

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, Miss L Goodger, K Groves, 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.

**In Attendance:** 3 Representatives from Baker Estates, 2 Members of the public and PC Lucy Robinson and PC Charles Northcott (from Minute No.1707/09)

1707/01

**Apologies**

Cllrs F Biederman, D Brailey

1707/02

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal Interest in Item 1707/17 application 63070 as the applicant is a family member.

Cllr Turner declared a Personal Interest in Item 1707/16 as Chairman of the Roundswell Residents' Association.

Cllr Miss Goodger declared a Personal Interest in Item 1707/14 as it is close to where she lives.

Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest in Item 1707/14 as the applicant is known to him and item 1707/17 application 63182 as he uses the vets.

1707/03

**Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman informed members that she had recently attended the opening of the new interpretation boards and scrape at the Nature Reserve. The Chairman also informed members that a presentation had been made to students of Petroc to thank them for the work they have undertaken throughout the parish.

1707/04

**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).

1707/05

**Public Participation Period**

The representatives from Baker Estates addressed the Council and outlined the proposal for the former Oakwell Care home in Bickington. They explained that in-depth consultations had been carried out with residents and the wider public and most concerns had been addressed. The Police Architecture Liaison Officer also had positive comments on the proposals.

A member of the public asked why the public has to pay £36 a year for the green waste collection and where the figure had come from.

1707/06

**To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1707/07

**Highways issues – update**

Cllr Ms Scott reported that there was a pit forming on the Old Bideford Road and she would report via DCC's website.

- 1707/08 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- DCC details of night-time road closure A39 Roundswell – 17<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
  - DCC P3 Newsletter Spring/Summer 2017
  - Briefing on the first stage of the Acute Services Review – the Clinical Recommendations (information enclosed for Cllrs)

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

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole reported on the Acute Services Review and the next stage of the consultation.

PC Lucy Robinson and PC Charles Northcott entered the meeting.

- 1707/09 **To receive a report from the Police**
- PC Lucy Robinson explained that there had been several break-ins at the Muddlebridge Allotments but there were not any suspects. PC Lucy Robinson read the crime report which covered the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

Members asked if a Police Presence and/or report could be received for every meeting. PC Lucy Robinson and PC Charles Northcott explained that there were now only four Beat Managers in Barnstaple which has left them very short staffed, work has to be prioritised, procedures have changed several times over the last year and where possible a report will be provided.

A councillor was concerned that Roundswell appears to always have the worse crime rate compared to the rest of the parish. PC Lucy Robinson and Charles Northcott explained that Roundswell is a densely populated area and has a lot of retail both of which increase crime rates.

PC Lucy Robinson and PC Charles Northcott left the meeting.

- 1707/10 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
- Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that if developers are not complying with the conditions set by planning permission to inform NDC and to log as many details as possible so the conditions can be enforced.

Cllr Cann reported that NDC had issued notice against Linden Homes for non-compliance. Cllr Cann gave an update on the roll out of the new waste and recycling service. Cllr Cann explained that consultants had designed the collection routes and unfortunately they were too large, two new routes have now been implemented and a company was employed to deliver the kerbside caddies. Cllr Cann explained that DCC direct to NDC where the green waste is taken and the subscription to the service had been huge. Cllr Cann had visited two of the trial areas for the three weekly collections and the scheme seems to be working. All in all once the service is up and running the recycling rate should increase, the service will be cost effective and will produce savings.

- 1707/11 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)
- Cllr Rennles informed members that he had attended the Fremington School Fete and had spoken to families. At the recent Steering Group meeting members had discussed the draft questions which will be finalised and sent back to the Steering Group and Council for approval before they are distributed. Cllr Rennles further informed members that the help of all Councillors would be required to distribute and collect the surveys to each and every household within the Parish. It was noted that a sheet explaining the Parish boundaries would be included and there would be an online option to complete the survey.

1707/12 **To consider Public Consultation on Proposals for improvement of the North Devon Link Road** (further information can be found at [www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr/)) It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Cann and the Parish Clerk to respond to the consultation which should include comments about the proposed Bickington Link and the possible rat-run through the new developments.

1707/13 **To consider a request for a Kerbset in Fremington Cemetery**  
Members considered the request and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve the Kerbset.

Cllr Miss Goodger declared a Personal Interest and left the meeting for the following item.

Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

1707/14 **To consider support for Application for Green Waste Collection Charge Concession**  
Members considered the application, it was noted that the land maintained is actually highway land and on the Parish Council's schedule for cutting. It was therefore **resolved**, with one abstention, that the Parish Council is unable to support the application.

Cllr Miss Goodger returned to the meeting.

1707/15 **To received recommendation from the Working Party on possible locations for investigation as Community Landing Sites**  
The Working Party recommended the following sites for consideration:

- 1) The Fremington Army Camp, grid reference [51°04'31"N 004°07'31"W](#) . Please be aware that this army camp is currently under construction which is why we felt it was a possible area, the Google map picture is not an accurate representation and we did think if you found this suitable then it could be incorporated into the make-up of the football field currently under construction there.
- 2) Tews Lane Playing Fields, Tews Lane, Bickington, Devon, EX31 2JU
- 3) The field behind the Children's Hospice South West Redlands Road, Fremington, EX31 2PZ, please be aware this is private land and we are unsure about any lighting, but we wanted to see if this was an option at all.
- 4) Beechfield Playing Field, Beechfield Road, Fremington, EX31 3DD
- 5) The Grassed area of Allenstyle, near EX31 3DZ
- 6) The grass area near Petroc Brannams, or even possibly the car park area.
- 7) The car park area at Dunelm at Roundswell Retail Park EX31 3RY
- 8) Next to the Bowls Green EX31 2PP there is a small plot of land which may be suitable.
- 9) Ellerslie Park, near Ellerslie Road EX31 2HT

Concerns were raised about putting forward land within private ownership before contacting the landowners and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree in principle to investigate the suggested sites and for the Parish Clerk to try and contact the landowners before submitting any land in private ownership for consideration.

