

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, D Brailey, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, Miss L Goodger, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

In Attendance: 5 Member of the public

1704/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs K Groves, Ms M Scott and A Rennles.

1704/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 1704/24 application 62687 as she lives next door.

Cllr Miss Goodger declared a Personal Interest in Item 1704/10 as an employee of the NHS.

1704/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman announced that the Parish Council's Insurance Company had given a view on the Beechfield Centre and confirmed that it would continue cover without any further terms or conditions and would recommend that the building is monitored.

The Chairman informed members that the North Devon Council is undertaking a car parking survey and urged members to complete.

1704/04 **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).

1704/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
None received.

1704/06 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public explained that a further incident had taken place along Yelland Road and the Police had been involved. The member of the public also drew members' attention to a petition for the Fremington Medical Centre Car Park and to reinstate the free hour's parking.

A member of the public asked for clarification on the Appeal for Oakland Park South. Members explained that it was for outline planning permission and the Appeal had been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate. It was noted that Cllr Brailey had written to the Inspectorate and NDC had refused the application. Once the reserved matters application or an amended application is submitted members of the public will be able to submit further representations.

A member of the public asked what type of buildings would be built. Members explained that this would come forward as part of the detail of the reserved matters application.

1704/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th March 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 March 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

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1704/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Extraordinary Meeting of Parks & Playing Fields Committee held on Tuesday 14th March 2017

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Extraordinary Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017.

- Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017.

- Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017.

- Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017.

Cllr Cann explained that the Osprey Pole and Camera was in partnership with the Gaia Trust, the Coastal Communities Team and The Fremington Quay Environment Group and the car park alterations were being funded through the TAP fund.

1704/09 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Cann asked for clarification on what was happening with the proposals for the Cedars Roundabout as it was not discussed at the HATOC meeting.

Cllr Biederman explained that it was on the Agenda but the officer did not bring a report to the meeting and an official complaint has been made along with a Freedom of Information request for all the correspondence between officers and members relating to the item.

1704/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- DCC – Notice of Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking – Wednesday 31st May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017 – Road past Brynsworthy Farm, Roundswell
- Minutes of TravelWatch SouthWest General Meeting – Saturday 4th March 2017, held at Albermarle Centre, Taunton
- NDC – Footpath 17 Diversion Order (details already circulated to Cllrs)
- Notes from Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole's attendance at Bideford College and Barnstaple Guildhall re NDDH Acute Services Review (Copies enclosed for Cllrs)
- Stakeholder update – March 2017 – Decision by NHS NEW Devon CCG Governing Body on Your Future Care consultation (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
- Community Composting Credits consultation – email DCC 16 March 2017 (Copies enclosed for Cllrs)
- Adoption of Devon Minerals Plan 2011-2033

Cllr Cann expressed his concern at the proposals to cut the credits for community composting, it was noted that the Parish Council had submitted objections to the cut.

Cllr Miss Goodger declared a Personal Interest as an employee of the NHS.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole explained about the Acute Services Review and the Your Future Care Consultation. It was agreed to try and arrange a public meeting once the consultation for the Acute Services Review has been published.

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

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- 1704/11 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that there was a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the North Devon Council and she had invited the Lord Lieutenant to meet with members of the public to thank them for their contribution towards society.
Cllr Cann reported that NDC was drafting a scheme for green bins and community groups.
Cllr Brailey reported that NDC had negotiated a one year contract with a company to run the theatre and during that time would be tendering for a longer contract. RMB Chivenor had indicated it was working on a scheme and no final decisions had been made. Cllr Brailey informed members that the Museum has received a substantial amount of funding towards the extension.
Cllr Biederman informed members that an informal meeting had taken place with reference to a proposed Bickington Link. Part of the link would be funded by existing development and the second half could only be delivered with further development of at least 1,000 homes, those present did not feel they could support the proposals if it was to be delivered by further development. Cllr Biederman reported that NDC is looking at a parking strategy and the charge for the green bins will be introduced in June.
- 1704/12 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)
The notes of the recent meeting were circulated and are appended to the minutes as Appendix One.
- 1704/13 **To consider draft terms of reference for Parish Council Committees and Scheme of Delegation**
Members considered the draft terms of reference for Parish Council Committees and Scheme of Delegation which was circulated prior to the meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to refer the item to each committee for consideration and comment back to the Full Council for a final decision at the May meeting.
- 1704/14 **To agree the Parish Council meets the criteria for the Quality Level of the Local Council Award Scheme**
In light of the decision made on item 1704/13 it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item until the May meeting.
- 1704/15 **To consider and vote on the Parish Council's position on holding discussions and/or consultations with Developers once an application has**

outline planning permission (item requested by Cllr Mrs Kingdom)

Cllr Mrs Kingdom explained that a decision had not been made on the above and asked the Council to consider its position and make a formal decision. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to discussions being held with developers once an application has outline planning permission subject to any meetings/events being organised formally through the Parish Clerk.

1704/16

To consider concerns raised by the Chairman on the intrusion of representation by other Councils at events within the Parish (item requested by Cllr Mrs Kingdom)

The Chairman explained that on several occasions events such as openings of shops and new developments within the Parish had been attended by Barnstaple Town Council and that Fremington Parish Council had not been made aware and therefore not represented at these events. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to Barnstaple Town Council with a copy of the parish boundary map, expressing the Parish Council's concerns and explain that Roundswell and Woodville is not within Barnstaple's Parish.

