

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday, 3rd June 2019 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington.**

Present: Cllr Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman)
Cllrs S Adams, F Biederman, J Bell, Mrs J Cann, I Capon, C Connell,
I Crawford, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, Ms M Scott, B Hockin and B
Sherborne

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock (Parish Clerk/RFO), Mrs E Badcock (Services
Officer), and 3 members of the public.

1906/01 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr Ms E
Stevenson.

1906/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr I Capon declared an interest in item 13 of the Agenda (Co-option of Cllr) as he is
related to one of the applicants.

1906/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman made the following announcements:

- An update on the kissing gate at the Army Camp.
- Cllr S Adams was unable to attend the DALC meeting and she asked any
Councillor able to attend to let the Clerk know.
- Councillor email addresses are now set up, information is available to all
councillors and each councillor was asked to set up their emails by 1st July 2019,
when all correspondence would be sent via email.
- Ins. Toby Davies would be attending a Full Council meeting in October with
regards to Police and Parish contact.
- An update on the planning application at Tews Lane School.

1906/04 **To agree Agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**
RESOLVED: to agree the Agenda between Part A and Part B.

(NC)

1906/05 **Police Report**
PC Lucy Robinson was due to attend the meeting but was not in attendance.

Members raised concerns over the parking at Chilpark and the site entrance to The
Green. There has been several occasions when disability scooters and pedestrians
are having to use the road because of poorly parking vehicles.

RESOLVED: The Clerk report the matter to the Police for possible enforcement
action.

(NC)

1906/06 **Public Participation**
A member of the public raised a concern over the kissing gate at the Army Camp and
that Devon County Council are stopping differently abled people using the Tarka Trail
and areas within the community because you are unable to get a buggy or a mobility
scooter or wheelchair through the gate.

A member of the public spoke on application 66565 and asked the Parish Council to
consider rejecting this application as it relates back to application 65270, which was
recommended for refusal by the Parish Council.

A member of the public spoke on application 66643. They identified to members that the application was to include 2 parking spaces which were negotiated out at the planning process however, subsequently discussions with North Devon Council have taken place and the application is submitted as it would be beneficial for all.

1906/07

Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th May 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

(NC)

1906/08

Committee minutes**a) Parks and Playing Fields**

RESOLVED to receive and adopt the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday, 30th May 2019.

(NC)

b) Finance and Personnel

RESOLVED to receive and adopt the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday, 30th May 2019.

(NC)

c) Tews Lane

RESOLVED to receive and adopt the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Thursday, 30th May 2019.

(NC)

d) Fremington Quay Management Committee

Further to min no: 1905/84 it was reported that the occupants have a dog that is leaving mess in the area.

RESOLVED to receive and adopt the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday, 30th May 2019

(NC)

1906/09

Highways

Cllr Biederman informed members that there is a reporting tool for highways issues on the Devon County Council website. The Clerk said that she would place the link on the Parish Council's website and social media pages.

1906/10

County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Biederman reported that he has been elected as the Chairman of North Devon Council and now sits on the Police and Crime Commission Committee. He and Cllr Mrs J Mackie has a meeting with officers regarding the 121 list, which feeds into the Section 106 agreements. He further reported that he would be looking to put forward better access to the Tarka Trail.

Cllr Mrs J Cann reported that there are 3 new ward members for Bickington and they are beginning to look at the 106 money and possible projects to take place, however, councillors are still in the induction days.

Cllr Mrs J Mackie reported that North Devon Council are promoting the Nature Needs You Campaign, which encourages open spaces to be more wildlife friendly.

She further reported that there have been phonecall scams in the area of people reporting to be from North Devon Council saying that the person is due for a refund. She confirmed that North Devon Council would never ring you, it would also be written communication if an issue like that arose.

Cllr Ms H Walker reported that the North Devon Council Councillor grants are now open for applications.

Cllr J Mathews explained to members that part of his Devon County Councillor area covers Fremington Parish and that he had been elected as the Chairman of Devon County Council.

There are many matters being considered at other parish councils and in particular Tews Lane and Old Bideford Road developments and encouraged Fremington Parish Council to work closely with Tawstock Parish Council. Cllr Mrs J Cann agreed to look at the Old Bideford Road application. Cllr I Capon agreed that partnership working and a link between Tawstock and Fremington is important.

He further reported that one of the main issues at present is the roundabout near to the petrol station at Sticklepath. It gets easily blocked and can cause congestion back towards Fremington. Also that areas within Fremington including Lynhurst Avenue are being resurfaced and the pavements are being renewed along Beechfield and Dracaena Avenue.

Cllr Rennles stated that he has asked two district councillors to call in the application in relation to Grange Avenue – the original school site at Roundswell and has requested that Tawstock and Barnstaple Town Councils meet with developers.

