

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council's Tews Lane Committee
held on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 12pm
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs R Cann (Chairman), A Rennles, B Sherborne and P Thorn
Cllr Mrs J Flynn, NDC member
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
Mr Aaron Heighton, Barnstaple Youth Football Club and Mr Richard Sharples,
Barnstaple Football Club
- 1809/44 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs F Biederman and Mrs S Kingdom.
- 1809/45 **Declarations of interests**
None.
- 1809/46 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.
- 1809/47 **Chairman's Announcements**
None.
- 1809/48 **Public Participation Period**
None
- 1809/49 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 28th June 2018 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Cann duly signed the minutes.
- 1809/50 **To discuss and consider the ongoing vandalism and general condition of the site**
The Chairman reported that he had been called to the site several times over the last few months on one occasion travellers were trying to enter the site and the other times were due to vandalism of the site. It was noted that the vandalism was an ongoing issue and was a financial burden to both the Parish Council and Football Club. It was noted that the Football Club had carried out significant repairs to the dugouts over the summer months and they had suffered vandalism almost immediately.
- Members discussed the ongoing issues and felt most would be addressed with a planning consent for the completion of the pavilion and an onsite caretaker that would provide a deterrent to anti-social behaviour, there would also be secure storage for the football club. It was noted that there was a general misuse of the sporting site.
- Members discussed other short-term measures and it was agreed to investigate the possibility of moving the gates forward, or erecting a new fence and gate with just enough room for one vehicle to park and unlock to prevent casual parking within the site. It was felt that this would help to prevent some of the anti-social behaviour experienced.
- The Football Club explained that they had not played on site for some time last season due to the weather and pitch conditions and therefore no one was visiting site, when they were informed of damage to the dugouts they did attend site to repair. The Football Club offered to take the seats out of the damaged dugout as a trial to see if

this helps to reduce the anti-social behaviour it was agreed to trial.

- 1809/51 **To receive update on the works to the drainage system**
Members were informed that it might be that a new system using the Section 160 money available might be more cost effective and it was agreed to pursue a new surface water system for the pitches.
- 1809/52 **To receive update on request for land to facilitate development**
The Chairman reported that he had met with the developer and planning officer and in order to comply with the planning approval the developer requires part of the hedge. The Chairman sees this as a ransom strip and feels the Committee should get the most out of the situation, it had been muted that this could be in-kind by way of the developer undertaking the surface water or extension works rather than monetary which the Committee would be happy with and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to note the information.
- 1809/53 **To review hire charges**
It was noted that there were still issues with the surface water drainage and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer consideration of the hire charges until these issues have been resolved.
- 1809/54 **To consider draft budgets for 2019-2020**
Members were informed that the maintenance contract expires in December 2019 and therefore there will be three months out of contract and a slight increase had been allowed within the budget for this along with an increase in business rates. Members were further informed that the overall budget had remained the same as last year and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the draft budget.
- 1809/55 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.37pm.

Signed.....

Dated