

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

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

**In Attendance:** 1 Member of the public and PC Lucy Robinson

- 1708/11 **Apologies**  
Cllrs F Biederman, K Groves, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne and Mrs J Flynn.
- 1708/12 **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Rennles declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1708/23 as the site is within the ownership of a family member.  
  
Cllr Chalmers declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 1708/27 application 62783.
- 1708/13 **Chairman's Announcements**  
None.
- 1708/14 **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).
- 1708/15 **To receive a report from the Police**  
PC Robinson reported that for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July there had been 11 reported crimes in Roundswell, 1 in Yelland and 4 in Fremington the reported crime from Bickington last month had been resolved with the charity box being returned. For the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August there had been a burglary in Fremington. PC Robinson informed members that there had been a spate of burglaries in Newport and Pilton and the Police were unsure whether or not this was linked.  
  
PC Lucy Robinson and the member of the public left the meeting.
- 1708/16 **Public Participation Period**  
None.
- 1708/17 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.
- 1708/18 **To receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Parks & Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
  - Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.



- Tews Lane Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- Parks & Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
- Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

1708/19      **Highways issues – update**  
None.

1708/20      **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- Email response to DCC regarding North Devon Link Road Consultation (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
- Invitation to attend a training session on Devon Home Choice (information enclosed – if you would like to attend please let the Clerk know)
- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Old Bideford Road, Roundswell – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017
- To note the installation of the bus shelter at Chilpark, Fremington

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

1708/21      **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.  
Cllr Brailey reported the Local Plan has been passed to the Inspector and following comments modifications have been made, in general this relates to the 5 year land supply. The modifications are now out for consultation. Cllr Brailey further reported that the Link Road consultation is now closed and he had submitted a formal response on behalf of NDC which supports the proposals, however, the preferred option is a dual carriageway link between Bideford and Tiverton.

1708/22      **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)  
Cllr Rennles asked if members could distribute compliment slips throughout the summer to help raise the profile and thanked Cllr Brailey for contacting Sticklepath School on behalf of the Steering Group.

1708/23      **To consider the Parish Council's response to the consultation on the proposed modifications to the emerging North Devon & Torridge Local Plan** (information can be found at <http://consulttorridge.gov.uk>)  
Members were informed that the Planning Inspectorate would like to see residential development on the Yelland Power Station Site.

The member of the public returned to the meeting.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting.

Cllr Cann was deeply concerned and did not feel able to support the modification to include residential development at Yelland Power Station site.



It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to express concern at the impact residential development in this area would have on the estuary, the estuary setting and the biosphere, it would be visually intrusive and would also cause a conflict with the important working jetty, port and industrial/employment uses.

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

1708/24 **To consider siting and quotations for a directional sign for the Cemetery**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to proceed with the installation of a directional fingerpost sign for the Cemetery on the Village Green and to accept the quotation from John White Signs, it was noted that this would be subject to confirmation that Planning Permission is not required.

1708/25 **To consider Electoral Review of North Devon: Warding Arrangements**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item until the next meeting to allow NDC to consider the information.

1708/26 **To consider amendment to Standing Orders that neither the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council should hold the position of the Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee** (item requested by Cllr Chalmers)  
Cllr Chalmers explained that he had brought this item to the Council to bring in line with the Standing Orders of other Councils, he felt it was not good governance to allow the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council to be Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee and could impact on the emergency committee which is agreed at each Annual Parish Council meeting, it would also spread the workload. Cllr Chalmers proposed that Standing Orders are amended **so that neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council can hold the position of the Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee.** Members considered the proposal and Cllr Rennles seconded the proposal.

Cllr Miss Goodger put forward an amendment to the proposal that the item is deferred until the September meeting to allow those absent to consider the proposal, the amendment was seconded by Cllr Brailey. When put to the vote the amendment was carried with five votes in favour, three against and two abstentions and it was **resolved** to defer the item until the September meeting.

1708/27 **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 Chalmers declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting for the following item.

62783 Construction of 46 open market and affordable dwellings including associated highways, drainage and landscaping (amended plans)  
Location: Land adjacent Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr I Roach

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that as the changes appear to minimal and to improve the scheme the Parish Council would support the amendments.



Cllr Chalmers returned to the meeting.