1906/11

Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Members were circulated the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018/19 prior to the meeting.

a) Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 be received and approved.

(NC)

b) Accounting Statements and Internal Auditors Report

RESOLVED: That the Accounting Statements and Internal Auditors Report be received and approved.

(NC)

c) Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018/19 be received and approved and submitted to PKJ Littlejohns for review.

(NC)

1906/12

Notice board

Members considered the purchasing of a notice board for Yelland to try and integrate them into Fremington, more than it is at present. Some of the residents at Yelland felt that they were not part of the community. A quotation for a notice board (£620.00 + installation) was received and a possible location of the Tarka Ridge development was discussed. There was some concern over the proposed location.

Cllr Mrs J Mackie agreed to contribute £200.00 from her Councillor budget.
Cllr F Biederman agreed to contribute £200 from his Councillor budget.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the developer to ask for financial help with the purchase and/or installation of the noticeboard at the Tarka Ridge Development but Fremington Parish Council agree to the request in principle.

(NC)

*** Cllr I Capon declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting. ***

1906/13 **Co-option – Maple Ward**

Members were circulated two applications for the Councillor post of Maple Ward, prior to the meeting. These were from:

Mrs Lorraine Capon
Mr Kelvin Groves

Members **RESOLVED:** That the voting would take place by secret ballot.

(NC)

Each applicant gave a brief presentation to meetings and were asked the same questions by members. Voting slips were issued to all Councillors and the vote was as follows:

Mrs Lorraine Capon 4
Mr Kelvin Groves 8

RESOLVED: To co-opt Mr Kelvin Groves to Fremington – Maple Ward. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and Cllr Kelvin Groves took his place at the Council table.

(NC)

*** Cllr I Capon returned to the meeting. ***

1906/14 **Suspension of Standing Orders**

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders to allow a discussion with PC Lucy Robinson.

(NC)

1906/15 **Police Report**

PC Lucy Robinson apologised for attending later than expected but was called to an emergency. She explained that there had been discussions with regards to the police reports submitted to meetings and explained that it was not always possible to have a presence due to the number of officers now available and the need to be responsive to situations.

Some members felt that the reports should include everything that happens within the community, however, PC Robinson replied that she attended a meeting in the past where members felt that they didn't need to know all crimes committed. She also reported that they might not represent a true indication as it is difficult to break them down into specific categories.

Members expressed their concerns over the parking at Chilpark and questions were considered on what involvement the Police can have.

RESOLVED: That the Council thank PC Lucy Robinson for attending and the Clerk write a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing the concerns over the level of Police Officers and the importance of the Police and Parish Councils working together and that there is a need for a dialogue line between the two parties.

(NC)

Standing Orders were reinstated.

1906/16

Street Naming

Members were submitted a request, prior to the meeting for the naming of a new development near to Gibbs Plantation.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council suggests the name of 'Gibbs Plantation'.

(NC)

1906/17

Let's Talk Fremington

Members considered funding a 46 week programme with Clarity, a Barnstaple based mental health charity which offers a range of counselling and group therapy to people experiencing mental health or emotional issues. Over 85% of their clients come via statutory services such as GP's, psychiatrists, mental health teams and the Depression and Anxiety Service (DAS), however, they receive no funding from these services and rely on grants, donations and fundraising to maintain the service.

The programme would be line with the Council's Strategic Review, which clearly demonstrates a need and desire to help tackle this issue in the community.

Members felt the group would be a great addition to the community and would be a proactive and innovative step in helping to provide a mental health offering in the community.

Devon County Councillors and North Devon Councillors said there were some concerns over the level of funding being asked for and that the project would be run by Fremington Parish Council but funded by other authorities. The Clerk replied that Fremington Parish Council would need to commit to funding and support for the programme and that county and district councillors are purely asked to commit a 'donation' amount to the scheme, not the full cost.

RESOLVED:

1. That Fremington Parish Council fund and support a 46 week Let's Talk Fremington Group in line with the opening of The Beechfield Centre.
2. That Clarity are authorised to use the meeting room in the Beechfield Centre for the group for a regular 2 hours per week.

(NC)

1906/18

Election of County Committee 2019/23 – DALC

Information from the Devon Association of Local Councils regarding the nominations for the DALC County Committee was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole be nominated by Fremington Parish Council.

(NC)

1906/19

North Devon Council – Planning Applications

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, 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.



