Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council's Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Fremington Quay Cafe, Fremington Quay, Fremington

A site meeting with the Committee, members of the public and Tim Stapleton & Alistair Green, Stapleton Green Architects was held prior to the meeting opening at 7.50pm to look at the options that had been presented within the Master Plan.

Present: Cllrs F Biederman (Chairman), D Chalmers, R Cann and A Rennles
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
Tim Stapleton & Alistair Green, Stapleton Green Architects

15 members of the public

1807/23   **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs Miss L Goodger and B Sherborne and Cllr Mrs S Kingdom as substitute.

1807/24   **Declarations of interests**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest as a friend lives at the Quay.

Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest as Chairman of the Fremington Quay Environment Group.

1807/25   **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.

1807/26   **Chairman's Announcements**
None

1807/27   **Public Participation**
Residents raised concerns about the proposal to place 34 parking spaces outside of the properties on the Quay, the area is a "sheep paddock" that provides privacy to the houses and flood defences for the Quay there is also the discharge and soakaway underneath. The residents understood at the time of purchasing the houses that the paddock and fishermen's area were non-public areas and the paddock would be maintained and managed for the enhancement of the environment. The original development of the Quay said it was designed as a "clean project" with minimal parking provision, the Coastal Communities Economic Plan says that it would like to reduce car movements and encourage visitors by other means. Reducing the fishermen's area and making it difficult to access the far end of the Quay does not support objectives set out in a letter from the Economic Manager at the North Devon Council. Increasing car parking in the area does not support the Character Appraisal of the area which is also a Conservation Area and surrounded by SSSI. The residents also raised concerns about the traffic movements along a dangerous and narrow road. The residents felt that the original master plan for the Quay works and although it has its frustrations "it is not broken", there have not been any incidents on the Quay itself only on the road leading to the Quay. The residents felt that the plans to improve the parking are out of keeping and would be hard to enforce.

A resident asked if it would be possible for the public to park at Yelland Quay and walk to Fremington Quay.

A resident explained that the vegetation had become so overgrown along the road down to the Quay that it was difficult for vehicles to pass pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. He further explained that a light cut in the summer so as not to adversely affect the wildlife would help.

A member of the public explained that he had lived close to the Quay for some 25/26years and had written to the Council in 2001 following public consultations and meetings. A traffic count prior to the development indicated that there were around 8 traffic movements in and out of the Quay on a daily basis, it was anticipated that following the development this would increase to around 30 daily movements in and out of the site. Recently (in the last few years) he had undertaken his own traffic count which had shown around 500 vehicular movements in a day, he felt it had "runaway and was out of control". There are too many vehicles and an inadequate road, he felt that signage at the start of the road would be helpful (it was noted that DCC, as the Highway Authority, would not support further signage). Parking should be encouraged within the two laybys along the main road. Two cottages leading to Fremington Quay had previously applied for planning permission and one of the reasons for refusal was the impact on traffic going out onto the main road. It was noted that a motorcyclist was hit by a car coming out of the Quay Road and it resulted in serious injuries.

Concerns were raised about access for emergency vehicles and the speed that people drive along the road leading to Fremington Quay.

Overall, members of the public felt that the proposals should not be increasing the parking available but should be looking to discourage people from driving to the Quay and reducing the amount of vehicular movements.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest and suggested he organise a meeting between the residents and DCC to discuss the issues with the highway and byway.

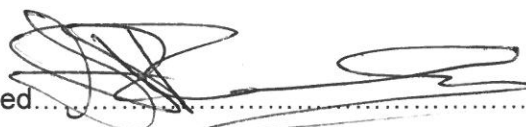| 1807/28	**To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2018 as a correct record**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.

1807/29	**To consider Fremington Quay Masterplan from Stapleton Green Architects following a site meeting at 7pm and prepare a recommendation for Full Council**

Cllr Cann was concerned about comments that had been made at a previous meeting by a resident and confirmed that he did not have a vendetta against the residents. He explained that he was instrumental in the re-development of the Quay which he was proud of and acknowledged that the scheme was designed for 20-30 vehicular movements. Cllr Cann proposed that in light of the representations made the item be deferred and the options for future management be reconsidered and other options examined before the Council proceeds any further, he believed there were alternative proposals that should be explored. Members supported and discussed the proposal and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that in light of the representations made at the meeting to defer consideration of the item to allow other options to be explored, these options should not look to necessarily increase the parking provision and should look to reduce the conflict on the Quay.

1807/30	**Close**

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Signed.. Dated 26/7/18