

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday, 8th April 2019 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllr Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs J Cann, D Chalmers, S Adams, I Crawford, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, A Rennles, B Sherborne and P Thorn.

Mrs K Graddock (Parish Clerk)
Mrs E Badcock (Services Officer)
Mrs L Steer (Deputy Services Officer)

Also in attendance: 10 members of the public.

1904/01 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllrs Biederman, Brailey, Goodger and Groves.

1904/02 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs S Kingdom declared an interest in application 44971.

1904/03 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- Mrs Kate Graddock was welcomed as the cover Parish Clerk to Fremington Parish Council.
- The dog bins have not been removed and are staying in situ for the next month following a trial period with the Council's contractor. However, an email was received on the day of the meeting from North Devon Council expressing that there may be a possibility to buy into a service from the District Council in the near future.
- Stagecoach held a consultation which only 4 councillors from the area attended. The event was poorly communicated and it was felt that this would not constitute as a consultation on proposed changes to the routes.
- Councillors were thanked for hard work and commitment over the past 4 years. The Council has completed and moved forward with many projects.

1904/04 **To agree Agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree the Agenda between Part A and Part B.

(NC)

1904/05 **Police reports**
None received.

1904/06 **Public Participation**

A member of the public was concerned over the lack of police reports and the inclusion of some hate crimes that were suffered in the Parish.

A representative from the Roundswell Residents Association spoke on application 66450. They mentioned that the latest traffic assessment says there has been no significant traffic changes, however, there has been over

700 homes built causing severe delays to the area. The Residents Group is worried about the health and wellbeing of the community as it can take over an hour to get to Cedars roundabout and the traffic is having an adverse impact on the community. They asked for Cllr Biederman to support calling in the application.

A resident reported that the pelican crossing and traffic lights are facing right into the living room of their property. They further reported that the traffic lights have been moved down slightly but further action needs to be sought to alleviate the issue. They stated that if something is not done, they will look at completing something personally. The lights and crossing increase the noise pollution in the area and the majority of residents feel that the traffic lights are not needed.

District Councillor Mrs Mackie reported on application 66284. She reported that a representative of David Wilson, Cllr Biederman and a North Devon Council Officer established on a site meeting before the proposal that the distance between the buildings (to the right of the development) and the garden boundaries would be between 15 - 16 metres. The proposed garages as per application would be between 6.5 - 8 metres from the back of the gardens. She informed members that the Planning Inspector confirmed that the distance separating the properties and the buildings must be considered and it was agreed that the distance would be a good length. She asked members to consider material considerations for the application.

A resident and member of The North Devon Public Users Group stated that Devon County Council has had a policy where there is a tier of priority to follow for road uses. They asked Fremington Parish Council whether the priority tier is considered and adopted to Parish Council level.

1904/07 **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th March 2019** Minutes from the meeting of 19th March 2019 were circulated to members prior to the meeting and it was

RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

(NC)

1904/08 **To receive and ratify decisions therein, the minutes of the following committee meetings:**

Finance and Personnel

RESOLVED to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday, 28th March 2019.

(NC)

1904/09 **Highways – update**

None received.

1904/10 **Matters to note**

- Report on meeting with North Devon Transport Users held on 1st March 2019 (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking – B3233 Church Hill, Fremington, B3233 Higher Road junction to junction with Redlands Road – 17th to 19th April 2019 inclusive
- NDC – Certificate of Lawfulness – Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed extension to dwelling at 26 Sea King Close, Bickington, Barnstaple
- NDC – Certificate of Lawfulness – Application for a lawful development certificate for the proposed siting of twin unit mobile home in rear garden to be used as ancillary living accommodation at 73 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

RESOLVED that the following items were noted for information.

(NC)

- 1904/11 **County and District Councillor reports**
 Cllr Mrs Cann reported to members that there have been some issues of road closures in the Parish, particularly the closure in place for Cedars roundabout to Fremington.

 Cllr Mackie reported that North Devon Council's Leisure Centre application has been successful in being awarded two grants towards the costs.
- 1904/12 **Black granite cover slab**
 Members were informed that the black granite cover slab had already been placed without permission from the Council.
RESOLVED that the application is accepted, however, the Clerk writes to the installer to inform them that the correct procedure must be followed with no exceptions.
 (9.1abs)
- 1904/13 **Neighbourhood Plan**
 Notes from the meetings of 19th February 2019 and 11th March 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Rennles stated that there should be content available for the Parish on around the 23rd May.
RESOLVED that the notes are received and noted.
 (NC)
- 1904/14 **Hire of Fremington Quay**
RESOLVED that the request for the hire of Fremington Quay for the Nightwalk on 18th May 2019 be approved subject to the Risk Assessment and Public Liability being received.
 (NC)
- 1904/15 **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
- ***Councillor Mrs S Kingdom declared an interest in the following application ***
- 44971 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of 50 flats & 21 houses together with landscaping & related infrastructure works (outline planning permission 44195) (amended scheme) (amended description) (amended plans)
 Location: Land at Rolle Quay (former Gliddon & Squire site), Mill Road, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED however, there are concerns regarding the access points on Mill Road.
 (9.1abs)
- 66284 Proposal: Erection of garages on Plots 33, 35, 36 & 37
 Location: Land adjacent B3233, West Yelland, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is REFUSED on the size and position of the garages as it will have an impact on neighbouring properties. As already commented on by the Planning Inspectorate, the distance between the buildings and garages needs to be considered.
 (NC)

66345 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 23 Seaking Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED.
(NC)

66346 Proposal: Demolition of conservatory & erection of single storey extension
Location: 28 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED.
(NC)

