

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 25th July 2019 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington.**

- Present:** Cllrs S Adams (Chairman)
Cllrs J Cann, I Capon, I Crawford, C McCormack-Hole and J Bell.
Mrs K Graddock, Acting Parish Clerk.
2 members of the public.
Cllrs S Kingdom and A Rennles were also in attendance.
- 1907/21 **Apologies for Absence**
No apologies for absence were received.
- 1907/22 **Declarations of interests**
None received.
- 1907/23 **To agree the agenda as published**
Agreed.
- 1907/24 **Chairman's Announcements**
No announcements were made.
- 1907/25 **Public Participation Period**
The Chairman of the Allotment Association spoke on the Muddlebridge Allotments. They indicated that a member of their organisation had inspected the Parish Council's accounts and found that Muddlebridge allotments was contributing towards the upkeep of Babbages allotments and asked whether Babbages could contribute towards the possible Muddlebridge rental increase.
- The Secretary of the Allotment Association spoke on the Muddlebridge Allotments. Their representation is attached to the Agenda as Appendix 1.
- Cllr Rennles asked the Committee to consider drafting Local Green Spaces and Infrastructure and Biodiversity and Wildlife Protection Policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. He requested that this be completed in the next 6-8 weeks.
- 1907/26 **Minutes**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2019 are approved and signed as a correct record.
(5.1abs)
- 1907/27 **Ellerslie Road Play Area**
Members were informed that a NCS (National Citizens Service) Group had completed a project at Ellerslie Road Play Area. They had sited two new benches, two tyres with plants, repainted the seated area and the fence. The Clerk had expressed that the fence was not to be painted however, she will contact them to request that the painting is completed or made good.
- RESOLVED:** that a letter of thanks is sent to the NCS Group and ask them to consider Fremington Parish Council in the future for further projects.
(NC)

1907/28

Litter

Members were circulated pictures received from Cllr Groves in relation to litter in the Parish, particularly around the Old Bideford Road area. His request was to write to two local establishments however, members felt that these worked hard to tackle litter and environmental aspects in the community and it was incorrect to write to them separately regarding the issue. Members felt that the individuals needed to take responsibility for their own litter and it was

RESOLVED: that Cllr Groves is informed of work that one of the businesses carries out in relation to environmental responsibilities and no further action is taken.

(NC)

1907/29

Climate Emergency

Members were asked to consider a future Working Party meeting following the motion to declare a Climate Emergency. The Clerk informed members that she had received at least 12 interested parties who would like to join the group.

Cllr Rennles suggested looking at the Neighbourhood Plan as there are policies within that which could help with this issue.

There was a discussion on the wildflower areas and the possible locations. Cllr Bell informed members that he was due to meet Cllr Groves in relation to this and will report back.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Climate Change Working Party and Wildflower issues remain with Full Council.
2. That the interested parties are invited to a meeting in September to discuss the way forward in developing a Climate Emergency Action Plan.

(NC)

1907/30

Dog Bins

Members were informed that North Devon Council were having difficulties with emptying the dog waste bin located at Griggs Field by the entrance to the Nature Reserve due to their own internal policies and the vehicles not being able to drive up the lane. There were concerns that the dog waste bin had not been emptied for several days and now North Devon Council were requesting that this dog waste bin is relocated. Members agreed that the dog waste bin needs to be emptied, therefore there was no alternative but to relocate the bin as North Devon Council has now declined to empty this.

Members considered relocating it to the post at the bottom of the lane where the sign for Public Footpath is sited. Cllr Adams felt that a second dog waste bin needed to be moved, from Beechfield to the ramp by the Army Camp.

RESOLVED: that the dog waste bin is moved from Griggs Field to the footpath sign at the bottom of the lane, if consent is given by the landowner and the clerk investigates and actions as necessary the relocation of the dog waste bin by Beechfield entrance.

(NC)

1907/31

Boundary of Beechfield

Members were circulated an email received regarding the boundaries of Beechfield and that a house owner had requested nets and a possible

replacement fence, due to footballs from the field entering their garden. There were also concerns raised that they had found strangers in their garden retrieving balls.

Members felt that netting was not an option that the Parish Council could facilitate and it was

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact the Football Club to inform them of the situation and investigate and action a sign to be placed in the area asking users of the field to be mindful of neighbouring properties and not to enter private properties.

(NC)

1907/32

Beechfield Centre

The Clerk reported that The Beechfield Centre is due to be completed on 23rd August and that an Opening event is planned for Friday, 13th September.

Members wished to see a garden fete or community event however, the Clerk suggested that this be held at a different time than the opening event.

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)

1907/33

Muddlebridge Allotments

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the progress to date in relation to the lease of the land and possible rental costs and it was

RESOLVED:

1. To note the report and the Clerk continue negotiations with the land agent and ask for just the allotment land to be included.

1907/34

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10am.

Signed..... Dated.....