

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

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

In Attendance:

4 Members of the public

1902/08

Apologies

Cllr D Brailey and K Groves.

1902/09

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal Interest in Item 1902/23 application 66091 as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr Mrs Cann declared a Personal Interest in Item 1902/23 application 66091 as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr Chalmers declared a Personal Interest in Item 1902/23 application 66091 as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr Thorne declared a Personal Interest in Item 1902/23 application 66091 as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1902/23 application 66056 as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 1902/22 as her parents live at the Quay.

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Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed members that Stagecoach had confirmed that the new location for the bus stops at the end of Lagoon View should be used and unfortunately they do not have any spare temporary bus stops available for use. Cllr Thorn informed members that the yellow bus stop markings had now been placed on the road.

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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).

1902/12

To receive a report from the Police/Councillor Advocate

A report was received and is attached as Appendix one. Cllr Chalmers informed members that he would be attending a meeting of the Councillor Advocates on the 14th February 2019 and would report back.

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Public Participation Period

A member of the public raised concerns about the obstruction(s) being caused along the pavement in Yelland Road as part of "The Green" development and the difficulties people are having, especially those with mobility issues, in being able to use the pavement on which the construction vehicles are parking. It was noted that Cllr Biederman and the Police were aware of the situation and the Police had issued several tickets for obstruction, the member of the public raised concerns about the danger this is still causing.

- 1902/14 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council Extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 30th January 2019**
Copies were circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th January 2019 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.
- 1902/15 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Footpaths Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31st January 2019
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Footpaths Committee held on Thursday 31st January 2019.
 - Parks & Playing Field Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31st January 2019
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Field Committee held on Thursday 31st January 2019.
 - Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31st January 2019
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 31st January 2019.
 - Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31st January 2019
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Thursday 31st January 2019.
- 1902/16 **Highway issues – update**
Cllr Biederman informed members that he had requested some scalplings from DCC for Griggs Field and the Clerk had provided a copy of the Parish Council's Exemption Licence which allowed use of the waste construction material.
- Members discussed the situation of the pavement along Yelland Road being obstructed, it was noted that it was a Police matter and it was agreed to invite the Police to the next meeting to discuss the issue and for Cllr Chalmers to raise at the Councillor Advocate meeting on the 14th February 2019.
- 1902/17 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- The NHS Long Term Plan – a summary (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
 - DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking – A3125 – road from Barnstaple Bypass to Old Bideford Road, Barnstaple, from Gratton Way to Old Bideford Road – Tuesday 5th March until Wednesday 6th March 2019
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1902/18 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Cann reported that NDC's Executive had met that morning and was recommending to Full Council that the Parish Grant is not cut this year or the other grants to organisations such as the AONB, Biosphere and Citizens Advice. Cllr Cann further reported that with the recycling programme being so successful some of the equipment is no longer fit for purpose and needs to be future proofed this would cost in the region of £700,000.
- 1902/19 **To consider wording for the signage for the Multi Use Games Area on Riverside Park**
Members considered the wording for the signage, members felt it should incorporate the RoSPA guidelines, Cllr Thorn stated that the wording should be more welcoming and advisory rather than using phrases such as "do not" and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate to the Clerk and to circulate the proposed wording amongst Councillors for comment.

- 1902/20 **To consider adoption of the Community Buildings, Sports Pitch and associated Car Parking on Riverside Park (former Army Camp Development Site)**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to adopt the Community Buildings, Sports Pitch and associated Car Parking on Riverside Park (former Army Camp Development Site).
- 1902/21 **To consider further representations on the Parish Council's boundaries to appropriate authorities** (item requested by Cllr Mrs Kingdom)
Cllr Mrs Kingdom explained the difficulties in being able to properly represent the constituents when the Parish Council is not included in consultations or kept informed of changes within the parish due to a lack of understanding where the parish boundary runs and asked for support in writing to relevant authorities to highlight the issue. Cllr Mrs Kingdom listed some examples of the issues with the most recent being the Section 10 consultation for the Tews Lane school which the Parish Council was not aware of and the Headteacher had written to all Barnstaple Town Councillors believing the school was within Barnstaple Town Council's boundaries. Cllr Cann did not feel that NDC had helped by showing the housing allocation for Roundswell in the Barnstaple chapter within the Local Plan when it lies in Fremington Parish. Members discussed ways in which to raise the profile of the Parish Council and an understanding amongst residents that they live within Fremington Parish and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the relevant authorities highlighting the issue, investigate the cost of a leaflet to be delivered to Woodville and Roundswell by Cllrs and to ask the Handyperson to check the Council's branding on areas and equipment it manages throughout the parish.
- 1902/22 **To receive and consider correspondence from Natural England on Coastal Access – Improvements to public access along the North Devon Coast between Combe Martin and Marsland Mouth**
The information was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest.

Members discussed the proposal to re-route the Coastal path at Fremington Quay which instead of following the shared road/footpath/cycleway past the front of the café to the car park at the northern end of the Quay it would follow the block paved path on the seaward edge of the Quay. Concerns were raised about the possible conflict this could cause with other uses and future uses at the Quay, it was also noted that 1m back from the Quay wall was retained by NDC. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to support the proposal to divert the Coastal path, the Parish Council would like to see the route remain as it is, if Natural England is minded to divert the route it should only be for pedestrians and not cyclists, it was further agreed to highlight that 1m back from the Quay wall is retained by NDC.
- 1902/23 **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

Cllr Biederman left the meeting.

66056 Proposal: Erection of dwelling
Location: 22 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Kevin Spencer

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to raise concerns that the proposed development site will have an adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties.

Cllr Biederman returned to the meeting.

66077 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Evergreen Oak
Location: Muddlebridge House, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Graham Macdonald

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

66082 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction of 1 Oak and 1 Beech tree
Location: 48 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Gavin Hendry

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Parish Council would only support this application if it was in the interest of good tree management or safety, the trees provide a valuable amenity within the woodland setting. The Parish Council would also raise concerns about the adverse impact that the structures around the trees might be having and the possibility that the Beech tree has been removed.

66091 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & mew boundary treatment
Location: 1 Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Walker

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and 5 abstentions, to recommend APPROVAL

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North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

65123 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 2 Ash trees and selective crown reduction of 1 Oak
Location: 91 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Tarka Tree Care

65646 Proposal: Extensions & alterations to dwelling
Location: 19 Hele Rise, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: CWS Property Services

65919 Proposal: Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) & 7 (landscaping) attached to planning permission 62750(reserved matters application in respect of erection of 2 dwellings with garages (outline approval 50083) to allow amended landscaping details & erection of garden shed (dwelling 01)
Location: Willow Cottage, Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: AB Landscape Design

To note that the following application has been WITHDRAWN:

65270 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & erection of new dwelling
(amended plans, shadow assessment & Certificate B)
Location: Land adjacent to Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Ros Raistrick

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

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Councillors Questions

Cllr Mrs Cann explained that the DCC bus shelters in Bickington had recently been cleaned, however, it was not good enough and they were still in a poor state especially the roofs. Cllr Biederman confirmed that he had arranged for the community pay back to clean and weed the shelters, however, they cannot go on top of the shelters he would progress the matter.

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Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed Dated

