

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllr S Kingdom (Chairman)  
Cllrs S Adams, J Bell, I Capon, J Cann, C Connell, I Crawford, K Groves,  
C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, M Scott, B Sherborne and L Stevenson.

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock (Parish Clerk/RFO), Mrs E Badcock (Services Officer), Mrs E Steer (Deputy Services Officer) and 14 members of the public.

1907/01 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies as recorded on the attendance sheet, were received from Cllr Biederman and Cllr Hockin. Cllr Jayne Mackie and Cllr Helen Walker also submitted their apologies for the meeting.

1907/02 **Declarations of interest**

No Declarations of interest were received.

1907/03 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced the following:

- Planning training was a success – looking to hold a part 2 session in September following feedback from neighbouring Town and Parish councils.
- There is to be a new refillable water bottle fountain at Fremington Quay. Funding has been obtained from North Devon Council and Fremington Environment Group.
- There is a Night Flight (Bats and Moths) on 25<sup>th</sup> July from 8.30pm. Meet at The Village Green. More details on website.
- We are looking at running some additional training courses in the future, can anyone with specific topics let the Clerk know.
- The office will be closed the week of 12<sup>th</sup> August to pack up ready for the move to the Beechfield Centre. Further details regarding the move will be given to members at the end of the month.

1907/04 **To agree Agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**  
**RESOLVED:** to agree the Agenda between Part A and Part B.

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1907/05 **Cybercrime Presentation**

Members welcomed Laura Cowie to the meeting who is a Cyber Protect Officer for Devon and Cornwall Police.

She explained that Cybercrime is relatively new and that her post was made to raise awareness of the increasing number of crimes associated with this Cyber. There are currently 6 officers in the unit.

She explained that there are two types of cybercrime - cyber dependent and cyber enabled and that cybercrimes are not present at the scene, multiple offences can be committed at the same time, and are low risk with high rewards. Cybercrime is classed as a tier 1 threat.

The crimes are extremely under reported –and she encouraged people to report them to the Police so that they can be investigated. At present, Devon and Cornwall Police get around 600 cyber-related crimes reported each month.

She reported that there are lots of types of cybercrimes that are seen locally, including dating crime, computer viruses and social engineering. Phishing emails are the number one threat to UK business at the moment. She said to look out for bad spelling, poor grammar in the emails and be careful not to click on attachments in the emails sent and to make sure your anti-viruses are up to date and everything is scanned.

In 2018, 54% of UK businesses been hit by ransomware attack. She reported that it is important to make 3 back-ups of important data in 2 different formats and keep one copy offsite.

She explained the use of passwords are important and that a 15 character or more password would take years to crack. She suggested using random words, a past phrase and include special characters and numbers. Do not use the same password for different accounts and consider a password manager.

She encouraged members to follow the Twitter page: DC Cyberprotect to keep up to date with the latest anti-fraud information and to report cybercrimes via the Action Fraud website – [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

1907/06

**Police Report**

A police report from PC Lucy Robinson was tabled at the meeting, which is attached to these minutes, as Appendix 1.

Cllr Capon raised concerns regarding figures for anti-social behaviour in the area. He reported that on the Police website, anti-social behaviour is one of the top figures but is no longer classed as a crime.

1907/07

**Public Participation**

A member of the public spoke on application number 66565. They reported that the application has been to the Council several times before and had been refused. They asked for the application to be refused again.

A member of the public spoke in relation to the Agenda item concerning Wild flower verges. They reported that recently a wild flower area had been cut in the area and that they requested this area be left for the growing of wild flowers and the Council consider placing wild flower areas within the Parish.

