

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, F Biederman, D Brailey, Mrs J Cann, R Cann, D Chalmers, I Crawford (from Minute No1811/06), Miss L Goodger, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, A Rennles and P Thorn
 Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

In Attendance:

Cllr Mrs Mackie, North Devon Council
 18 Members of the public

1811/01

Apologies

None.

1811/02

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1811/07 applications 65724 & 65723 as she teaches the applicant's children.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1811/22 as a member of the County Council and Item 1811/25 as Chairman of the Community Group.

1811/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed members that she would discuss the Strategic Review with members after the meeting.

1811/04

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).

1811/05

To receive a report from the Police/Councillor Advocate

The report was circulated and is attached as Appendix One. Cllr Chalmers reported that he was in discussions with the PCC Office and hoped the Cyber Crime presentation could be scheduled for the December meeting.

1811/06

Public Participation Period

A member of the public spoke on behalf of the applicant and in support of planning application 65724.

Cllr Crawford entered the meeting.

The member of the public explained that there are two certainties in life, you are born and you die, she explained that she had used Gayton's for over 40 years and had found them to be professional. She explained that they had outgrown their current premises and it makes sense to have all of the services in one place, a bigger facility was required due to the increase in population. She could see no issue with the proposed location although she would have an issue if it was a housing estate that was proposed.

A member of the public was concerned that the traffic survey was carried out in the wrong location outside of the Methodist Chapel and did not count those vehicles turning onto Mill Road so will not have counted all of the traffic travelling past the site. It is outside the Local Plan and agricultural land.

A member of the public explained that she was speaking on behalf of 16 households and the Save Fremington campaign. She explained that the proposal pushes the urban boundary out into the countryside and opens a gap between which will create infill up to the Gayton's site. She explained that there are conflicts with several policies and does not meet the definition of sustainability.

She raised traffic issues and the impact on the ecology of the site and explained that there are EU protected Horseshoe bats in this area.

She felt that the office could be separate to the rest of the facility and there was no need for the residential unit.

The applicant's builder explained some technical aspects of the application, he explained that the traffic counters were placed as requested by Devon County Council, the Highway Authority, and he believed this location was chosen because it is the narrowest point so the area most likely to experience conflict. He explained that the Local Plan talks about the protection and provision of essential services, however, there was no engagement during the process with funeral directors and the capacity. A small amendment has been made to the application to provide a bat friendly external lighting scheme.

Cllr Biederman proposed and it was unanimously agreed ~~with three votes against~~ to move item 18/11/07 application 65724 forward to this point. 

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the following item.

1811/07

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

65724 Proposal: Erection of one building to provide funeral parlour with associated offices, workshops & garaging together with erection of supervisory dwelling with detached garage
Location: Land adjacent to Fremington Cemetery, Old School Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: W S Gayton & Son Ltd

As the applicant is the Parish Council's Burial Superintendent it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to pass any comment and to forward the representations made at the meeting.

Cllr Ms Scott returned to the meeting and several members of the public left.

1811/08

To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018

Copies were circulated with the agenda.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 8th October 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1811/09

To receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings

- Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held 25th October 2018.



- Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held 25th October 2018.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee Meeting held 25th October 2018.

1811/10 **Highways issues – update**
None.

1811/11 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

-- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Old School Lane & road from Old School Lane to Lydacott Cross, Fremington, RO 24 Westaway on Old School Lane and SE for 370m down road from Old School Lane to Lydacott Cross, Fremington – Monday 21st January 2019 – 24th January 2019 inclusive, between the hours of 09.30 and 15.30

- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – A39 Bideford, Link road between Barnstaple and Bideford – 26th November to Friday 7 December 2018 between the hours of 18.30 and 07.00

- Email from NDC re Loans for Housing Repairs (Copy enclosed for Councillors)

- Email from DCC re Recycle Devon Thank You Awards 2019 (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)

- DALC Conference 3rd October 2018 – notes taken by Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole

- Living Options Devon – Time to Talk project launch (Copy enclosed for Councillors)

- Notification of adoption of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan

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

1811/12 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Mrs Mackie reported that the Local Plan had been adopted and gave an overview of the process. Cllr Mrs Mackie reported that there would shortly be a consultation on parish boundaries but this did not affect Fremington Parish at this time, she explained that there would be a Healthcare in North Devon meeting with Torridge and the North Devon District Councils and this week is responsible gambling week. Cllr Mrs Mackie further reported that there would be a Purple Tuesday which aimed to raise awareness about making shops and retail more accessible.

Cllr Cann reported that he was "delighted" that the Local Plan had finally been adopted.

Cllr Brailey was also pleased that the Local Plan had been adopted and expressed the difficulty in preventing developers prior to the five year land supply. Cllr Brailey reported that he had met with the CEO of the RD&E, North Devon Hospital Trust to discuss the way forward for the hospital and to remind her of the importance of the hospital to the area, he explained that there are two issues the first being funding and the second a lack of doctors which is a worldwide issue.

Cllr Biederman explained that keeping the five year land supply could be a challenge and explained the budget pressures on the County Council especially in children's services with an increase in demand. He explained that DCC was proposing to stop all attendance at conferences to cut costs. Cllr Biederman reported that there would be a trial of traffic lights on the Cedars Roundabout in January and he had raised speeding along the B3233 with HATOC.

Cllr Mrs Kingdom asked if the traffic lights would only be for the morning rush hour, Cllr Biederman thought so but would clarify.

