member if necessary**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Mrs Dyson to be appointed to the Finance & Personnel Committee.
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Ms Goodger to be the substitute member on the Committee.
- 1703/20 **To appoint a member to the Parks & Playing Fields Committee and a substitute member if necessary**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Rennles to be appointed to the Parks & Playing Fields Committee.
- 1703/21 **To appoint a member to the Footpaths Committee**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Ms Goodger to be appointed to the Footpaths Committee.
- 1703/22 **To consider attendance at an Acute Services Review event**
Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole stressed the importance of attending these events.
- 1703/23 **To receive update on the changes to the Bus Services and the proposed alteration to Service 12**
Members were informed that following the Parish Council's representations to Stagecoach and discussions with DCC the Service 12 had been altered to include three stops to Sainsbury's in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Cllr Ms Scott asked if any further information had been received on Stagecoach's pricing structure, it was agreed to ask Stagecoach for clarification.
- 1703/24 **To receive and consider correspondence on behalf of the developer relating to the proposed open space at the West Yelland Development site**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer the item to the Parks and Playing Fields Committee.

Cllr Biederman declared an Interest in the following item.
- 1703/25 **Devon County Council – Planning Application**
Devon County Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following application:

MD/DCC/3951/2017
Proposal: Waste Transfer Station including a waste transfer hall, single storey weighbridge office and welfare facilities building, hardstand including staff parking and external weighbridge, internal access road, new access from the existing highway, drainage, lighting and landscaping
Location: Land west of Brynsworthy Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, APPROVAL subject to the only access point being from the main road to the site, the development being of a suitable design and not having an adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Cllrs Biederman and Mrs Flynn left the meeting and did not return.



1703/26

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

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

62472 Proposal: Conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation
Location: The Granary, Beards Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Mayo

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention to pass the following comments. If the proposed development does not over-intensify the site, is of a suitable design and does not adversely impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties the Parish Council would give its support to the application, however, it should not become a separate unit of accommodation.

62529 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Conditions 6 (south boundary wall), 8 (landscaping) & 9 (bus shelter) attached to planning permission 60645
Location: Land at Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Catalyst Homes

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

62530 Proposal: Erection of goods online distribution hub and related changes to existing car parking and landscaping
Location: Sainsbury's Supermarkets, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd

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

62554 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 34 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Bennett

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

62579 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Horse Chestnut tree
Location: Muddlebridge House, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr G MacDonald

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

62618 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 31 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Chapple

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposed development not over-intensifying the site, a suitable design and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

62619 Proposal: Advertisement application for the installation of 2 internally illuminated fascia signs
 Location: Costcutter Supermarket, 2 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Costcutter Group

The Parish Council is commenting on this application as an adjoining property owner; it would not wish to inhibit design improvements but would like to see the illumination limited to during shop opening hours.

62620 Proposal: Installation of replacement shopfront
 Location: Costcutter Supermarket, 2 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Costcutter Group

The Parish Council is commenting on this application as an adjoining property owner it would not wish to inhibit design improvements

62626 Proposal: Listed building application for repairs to boundary wall
 Location: Fremington Manor, Fremington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr R Davies, Western Power

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

62616 Proposal: Temporary use of land at Yelland Sewage Works as a logistics depot, to include the provision of necessary structures including office & welfare facilities.
 Location: Yelland Sewage Works, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: John Bentley

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that any approval should be for a maximum of three years. Planning Enforcement should be asked to visit the site to ascertain whether all development on this site is authorised.

1703/27

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

62304 Proposal: Retention of temporary classroom, Block 10, for a further 10 years
 Location: Sticklepath Community School, Woodville, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Devon County Council

62331 Proposal: Prior approval application for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling (Class QA & B)
 Location: Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: N Polkinghorne, NPAS Devon Ltd

62349 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
 Location: 20 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

62353 Proposal: Erection of dwelling & garage
 Location: Land adjacent Springfield, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects LLP

62376 Proposal: First floor extension to dwelling
 Location: 3 Becklake Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

62411 Proposal: Single storey extension
Location: 5 Wester Moor Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Graham

62424 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 62002 (extension to & subdivision of one dwelling to form one dwelling & one bed & breakfast) to allow revised subdivision wall positioning
Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Maria Bailey Planning

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

1703/28

Councillors Questions

Cllr Cann asked when the Christmas decorations would be removed from the Village Green. Cllr Ms Scott offered to speak with the Chairman of the Community Group.

1703/29

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed  Dated 10-4-17