1907/08

**Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

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1907/09

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

**RESOLVED** to receive and ratify the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

(NC)

**b) Finance & Personnel**

**RESOLVED** to receive and ratify the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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- 1907/10      **Highways**  
No highway reports were received.
- 1907/11      **Matters to note**  
**RESOLVED:** that the email from NDC Planning Officer re: Planning Application 66570 proposed S106 Deed of Variation – Land at West Yelland and DCC Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking – Road from Lydacott Cross to Lovacott Cross and road from Lovacott Cross to Claypits Cross and road from Holmacott Cross to Lovacott Cross, Barnstaple from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July be noted.  
(NC)
- 1907/12      **County and District Council reports**  
Cllr Cann informed members that The Tomlin Hall is due to receive £20,000 S.106 funding towards renovating kitchen etc. She further reported that the Chief Executive Mike Mansell retired on Friday and Ken Miles will take post shortly. She also reported that work has started on the new pitch next to Tarka Tennis. The pitch will be FA approved, however the footpath adjacent the pitch is not accessible at the moment.  
  
Cllr Capon asked Cllr D Knight if there was any information as to the HATOC meeting at North Devon Council with regards to the Cedars roundabout traffic. Cllr Knight informed Cllr Capon that it will be presented to the Parish Council in the future.
- 1907/13      **Outside Bodies**  
**RESOLVED** that Cllr Groves be approved to be appointed to the Fremington Quay Environment Group and Fremington Local Nature Reserve Management Committee.  
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- 1907/14      **Wildflower verges**  
Members were circulated a letter from a resident requesting that the Council consider partaking in wild flower verges in the parish. There were concerns regarding the work involved in turning areas into wildflower areas but the majority of members felt this is something that the Council should investigate further. Consideration needs to be given to the visibility displays.  
**RESOLVED** that the item is referred to the Parks and Playing Fields Committee for further investigation.  
(NC)
- 1907/15      **Motion in accordance with Standing Order 4(a)**  
Members were informed of a motion requested by Cllr Capon, following the recent planning committee meeting in relation to the proposed school at Tews Lane. Cllr Capon reported that issues in relation to traffic congestion were raised during the debate at the NDC Planning meeting. He reported that Cllr Biederman was the only member that understood what was needed for the area. He said that the Planning Committee did not understand it is a political decision in relation to the traffic issues, not an officer decision. The Head of Planning made reference to traffic figures from 2012, and in 2016, the Roundswell Residents Association completed a survey between 7.55am – 8.55am with an average of 95 cars during the hour for four days. In 2019, the same survey was completed between 7.55am - 8.55am and an average of 195 cars during the hour for four days. He further stated, that there are a number of new dwellings and applications planned for the local area, and there is a serious traffic problem in the area but people need to get out of their cars. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the following motion be accepted and actioned by the Clerk: "As a result of the decision to approve the School at Tews Lane and the acknowledgment by North Devon Council's Planning Committee of the serious traffic congestion in the area, I ask that Fremington Parish Council writes to the Leader of North Devon Council and the Chairman of the North Devon Council Planning Committee requesting that Devon County Council as the Highway Authority carry out a comprehensive strategic infrastructure review of the local road network to consider the impact of development before any more large scale developments are considered in the Parish of Fremington".

(NC)

1907/16

**Motion in accordance with Standing Order 4(a)**

Members were informed of a motion requested by Cllr Crawford to declare a Climate Emergency.

The Chairman explained that careful thought needs to be considered on the administration of such a task.

Cllr Crawford reported that Devon County Council passed a motion to be 0% Carbon by 2050. He explained that we need to do this sooner rather than later, with a target of 2025. He further explained that Devon County Council has set up an Environmental Group to help investigate and tackle the issue.

Members fully supported the motion but felt that more investigatory works needed to take place as to what the Parish Council can do to help the situation and to consult with people in the parish and it was

**RESOLVED** that the following motion be accepted "To declare a Climate Emergency" and a Working Party is formed to investigate this issue and report back to a future meeting.

