

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), R Cann, K Groves, Mrs J Flynn, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer.

In Attendance: 2 representatives from Baker Estates and 1 member of the public

1801/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs F Biederman, D Brailey, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Miss L Goodger and Ms Scott.

1801/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Rennles declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1801/17 planning application 64259 as a family property and application 64305 as his family own the ground next to the site.

Cllr Wood declared a Personal Interest in Item 1801/13 as a neighbour.

1801/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
None.

1801/04 **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).

1801/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
The Police report was circulated and is attached as appendix one.

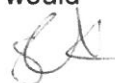
1801/06 **Public Participation Period**
The representatives from Baker Estates gave an update on the development of Oakwell House in Bickington. The Developers appreciated the community support, had given money to Devon County Council for a traffic regulation to prevent rat-running and confirmed that internal demolition would commence this week followed by complete demolition of the existing building. The expected completion was March 2019 and the Developers hoped to keep the process as unobtrusive as possible to existing residents.

A member of the public reported that a Grade II listed property that he owns which is adjacent to the army camp development has suffered vandalism which has been reported to the Police. The member of the public further explained that someone had entered the garden of the property which had not been reported to the Police. The Chairman urged the member of the public to report all incidents to the Police.

All members of the public and Cllr Cann left the meeting.

1801/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th December 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 4th December 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1801/08 **Highways issues – update**
Cllr Mrs Flynn was concerned about the condition that the pavements and verges had been left following works by Western Power. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's Grass Cutting Contractor had also raised concerns and Western Power would be contacted.



Cllr Cann returned to the meeting.

Cllr Wood reported a large pothole in Higher Road, it was noted that this had been reported to DCC on more than one occasion.

Cllr Cann raised concerns about the condition of North Lane which had potholes that he believed would constitute safety defects and a significant amount of mud and cars parked narrowing the road.

- 1801/09 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- Letter from Chief Executive, North Devon District Hospital re retirement in 2018 (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
 - Email from Cllr Cann re Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free North Devon Campaign (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
 - DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order – Footpath 41, Fremington, from Allenstyle Road to the junction with Footpath 102 – Monday 18th December 2017 to Monday 18th June 2018
 - Examination of North Devon and Torridge Local Plan – Notice of additional Hearings Sessions: 16th – 18th January 2018
 - Notice of Planning Appeals re Planning Applications 63470 & 63024– Prior Notification application for proposed development by telecommunications code system operators in respect of installation of a 15m ‘telegraph pole’ mast with 3 antennas & 2 equipment cables and ancillary development – Adj bus shelter, Redlands Road & Broady Strap, Fremington
 - South West Water – Notice of road closure for Tews Lane, Bickington from 5th March to 19th March 2018
 - Letter of acknowledgement from the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner re traffic issues
 - NDC – Fremington Diversion Order 2017 (1), Public Footpath No. 17, Land at Tews Lane, Bickington

Cllr Cann reported that his aspiration for the plastic free campaign is to formulate a working party and then have a forum with town and parish councils.

The Chairman asked Cllr Cann if a site visit had been held for the proposed Diversion Order of Public Footpath No. 17. Cllr Cann explained that having looked at the options he did not feel there was an alternative so a site meeting had not been agreed.

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

- 1801/10 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
- Cllr Cann reported that a trial of three weekly collections for black bins was taking place in the Whiddon Valley, Goodleigh and Bratton Fleming areas following the enhanced recycling service. It had been agreed by NDC that the green waste collection would continue in November 2018 and a calendar would be issued with the dates of collections to those subscribing to the service.

- 1801/11 **To consider Highway Grass Cutting for 2018/2019**
- Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting from DCC explaining that there would be a reduction of £793 towards the Highway Grass Cutting for 2018/2019 and requesting that the Parish Council informs DCC by the middle of January whether or not it wishes to continue with the procurement and delivery of urban grass cutting within the parish.

Members considered the information, it was noted that the Parish Council had included an additional amount to cover an extra cut in 2018/2019 and members considered whether this amount should be used to bridge the gap or taken from reserves to protect the extra cut given the milder conditions. Members felt it was important for the Parish Council to continue with the delivery of the urban grass cutting within the parish and an extra cut was vital given the mild conditions

during the winter months. It was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to continue with the procurement and delivery of urban grass cutting within the parish, to retain the additional cut for 2018/2019 and to bridge the gap from the Parish Council's General Reserves.

- 1801/12 **To receive Electoral Review of North Devon: Draft Recommendations**
Members considered the draft recommendations and no concerns were raised.

Cllr Wood declared a Personal Interest in the following Item.

- 1801/13 **To consider request to undertake works to trees in Griggs Field as per planning application 62094**
Members considered the request to undertake works to trees in Griggs Field as per planning application 62094 which stated coppicing of one Willow and one Elm tree. Members were concerned at the coppicing of the trees to ground level and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to refuse the request to coppice the trees. It was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for a site visit to be held with the applicants, the Clerk and Cllrs Wood, Cann and Mrs Kingdom to discuss the works and to delegate the decision to the Clerk in consultation with the working party meeting on site.

- 1801/14 **To consider the likely impact of Brexit on the Parish of Fremington** (item requested by Cllr Chalmers)
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item until the Parish Council knows what the Government's recommendations are and what Brexit involves.

- 1801/15 **To consider joining Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**
Members considered the correspondence from CPRE and although the Parish Council is supportive of its aspirations it did not feel it would be appropriate to join a pressure group. It was therefore **resolved**, with one vote against and two abstentions, not to join CPRE.