63196 Proposal: Prior approval application for the erection of a greenhouse to grow vegetables  
Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Moore

It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the proposal would be visually intrusive on the estuary and Tarka Trail setting and of a size and scale that would adversely affect the setting, the Parish Council would like to see a comprehensive plan for Lower Yelland Farm.

63313 Proposal: Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation  
Location: 14 Higher Westlake Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs J Wright

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

63332 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 83 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Saxby

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

63333 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 82 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs B Elms

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

63356 Variation of Conditions 4 (approved plans) & 10 (access) attached to planning permission 60985 (outline application for the erection of up to 61 dwellings, including affordable housing, areas of open space & landscaping, new vehicular access & associated site infrastructure) to allow revised parameters (access, building heights, site areas & density)  
Location: Land west of Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Cavanna Homes (SW) Ltd

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

63363 Proposal: Extension to dwelling, replacement of flat roof areas with pitched roof areas & conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation  
Location: 2 Home Farm Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent:

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





63370 Proposal: Listed building application for conversion of outbuilding to ancillary living accommodation, erection of porch, erection of Lychgate & replacement of front gates  
 Location: The Homestead Cottage, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
 Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Atkins

The Parish Council has no objection to this application in principle but does have concerns about the visibility for additional vehicular access that this development may create.

63378 Proposal: Erection of raised deck & car port  
 Location: 1 Penhill Farm Cottages, Fremington, Barnstaple  
 Applicant/Agent: Ms A Hunt

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. The raised deck and car port is an inappropriate design for the area and would adversely impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

63405 Proposal: Advertisement consent for 1 No. internal illuminated totem, 3 No. non-illuminated pedestrian totems, 2 internally illuminated concession signs, 2 non-illuminated welcome walls  
 Location: Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
 Application/Agent: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd

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

63406 Proposal: Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling (Class Q(A) (B))  
 Location: Barn at Hillside Farm, Bickleton, Lydacott, Barnstaple  
 Applicant/Agent: Mr R Huxtable

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the planning authority being satisfied that the building is no longer required for agricultural use, the construction of the building is suitable for conversion and the views of the Highway Officer.

63433 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of felling two Sycamore (703/704) & two Poplar trees (701/702)  
 Location: Fremington Village Green, Fremington, Barnstaple  
 Applicant/Agent: Fremington Parish Council

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make no comment on this application.

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### **North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

61482 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 58335 (residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units) & associated infrastructure) to allow additional two open market and one affordable dwelling (73 units in total) (amended description)  
 Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple  
 Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects



62750 Proposal: Reserved matters application in respect of erection of 2 dwellings with garages (outline approval 50083)  
Location: Land to rear of 33-35 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Deborah Somerville Chartered Architect

63070 Proposal: Erection of building in garden to provide tennis storage & changing area  
Location: Longmead, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

63139 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling  
Location: 10 The Hollies, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: GW Architects Ltd

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

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

1708/29 It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

The member of the public left the meeting.

## PART B

1708/30 **To consider correspondence from Deed of Grant Holders**  
Members considered a policy on refunding the cost of a reserved grave when no longer required and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Parish Council will refund the original cost of the purchase of a Deed of Grant for reserved plots, minus the administration charge that prevails at the time of the request, all Deed of Grants must be returned to the Parish Council prior to a refund being issued.

1708/31 It was **resolved** to resume the meeting in PART A

## PART A

The member of the public returned to the meeting.

1708/32 **Councillors Questions**  
Cllr Miss Goodger asked Cllr Cann for clarification on what happens to recyclable material and whether or not it is burnt. Cllr Cann confirmed that recyclable material is not burnt but recycled. Eventually any material that cannot be recycled will go to a waste to energy plant.

Cllr Wood asked why the bus service from Fremington to Barnstaple has deteriorated residents are concerned that they are having to wait for over 30 minutes. It was agreed to ask Stagecoach.



Cllr Turner asked if the stone wall at the top of the cycle/footpath in Roundswell would be repaired. It was noted that the wall was within private ownership and unless it was a safety defect unlikely to be repaired. Cllr Turner informed members that the Roundswell Residents' Association has permission to paint the wings of the underpass and work would commence soon.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole asked if the hedges within the Bickington car park could be cut back. Cllr Cann said he would report to NDC. Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole asked who had cleared the stonewall on the A3125, Cllr Turner confirmed he had been a joint effort of initially the Residents' Association and then a resident Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole felt the resident should be thanked for the work.

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**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed .....  ..... Dated ..... 4.9.17 .....