

**Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, Mrs J Cann, D Chalmers, I Crawford, A Rennles and B Sherborne  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk  
Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

**In Attendance:**

8 Members of the public

1903/25 **Apologies**

Cllrs Miss L Goodger, Ms M Scott and P Thorn.

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**Declarations of Interest**

None.

1903/27 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that she had recently attended Mrs Gayton's funeral and a housing seminar.

1903/28 **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).

1903/29 **Public Participation Period**

Several members of the public raised objections to planning application 66229, the main concerns were traffic issues and it was felt that this site was still better placed for the school.

Members from Tawstock Parish Council expressed the need for a joint view and discussions on the overall traffic problem.

A member of the public raised concerns about the re-negotiation of the dog bin emptying contract and felt that member dog walkers could pay towards the facility. Concerns were expressed about what would happen without a provision of dog bins.

1903/30

**To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1903/31

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

- Parks & Playing Field Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

1903/32

**To receive notification from the Parish Council's Contractor to withdraw the dog fouling bin emptying service and consider the future provision of the Parish Council's dog fouling bins**

The information had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that this was not due to financial constraints, the contractor had given notification that it would cease trading from the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 due to the North Devon Council withdrawing

an historic agreement for the arrangements of the disposal of the waste. Members were informed that the Council had been unable to identify an alternative contractor to provide this service and it was stressed that as of the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there would not be any arrangements in place to empty the dog fouling bins.

Members were further informed that this arrangement effected all parish councils in the North Devon District area that provide dog bins, except for Combe Martin and Ilfracombe and the North Devon Council has confirmed that it does not have sufficient resources to undertake dog bin emptying on behalf of Parish Councils. The Parish Council has 35 dog bins throughout the parish, all of which are emptied twice a week as a minimum and some three times a week, unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the resources to bring the service in-house and therefore the only option is to remove the dog bins before or on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 whilst a long-term solution can be investigated.

Members were incredibly disappointed at the situation and the lack of support from the North Devon Council. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to take the matter to the press.

Members noted that the North Devon Council had said that dog waste could be disposed of through general waste and litter bins and, whilst it was not felt to be a favourable solution, the Parish Council would make members of the public aware that this is an option short-term.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that if no alternative can be identified prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Parish Council will have no choice other than to remove all of its dog bins within Fremington Parish which will be stored whilst a long-term solution is sought.

1903/33

**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*

66229 Proposal: Outline application for residential development & extra care housing (up to 50 residential units (C3 use) & up to 60 sheltered/extra care housing flats) (with some matters reserved)

Location: Land off Bideford Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Devon County Council

*Consulted as an adjoining Parish*

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the traffic assessment figures are over seven years old and must have increased significantly due to recent developments, there is no additional infrastructure to support the development, it was have a negative impact on the community including a severe impact on the highway network and traffic issues already experienced. Devon County Council has given priority to economic gain rather than the health and wellbeing of residents, the school would be better placed in this location and the Parish Council maintains its view that Devon County Council should reconsider this site for the provision of a school.

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**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.50pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....