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1704/17

To receive correspondence from the North Devon Council relating to paper copies of planning applications

Correspondence from NDC was circulated ahead of the meeting informing members that as of July 2017 NDC will no longer send hard copies of planning applications. It was noted that this was an officer lead decision and not supported by Council Members. Concerns were raised over the proposals and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write a letter of objection to the proposal.

Cllr Biederman left the meeting.

1704/18

To consider quotations for Community Renewable Energy (information enclosed for Cllrs, Cllr Cann to report)

The quotations received were circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Cann explained that meetings had taken place with the interested companies and quotations received, the Clerk and Cllr Cann would like to progress with a grant application and the lowest most appropriate quotation if the grant is successful.

Cllr Biederman returned to the meeting.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, for the Clerk and Cllr Cann to proceed with the project.

1704/19

To receive report from Cllr Chalmers following DALC's recent Conference

Cllr Chalmers explained that he had attended the Regional Conference which was well attended and he would circulate the hand-outs and presentations in due course. Cllr Chalmers gave an overview of the discussions which included the Neighbourhood Plan Bill which is currently making its way through Parliament.

1704/20

To receive and consider correspondence from a member of the public relating to signage for Fremington Cemetery

Members considered the correspondence, it was noted that the Highway Authority would not give permission for a sign and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate options.

1704/21

To consider locations that could be used for the rescue helicopters (item requested by Cllr Biederman)

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to invite representatives of the Air Ambulance to address the Council on the matter.

1704/22

To consider request for sites to locate the Restore Bus from NDADA

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to a trial period of 3 months to locate the bus (outside of school drop off and pick up times) in the Beechfield Car Park if NDADA felt the location to be appropriate.

1704/23

North Devon Council- Planning Appeal Decision

The Planning Inspectorate has advised that the following Appeal has been ALLOWED:

Appeal ref: APP/X1118/W/16/3157373

Appeal by: Mr John Evans

Application Ref: 57310

Proposal: Outline application for 34 dwellings (amended plans and description)

Location: Land west of Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

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

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1704/24

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

62444 Proposal: Erection of 4 No. dwellings (amended layout & design)

Location: Workshop Glenwood Farm, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs G Taylor

The Parish Council would not support this application unless there are two affordable dwellings and the cumulative impact on the highway and traffic in the area is considered.

62607 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Beech tree

Location: 11 Shieling Road, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr B J Muir

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

62647 Proposal: Raising of roof to include additional first floor accommodation

Location: 30 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Shirley

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

62662 Proposal: Demolition of rear extension & detached garage/outbuilding together with extension to dwelling & erection of outbuilding to provide storage & ancillary living accommodation
Location: Monkey Puzzle, 2 Welchs Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Monterieux

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

62667 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction of one Beech tree
Location: 11 Shieling Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr B J Muir

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

62689 Proposal: variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 60645 (erection of two dwellings – Amended red outline) to allow for change of design
Location: Land off Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Boundy, Catalyst Homes

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

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62733 Proposal: Erection of two storey extension together with internal alterations & increased parking area
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Storkey

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal would be over intensification of the site and would increase surface water.

62735 Proposal: Outline application for erection of one dwelling with off-road parking (all matters reserved)
Location: 9 Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr B Williams

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to a safe and suitable access to the site.

62783 Proposal: Construction of 46 open market and affordable dwellings, including associated highways, drainage and landscaping
Location: Land adjacent Mead Park Close, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr I Roach, Wainhomes (South West) Holdings Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to recommend REFUSAL. The development would be visually intrusive on the Taw Estuary skyline. Would further erode the green wedge between Bickington and Fremington. The site is not include

in the emerging Local Plan. Is premature in advance of highway capacity improvements for Fremington Parish.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a DPI and left the meeting.

62687 Proposal: Alterations to access, erection of carport together with alteration to dwelling
Location: Old School House, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Capner

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the access is unsafe, does not meet DCC's requirements and should never have been vehicular access.

1704/25

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

60611 Proposal: Erection of agricultural workers dwelling to replace temporary agricultural dwelling
Location: Horseacre Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: North Devon Farm Services Ltd

62294 Proposal: Enhancement of the Village Green to include installation of an armistice gate, creation of a circular path & a performance area
Location: Fremington Village Green, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs V Woodhouse, Fremington Parish Council

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

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

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: NPAS Devon Ltd

62554 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 34 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

62618 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 31 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

62619 Proposal: Advertisement Application for the installation of 2 internally illuminated fascia signs
Location: Cost Cutter Supermarket, 2 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Peacock and Smith Ltd

62620 Proposal: Installation of replacement shop front
Location: Cost Cutter Supermarket, 2 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Peacock and Smith Ltd

62650 Proposal: Prior approval for a proposed larger home extension in respect of extension to rear which extends 3.4m beyond the rear wall, 2.9m to ridge & 2.5m to eaves – Prior approval not required
Location: 55 Sampsons Plantation, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

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

1704/26

Councillors Questions

Cllr Mrs Kingdom welcomed Cllr Miss Goodger to her first Full Council meeting.

1704/27

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed Dated