66354 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown lifting and selective radical crown reduction of 4 Oak trees
Location: Land to the rear of Park Avenue (Anchorwood), Sticklepath, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED.
(NC)

*** Councillor Ms M Scott left the meeting. ***

66359 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & erection of double garage
Location: 25 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED subject to the building being in keeping to other properties in the area. There were concerns over the size of the double garage compared to the size of the property.
(NC)

*** Councillor Ms M Scott returned to the meeting. ***

66389 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 58335 (residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units) and associated infrastructure) to allow a change of design
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED.
(NC)

66429 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: Roundhayes, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED.
(NC)

66450 Proposal: Reserved matters application for primary school (outline planning permission 53881)
Location: Land west of Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Cann is asked to call in the application.
(NC)

1904/16

Devon County Council – Planning Decision

Devon County Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following Application:

County Matter Planning Application

North Devon Council: Variation of Condition 5 of planning permission DCC/3951/2017 for Waste Transfer Station including a waste transfer hall, single weighbridge office and welfare facilities building including staff parking and external weighbridge, internal access road, new access from the existing highway, drainage, lighting and landscaping

Location: Brynsworthy Waste Transfer Station, Roundswell, Barnstaple

RESOLVED that the information is noted.
(NC)

1804/17

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

- 65147 Proposal: Application to vary of the Section 106 agreement attached to planning permission 57663 in relation to the provision of affordable housing (amended description)
Location: Land adjacent to the B3233 West Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Michelmores
- 65859 Proposal: Change of use of ground floor from dental surgery (use Class D1) to day nursery (use Class D1) together with conversion of upper floors & loft to form one flat
Location: Skerryvore (Fremington Dental Surgery), Hill Top, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Wilson Architecture
- 66091 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & new boundary treatment
Location: 1 Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services
- 66203 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown lifting of Holm Oak trees (G1)
Location: Wisteria Lodge, Pottery Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Hi-Line SW Ltd
- 66205 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 6 (landscaping) attached to planning permission 63279 (erection of dwelling) (amended plans)
Location: 41 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr W Bonds, Robin Bonds Building Contractors Ltd
- 66259 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 63279 (erection of dwelling) in respect of changing the windows & fascia boards from stained timber to white UPVC
Location: Land adjacent to 41 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Robin Bonds Building Contractors Ltd
- 66289 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 63468 (reserved matters application following outline planning consent 57663 & S73 permission 62914 (variation of conditions 4 (access) & 5 (development parameters) attached to planning permission 57663 to allow the substitution of plans 0692-PHL-01 Rev E (access arrangement), 6525-00-022 (built land use plan), 6525-00-019 (illustrative masterplan) & 6252-00-028 (concept masterplan) with 16022-100-C (access arrangement), 1759-1022 (built land use plan) & 1759-1028 (indicative masterplan) (outline planning permission 57663 is for up to 135 dwellings plus infrastructure including the creation of a vehicular access to B3233, provision of open space, landscaping, allotments, ponds & other associated development – all matters reserved except access) in respect of erection of 135 dwellings, public open space, allotments, landscape planning, pedestrian, cycle & vehicular links & associated furniture together with discharge of conditions 1, 5 & 6) in respect of change to hipped roof design on certain plots
Location: Land adj B3233, West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Miss Georgia Brierley

66296 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of selective branch reduction of 1 No.Oak
Location: Land adjacent 60 Sampsons Plantation, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs M Benson, Taw Vale Quay Residents Management Co

66319 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 64987 (variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 64535 (demolition of existing & erection of new community building with Parish Council Offices) to allow a variation of design) in respect of reduction in footprint
Location: Beechfield centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

66391 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 4 (drainage) attached to planning permission 64987 (which amended 63535) demolition of existing & erection of new community building with Parish Council offices
Location: Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(NC)

1904/18

Councillors questions

Cllr Chalmers expressed his thanks to his colleagues for the support over the past four years. Cllr Mrs S Kingdom thanked Cllr Chalmers for his commitment to Fremington Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole thanked Cllr Chalmers for his input and getting the voice of Fremington Parish Council heard. She also reported that the main road through Fremington has been a nightmare. There has been a vast lack of information and communication from Devon County Council regarding the closing and opening hours of the road and that businesses are unhappy as their income has been dramatically affected.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Devon County Council for more clarification on the road closure and to raise concerns regarding the lack of communication and information for residents/tourists and businesses.

(NC)

Cllr Ms M Scott reported that lorries are using the road up from the New Inn to cut across as they are trying to avoid the closure. Lorries are getting stuck and both entrances on Old Bideford Road have been blocked a number of times. She advised members that there seems to be no visible diversions in place for the road closure.

Cllr P Thorn expressed concerns over the Police reports and felt that there should be more information and statistics of what has been happening in the Parish. Members felt the reports needed to be more comprehensive as there are serious crimes being logged but not reported to the Council in the Police reports.

RESOLVED that Cllr Chalmers and the Clerk write a letter regarding concerns over the lack of information from the Police.

(NC)

1904/19

Part B – Exclusion of Press and Public

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 likely disclosure of confidential information.

(NC)

*** The members of the public left the meeting. ***

1904/20 **Strategic Review**

*** Cllr Ms M Scott left the meeting at 7.59pm. ***

Members were circulated a draft of the Strategic Review.

RESOLVED that the document is not accepted and the Clerk contacts LGRC to raise concerns and to ensure that the Council's original aims for the review are addressed.
(NC)

0804/21 **Close**

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Signed.....  Dated..... 13.5.19