- 1811/13 **To consider variation of Standing Order 32.C.iv for the tender process for the Replacement of the Beechfield Centre Project, to enable the Services Officer to open the tenders after the stated closing date and time, with at least one member of the Council, in the absence of the Proper Officer**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the above variation to Standing Order 32.C.iv for the tender process for the replacement of the Beechfield Centre.

- 1811/14 **To note resignation from Cllr B Sherborne**

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

- 1811/15 **To appoint one member to the Tews Lane Committee and substitute if required**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Crawford.

- 1811/16 **To appoint one member to the Fremington Quay Management Committee and substitute if required**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Thorn.

- 1811/17 **To appoint substitute member for the Parks and Playing Fields Committee**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Thorn.

- 1811/18 **To consider the impact of the lights on the Multi Use Games Area on Riverside Park following the switch on**

Cllr Mrs Cann reported that she had attended along with Cllr Chalmers and they noted that the lights were pointing down and did not feel they would interfere with residents.

Cllr Cann felt it was inappropriate to have the lights in such close proximity.

Cllr Biederman explained that the shadowing reached to the other side of the road but was no worse than the street lighting.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and five abstentions, that the lighting is acceptable.

- 1811/19 **To consider Polling District Review**

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

- 1811/20 **To consider quotations for the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Rennles reported that he had been in discussions with consultants to take the plan forward to a draft by the end of April, one company did not have the capacity to provide a quotation. Planning Partnership Ltd had provided a day rate cost and could complete within the timescale but had not given an indication of total cost or amount of days required. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to obtain a detailed quotation from Planning Partnership Ltd to undertake the work.

1811/21 **To consider Street Naming and Numbering of 29 new commercial units at Roundswell Business Park**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to propose Centenary Park to commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War One.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal interest in the following item.

1811/22 **To consider DCC's Traffic Speeding and Highways Gritting Survey**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate a response to the Clerk in consultation with a Working Party of Cllrs Mrs Kingdom, Rennles and Mrs McCormack-Hole.

1811/23 **North Devon Council – Planning Applications**

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65393 Proposal: Demolition of one dwelling & erection of two flats
Location: 35 Crosslands, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: North Devon Homes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the adjoining property.

It was noted that the following application had been withdrawn.

65550 Proposal: Conversion of loft to additional living space together with installation of roof lights
Location: Skerryvore, Hill Top, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Worsey

65593 Proposal: Alteration to front elevation of retail terrace
Location: Roundswell Retail Park, John Penrose Road, Roundswell
Applicant/Agent: Canada Life Investments

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

65646 Proposal: Extensions & alterations to dwelling
Location: 19 Hele Rise, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Smale

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle and subject to the proposal not being over intensification of the site, of a suitable design and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

65650 Proposal: Erection of single storey rear and side extension (amended description)
Location: 2 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Shaddick & Miss Ratcliffe

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the setting of the Pill or over intensification of the site.

65723 Proposal: Demolition of funeral home & associated buildings together with erection of three dwellings
Location: Lauderdale, Hopperstyle, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: W S Gayton & Son Ltd

As the applicant is the Parish Council's Burial Superintendent It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to pass any comment.

65730 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction of No1.Ash tree
Location: Ellerslie Playing Field, Ellerslie Road, Sticklepath
Applicant/Agent: North Devon Council

It was noted that the Parish Council leases the land from the North Devon Council and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL

1811/24

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

62659 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 8 (affordable housing), 14 (surface water), 16 (flood risk area), 19 (sewerage), 34 (landscaping/public open space/biodiversity), 38 (public open space), 40 (footpath Link), 44 (landscaping management plan), 45 (highways) attached to planning permission 53881
Location: Land at Tews lane, Bickington
Applicant/Agent: Ian Jewson Planning Ltd

65102 Proposal: Subdivision of one dwelling to form two dwellings
Location: 31 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D Chapple

65396 Proposal: Extension to dwelling together with conversion to form 2 No.dwellings
Location: 1 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J Architectural Services

65230 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 62963 (extension & alterations to dwelling) to allow a change in the slate material
Location: 29 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd

65498 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & creation of additional parking
Location: 5 Parklands, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

To note that the following application has been REFUSED:

65379 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & erection of annexe with link to main dwelling together with erection of garage/storage
Location: Rookabear Cottage, Lydacott, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Thomas Custom Architectural Services

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

1811/25

Councillors Questions

Cllr Adams asked if it had been investigated for the traffic lights on Church Hill and Higher Road to operate only during busy periods. Cllr Biederman explained that they were installed for safety reasons.

Cllr Crawford explained that he had received a complaint that mobility scooters cannot access the pavements around Roundswell, Cllr Biederman explained that if he is made aware of the areas he will investigate.

Cllr Groves asked if Cllr Crawford had requested the issue of public transport to be placed on the Agenda following the previous meeting. It was noted no request had been received.

Cllr Ms Scott asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to those volunteers involved in the Centenary celebrations, and the making of the poppies, she explained that she had received positive feedback from residents and thanked the Council personally for supporting. Cllr Biederman declared an interest.

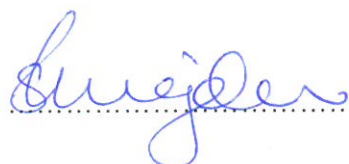
Cllr Biederman explained that Cllr Groves had organised a tidy up event and the Community Group had agreed to support an ongoing group which would meet on the first Saturday of each month on the Village Green. Cllr Biederman explained that over 3,000 poppies had been knitted and the people that knitted the poppies should be thanked.

1811/26

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed



Dated