1707/16 **To receive and consider quotations for Community Renewable Energy**  
Information was circulated prior to the meeting. Members considered the quotations received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the lowest quotation from Energy Analysis.

1707/17 **To consider the use of mobile phones at Parish Council Meetings** (Item requested by Cllr Turner)

Members considered the use of mobile phones at Parish Council Meetings after discussion it was **resolved**, with three votes against and one abstention, that all members have their phone on silent during the course of any Council Meeting (this includes Committee Meetings).

Cllr Turner declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

1707/18 **To receive and consider correspondence received from the Roundswell Residents' Association**

The correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Turner gave an overview of the problems being experienced with fly tipping and litter in the area and asked if the District Council has authority over the housing association to take action against its tenants. Cllr Cann explained that there had been ongoing problems for years, NDC's wardens have visited but the problem is identifying the offenders, action cannot be taken unless you can prove who has tipped. NDC does not have any authority over the housing association and the association would still need to prove who was responsible. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to NDC to express the Parish Council's concerns and ask NDC to meet with the housing association to explore solutions.

1707/19 **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*

62750 Proposal: Reserved matters application in respect of erection of 2 dwellings with garages (outline approval 50083)  
Land to rear of 33-35 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Sinclair

It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal Interest in the following item and left the meeting.

63070 Proposal: Erection of building in garden to provide tennis storage & changing area  
Location: Longmead, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Huxtable

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL, the Parish Council would like to express its concern about the possible impact on the amenity of the adjoining property.

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

63103 Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 58192 to allow amended design (erection of 10 bungalows including landscaping, provision of parking & vehicular & pedestrian access)  
Location: The Green, Chilpark, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Chisholm, Chis Homes (SW) Ltd

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

63135 Proposal: Erection of 21 dwellings together with associated roads, drainage, garages, parking & landscaping  
Location: Oakwell Residential Home, Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Biddle, Baker Estates Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suspend Standing Orders to allow the representatives from Baker Estates to speak about the proposed number of dwellings. It was noted that the planning application had always been for 21 dwellings but other numbers had been explored prior to the application.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to reinstate Standing Orders.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL subject to DCC being informed of the concerns relating to the increase in rat-running and the increase in traffic in the area. The Parish Council would ask that an early morning time restriction is put in place for Tews Lane.

63139 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling  
Location: 10 The Hollies, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Sturley

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

63140 Proposal: Listed building consent conversion of barn to dwelling (holiday accommodation)  
Location: Higher Rookabear, Lydacott, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs R Tucker

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

Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

63182 Proposal: Extension to building to provide room for CT Scanner  
Location: Charter Veterinary Hospital, Charter Court, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Charter Veterinary Hospital Group

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

63239 Proposal: Replacement of external roller shutter door with uPVC glazed screen & blanking panels  
Location: Unit B2-B3 Brannam Court, Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Sealey, TCI (GB) Ltd

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

63279 Proposal: Erection of dwelling at vacant plot of land  
Location: Land adj 41 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Burton

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle and subject to the site being of a suitable size to accommodate the proposed dwelling and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

1707/20

**North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

62892 Proposal: Erection of conservatory and garden shed & installation of a disabled access ramp

Location: 5 Regent Close, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr D Hughes

62929 Proposal: Subdivision of dwelling to form 2 residential units

Location: 28 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

62958 Proposal: Erection of replacement conservatory

Location: 1 The Laurels, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

62963 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling

Location: 29 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd

63016 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 10 (public open space facilities) attached to planning permission 58335

Location: Woodlands Development, Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects

63197 Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of crown reduction (diameter only) of one Copper Beech (diameter only)

Location: 97 Lower Cross Road, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Woodentops Tree Care

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

63024 Proposal: Prior notification application for proposed development by telecommunications code system operators in respect of installation of a 15m shrouded monopole mast with 3 antennas & 2 microwave dishes, 2 equipment cables & ancillary development (amended site address)

Location: Adj bus shelter, Redlands Road & Broady Strap, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr D Dalby, Sinclair Dalby Ltd

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

1707/21

**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Cann asked if a response had been received to whether or not utility companies and in particular mobile phone providers require planning permission. Cllr Cann was informed that a response had been circulated and would be circulated again.

Cllr Chalmers reported that he had attended an event on funding which had been useful and the information had been passed to the Clerk.

Cllr Turner asked if District Cllrs could give reassurance that the 106 money for Roundswell was secure. Cllr Cann explained that the money has not yet been released and as far as he and Cllr Mrs Flynn are concerned it is safe and can only be spent within the area.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole informed members that there is a Living Well Aging Well event in Bideford on Thursday and she has some copies of a Devon wide Community Survey.

Cllr Rennles explained that if there is an incident with the loss of utilities each household must contact the utility company to report.

1707/22

**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Signed ..... *Luigden* ..... Dated ..... *7.8.17* .....