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1907/17

**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.*

**66549** Proposal: Notice of an application to modify a planning obligation under Regulation 3 of the T&CP Modification & Discharge of Planning Obligations) Regulations 1992 in respect of affordable housing requirements  
Location: Glenwood Farm, Brynsworthy Lane, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Surgery Housing Ltd  
*Application has now been fully registered*

**RESOLVED** that the proposal is accepted subject to no reductions in affordable homes.

(NC)

**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** recommend refusal on highway grounds and all other matters in relation to the Council recommending refusal of past consultations is included in the response.

(NC)

\*\*\* Cllr Scott declared a Personal interest as the applicant is known to her. \*\*\*

**66766** Proposal: Two storey extension & erection of garage

Location: Buckleigh Cottage, 18 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mrs B Isaac

**RESOLVED** that the application is recommended for approval.

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**66793** Proposal: Installation of new windows to west elevation

Location: Unit B1 Woodside Court, Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr S Bowden

**RESOLVED** that the application is recommended for approval.

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1907/18

#### **North Devon Council – Planning decisions**

The following Planning decisions were attached to the Agenda for members. North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

**65028** Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Ash tree & selective branch removal of one Ash tree

Location: Anchor Wood, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr I Honnor

**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: NPAS Devon Ltd

**65955** Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 63103 (variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 58192 (erection of 10 bungalows including landscaping, provision of parking & vehicular & pedestrian access) to allow amended design) to allow amended siting of dwelling on plot 4

Location: The Green, Chilpark, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: RGP Architects Ltd

**66056** Erection of dwelling

Location: 22 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: RGP Architects Ltd

**66226** Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 multi-stemmed Alder  
Location: 14 Colombelles Close, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Tarka Tree Care

**66284** Proposal: Erection of garages on plots 33, 35, 36 & 37 (amended design) (further amended plans)  
Location: Land adjacent B3233, West Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Brierley, BDW Homes Ltd

**66450** Proposal: Reserved matters application for primary school (outline planning permission 53881)  
Location: Land west of Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Renew Planning Ltd

**66453** Proposal: Erection of porch & WC  
Location: 14 Bickington Lodge, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Adams

**66490** Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 1 Beech Park, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Adams

**66510** Proposal: Extensions to dwelling  
Location: 21 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Adams

**66548** Proposal: Application for permanent retention of one polytunnel (24m long x 6.3m wide) previously approved under application 62798  
Location: Land adjacent to Combrew Farm, Combrew Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Buckingham

**66629** Proposal: Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building (barn A) to one dwelling house (class Q(A)(B))  
Location: Barn at Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd

**66630** Proposal: Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building (barn C) to one dwelling house (class (A)(B))  
Location: Barn at Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd

**66685** Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 8 Manor Close, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: D & J Architectural Services

**RESOLVED** that the above decision notices be noted.

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1907/19 **Councillor Questions**

\*\*\* Cllr Rennles left the meeting having declared a DPI relation to Yelland Power Station. \*\*\*

Cllr Bell raised a number of concerns with regards to the Yelland Power Station.

- The height raised on site. The Clerk had reported it on Cllr Bell's behalf and a response was received however, she would enquire as to whether there are any further updates.
- There are a number of tracks that have appeared onsite that are disturbing birds on the Ash bed side. People are now walking on the tracks with dogs and scaring the birds.

\*\*\* Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting. \*\*\*

Cllr Capon informed members that he has approached Tawstock regarding working closer with Fremington Parish Council and it has agreed in principal however, this will be formally discussed at their next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Groves raised questions regarding cycle rack provisions at Beechfield. Cllr Rennles suggested he contact DCC Cllr J Mathews as there may be a number in stock that have been removed by DCC.

Cllr Scott raised concerned regarding the recent road closure along the B3233 She felt it was not safe or efficient and would like to see it discussed, so that the traffic congestions are kept to a minimum.

Cllr McCormack-Hole informed members that she had sent out a number of important emails to be distributed with regards to Health Care and urged members to read them and also join the Patient Participation Group for your area.

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**Close**

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Signed.......... Dated.....5.8.19.....