- a) **65724** Proposal: Erection of one building to provide funeral parlour with associated offices, workshops & garaging together with erection of supervisory dwelling with detached garage and solar array (amended description, plans & supporting documents)
Location: Land adjacent to Fremington Cemetery, Old School Lane, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: W S Gayton & Son
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council cannot comment on the application as they are the Burial Authority and the applicant is the Burial Superintendent.
(NC)

- b) **66522** Proposal: Erection of 2 dwellings
Location: Hollybrook, Old Bideford Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Sparkes

Cllr Biederman proposed a recommendation for refusal on grounds of access and safety concerns from Old Bideford Road and that it will be over intensive on site.

Cllr Rennles proposed a recommendation for approval however, concerns over the access to the properties and would ask for a Highways Assessment and evaluation. On being put to the vote (4.7.1abs) the amendment was lost, therefore the proposal from Cllr Biederman became the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED: that refusal is recommended on grounds of access and safety concerns from Old Bideford Road and that it will be over intensive on site.
(7.4.1abs)

*** Cllrs F Biederman and Ms M Scott declared an interest as an objector is known to them. ***

- c) **66565** Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & erection of one new dwelling
Location: Land adjacent to 1 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Gillett
RESOLVED: that the application is recommended for refusal due to access on the site and the original concerns still stand. It will be over intensive and has no public benefit.
(11.1abs)

- d) **66619** Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 6 Wester-Moor Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Colwill
RESOLVED: That the application is approved subject to the design being in keeping with the locality.
(NC)

- e) **66643** Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 63135 (erection of 21 dwellings together with associated roads, drainage, garages, parking & landscaping) to allow for improvement to on-site parking provision
Location: Land formerly occupied by Oakwell House Residential Home, Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Biddle, Baker Estates Ltd
RESOLVED: That the application is approved subject to a request for two trees being replanted for the removal of one, as this would alleviate less impact on the development.
(11.1abs)

- f) **66649** Proposal: Removal of detached garage & erection of attached garage
Location: 83 Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Woolaway
RESOLVED: That the application is approved subject to no adverse impact on neighbouring properties.

(NC)

- g) **66685** Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 8 Manor Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Hockridge

A proposal was submitted that the application is recommended for refusal due to over intensification of the site. No seconder was received.

RESOLVED: That the application is approved.

(11.1.abs)

- h) **66690** Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 34 Lagoon View, West Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs K Yelder
RESOLVED: That the application is recommended for refusal on the impact of the scale of the building and it will have an extreme adverse effect on neighbouring properties and the site will be over intensive.

(11.1)

1906/20

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, APPROVED the following application:

- a) **66359** Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & erection of double garage
Location: 25 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Prowse

To note that the following application has been WITHDRAWN and will no longer be considered:

- b) **66521** Proposal: Demolition of extension & erection of single storey rear extensions
Location: Meadowbank, Pottery Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(NC)

1906/21

Councillors questions

Dog bins

Members asked about the dog bin proposals and whether a firm response had been received from North Devon Council. The Clerk replied that the Council had submitted their expression of interest in the service and was required to fill out a firm proposal form for consideration for the service to be implanted on 1st July 2019.

Cllr Capon reported that he had complaints that some dog bins were overflowing. The Clerk asked Mr Capon to pass onto the complainants that they should report this direct to the office to ensure any overflowing dog bin is dealt with immediately.



Wildlife Forum

Cllr Bell asked to attend the Wildlife Forum at Chagford with his spouse. Members agreed for him to attend but his spouse could not represent Fremington Parish Council.

Planning Training

Members thanked the Clerk for organising the Planning training session that was held on Saturday, 1st June. It was well received and feedback suggests a follow up session should be sought.

Councillor name signs

Members asked the Clerk for new name signs that did not display the marital position of councillors. She replied that she would action this and members agreed to have full names on each sign.

One Barnstaple

Cllr McCormack-Hole reported that the One Barnstaple event was a success as over 30 community groups and 500 members of the public attending throughout the 3 days with 250 questionnaires were completed.

1906/22

Parks and Playing Fields Committee

A request was submitted to Full Council for the possible change of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting to 6.00pm – 7.00pm, before Full Council.

Cllr Biederman and Cllr Ms M Scott spoke in support of the change which would allow those members unable to attend day time meetings to be part of the committee. The Chairman of Parks and Playing Fields, Cllr S Adams felt that he had already had to change his working and child care arrangements and that if one committee meeting moved it would open up challenge to every committee being moved to evenings.

There was a discussion over whether another member of staff could clerk the meeting. The Clerk replied that she would not advise an unqualified or very inexperienced Clerk to clerk a meeting due to the need for procedural and legislation advice to be given to members.

A proposal was made for the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meetings to be changed to 6.00pm before Full Council, the proposal was seconded. The vote was tied (5.5.1abs) therefore it fell to the Chairman's casting vote and it was

RESOLVED: That the Parks and Playing Fields committee meetings remain a daytime meeting.

(6.5.1abs)

1906/23

Close

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.48pm.

Signed.......... Dated.....1.7.19.....