- 1801/16 **North Devon Council – Planning Appeal Decision**
The Planning Inspectorate has advised that the following Appeal has been DISMISSED:

Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/W/17/3177568

Appeal by: Mr K Moore

Application Ref: 61940

Proposal: A 2 bedroom bungalow with 2 parking spaces and turning area

Location: Land to the north of Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple

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

- 1801/17 **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

64009 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling

Location: 6 Deptford Villas, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr Brierley

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the design matching the existing.

64017 Proposal: Replacement of Velux window with dormer window
Location: 22 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Ms J Sweetman

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

64163 Proposal: Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation
Location: The Old Livery, Old School Lane, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Walker

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal recognising that this is a historic part of the village and as such respecting the character of the area and property.

64203 Proposal: Erection of 34 bungalows (12 affordable & 22 open market) & associated works
Location: 50 Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Evans

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL this would be an extension of urban development in open countryside, visually intrusive on the estuary, a departure from the emerging local plan and add to the traffic problems in the area.

64231 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 15 Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Blower

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL this would be over intensification of the site and out of keeping.

64234 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of one dwelling with integral garage together with erection of detached garage for existing dwelling (outline planning permission 62093)
Location: Land adjacent to 1 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Wantling

The Parish Council is concerned about the size of the proposal overwhelming the site.

64251 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 21 Potterswell, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Allin

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

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the following two item.

64259 Proposal: Erection of covered walkway & tranquillity area
Location: Longmead, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Huxtable

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



64305 Proposal: Demolition of one industrial building & erection of two industrial buildings (Block A comprising three industrial units & Block B comprising five industrial units)
Location: Freebird Estuary Business Park, Yelland Quay, West Yelland
Applicant/Agent: Mr Ellis

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the planning officers being satisfied that the proposal is an appropriate size.

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

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North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

61945 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Oak tree
Location: 12 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Arbmark Tree Care

62095 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Oak tree
Location: 13 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Arbmark Tree Care

62096 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Oak tree
Location: 14 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Arbmark Tree Care

62161 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Oak tree
Location: 10 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Evans

63020 Proposal: Application for approval of details in respect of discharge of conditions 8 (location of affordable housing), 13 (archaeology), 14 (phasing programme), 18 (drainage plan), 19 (sewer requisition) & 21 (geotechnical report) attached to outline planning consent 53881 (outline application for residential development comprising 350 dwellings, a primary school & associated public open space & infrastructure)
Location: Land west of Tews Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Cavanna Homes (South West) Ltd

63103 Proposal: 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: RGP Architects Ltd

63343 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of selective branch reduction of 2 Beech trees
Location: 1 Beech Park, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Wessex Tree Surgeons

- 63468 Proposal: Reserved matters application following outline planning consent 57663 & S73 permission 62914 (variation of conditions 4 (access) & 5 (development parameters) attached to planning permission 57663 to allow the substitution of plans 0692-PHL-01 rev E (access arrangement), 6525-00-022 (built land use plan), 6525-00-019 (illustrative masterplan) & 6252-00-028 (concept masterplan) with 16022-100-C (access arrangement), 1759-1022 (built land use plan) & 1759-1028 (indicative masterplan) (outline planning permission 57663 is for up to 135 dwellings plus infrastructure including the creation of a vehicular access to B3233, provision of open space, landscaping, allotments, ponds & other associated development – all matters reserved except access) in respect of erection of 135 dwellings, public open space, allotments, landscape planting, pedestrian, cycle & vehicular links & associated furniture together with discharge of conditions 1,5 & 6 (amended plans)
Location: Land adj B3233, West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: LCM Planning
- 63772 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: Rooks Nest Cottage, Rooks Nest, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Anglian Home Improvements – Miss E Cole
- 63818 Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area in respect of selective branch removal from Cherry (T1) and crown lifting and crown reduction of Sweet Chestnut (T2) and Turkey Oak (T3)
Location: North Farm, North Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Shaw
- 63964 Proposal: Change of use of first floor domestic dwelling to form extension to nursery together with erection of trellis above the existing wall & erection of covered walkway
Location: 1A Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs S Bongartz
- 63981 Proposal: Installation of a 3.75MW energy storage system & associated electrical infrastructure
Location: Philip Dennis Foodservice Ltd, Brannam Crescent, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Anesco Ltd
- 64029 Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use from offices (B1) to mixed use of offices (B1) & teaching classrooms (D1)
Location: Narita House, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: PWH Associates (Barnstaple) Ltd

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

- 63999 Proposal: Alterations to access, erection of carport together with alteration to dwelling
Location: Old School House, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Maria Bailey Planning

Cllr Wood informed members that in February 2017 he had asked to call in the planning applications relating to the trees at Brake Wood Close to be determined by the Planning Committee at NDC. He was not refused the request and understood that notice would not be issued until he had been advised further, all of a sudden a decision is notice is issued and he has still not had it confirmed whether or not the applications have been called into the planning committee.



Cllr Wood was not happy about the situation and felt he had been ignored as a District Councillor. Other District Councillors present advised Cllr Wood to pursue the matter with the Planning Manager and Chief Executive of the Council and felt that authority was being removed from Councillors. It was agreed to write to NDC to express concern at the situation.

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Councillors Questions

Cllr Cann asked if fellow Councillors shared his concern at the proposals for caravans on farm land in Combrew. Members were unaware of the proposals, Cllr Cann agreed to ascertain further information.

Cllr Turner asked if the policy changes in China would impact on North Devon. Cllr Cann explained the process involved in recycling locally and confirmed that the impact would be minimal due to the local processes.

Cllr Turner asked if the rubbish is still cleared from Instow Beach. Cllr Cann confirmed that to his knowledge the Parish Council still clear rubbish.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole asked if the Parish Council would write to Alison Diamond following notification of her retirement and express the view that it hopes the same amount of transparency and consultation will continue.

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Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Signed



Dated

5.2.18