

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs Miss L Goodger (Chairman), S Adams, F Biederman, Mrs J Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs S Kingdom and A Rennles
- Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
- 1901/50 **Apologies for Absence**
None.
- 1901/51 **Declarations of interests**
Cllr Mrs Cann declared a Personal Interest in item 1901/41 as one of the contractors is a family member.
- 190152 **To agree the agenda as published**
Agreed.
- 1901/53 **Chairman's Announcements**
Members were informed that the Architect would be meeting with the contractor next week to agree a revised price for the Beechfield Centre following the cost saving exercise and agree the contract.
- 1901/54 **Public Participation Period**
None.
- 1901/55 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 29th November 2018 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Miss Goodger duly signed the minutes.
- 1901/56 **To consider works and associated quotations to drainage ditch in Griggs Field and to the rear of Griggs Gardens**
Members were informed that the drainage ditch to the rear of Griggs Gardens in Griggs Field would require clearance works in the near future. The hedgerow is covered by a Tree Preservation Order and a planning application has been submitted to allow the removal of vegetation as required to ensure the free flow of the ditch, funds have been identified and allocated to an EMR for the pathways and drains in Griggs Field for the end of March 2019 and quotations had been received for the works from D J Tucker, Evergreen, Arbmark and Tarka Tree Care. The lowest quotation was received from Tarka Tree Care and the Clerk had met with the contractor on site to discuss the required works. It was therefore, **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention from Cllr Mrs Cann, to accept the quotation from Tarka Tree Care to clear the ditch at the rear of Griggs Gardens.
- 1901/57 **To receive information on the authorisation of felling of trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in the Leat Meadow Nature Reserve**
Members were informed that trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) had been felled without permission of planning approval and the wood from the trees removed from site. The matter had been reported to Planning Enforcement and the Countryside and Landscape Officer had visited the site and met with the adjacent landowner who appeared to be responsible for breaching the TPO and the theft of Council property. The Countryside and Landscape Officer was content that the amenity value of the trees was low and had discussed the situation in depth with the adjacent landowner explaining the consequences of their actions. The Countryside and

Landscape Officer would be writing to the adjacent landowner to confirm the inspection and discussion and had suggested that the Parish Council also write to the adjacent landowner stating that they are to cease entering the Council's land, and to remove all their property and debris from the Council's land. It was noted that an access point had been created by the Nature Reserve Management Group (with permission from the adjacent landowner) to obtain access to the rear of the site, removing this access point was also discussed.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the adjacent landowner following the advice of the Countryside and Landscape Officer and to write to the Management Group stating that if they are happy the Parish Council will remove the access point.

1901/58 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 items as they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information.

PART B

1901/59 **To consider commencing negotiations with the landowner on the renewal of the lease for the Muddlebridge Allotment Site**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to enter into negotiations with the landowner on the renewal of the lease for the Muddlebridge Allotment Site.

1901/60 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Signed.....

Dated

