

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00pm in Fremington Parish Hall, Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllr S Kingdom (Chairman)  
Cllrs S Adams, J Bell, F Biederman, J Cann, I Capon, C Connell, I Crawford,  
B Hockin, 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), 5 members of the public and Cllrs J Mathews (DCC),  
J Mackie (NDC) and H Walker (NDC).

1908/01 **Apologies**  
No apologies were received. Cllrs were reminded that they must submit their  
apologies to the Clerk, not other councillors.

1908/02 **Declarations of interest**  
Cllr L Stevenson declared a personal interest in Planning application 66659,  
as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr C Connell declared a DPI in Item 19 – Riverside Park as he is a resident  
on site.

Cllr J Cann and Cllr F Biederman declared a personal interest in item 12:  
DCC Traffic Regulations as both are members on the HATOC.

1908/03 Chairman's announcements.  
The Chairman made the following announcements:

- The Beechfield Centre will be completed on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The office  
will be closed next week to pack up and sort out filing, although emails will  
be checked regularly, there may be a delay in responses.
- The Official Opening will be held on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 12pm.  
All members are invited. There will be a public viewing from 1.00pm  
onwards.
- Cllr Crawford is going to lead the Climate Emergency Working Party. We  
have around 12 interested members of the public who have put their name  
down to join. We hope to hold a meeting in September. If any members  
would like to join then please let the Clerk know.
- Devon CCG are conducting a survey with the community and Save Our  
Hospital Services(SOHS) are supporting this survey and have sent an email  
to all council clerks in the Northern Devon Healthcare Trust area, asking  
that this survey be brought to the attention of councillors. The Clerk will  
send the link around to everyone.
- The October Committee meetings and November Full Council meetings will  
be changed, as the Clerk is on annual leave. She will send new dates to all  
members shortly.
- If any members of the public wish to make representation at a North Devon  
Council Planning Committee meeting they do need to register the day  
before with North Devon Council directly.
- The 'Let's Talk Fremington' starts around the 1<sup>st</sup> October in The Beechfield  
Centre.

- 1908/04      **To agree Agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**  
**RESOLVED:** to agree the Agenda between Part A and Part B. (NC)
- 1908/05      **Police Report**  
Members were tabled the Police report at the meeting, which is attached as Appendix 1.  
Cllr Crawford raised a point that there are incidents taking place in Roundswell, but the Police are working on different boundaries to that of Parish and District Councils.  
**RESOLVED:** that the report be received and noted. (NC)
- 1908/06      **Public participation**  
A representation was made by two members of the Scout Group and Guides in relation to the old Army Camp site and the non-movement of occupation. They stated that over the last 12 months, Scout and Guides numbers had declined and a number of their sections within the Clubs had disbanded. At present, they were using a class room in the local School, which they were grateful for, however it was not a long term practical solution as lessons are set up for the following day so it did impinge on their lessons. They further reported that the groups are now concerned over losing more members and leaders and that eventually the clubs would potentially disband, which would be great assets lost for Fremington. They called on the Council to help with a solution both short and long term.
- A member of the public asked the Council to hold a proper conversation about emergency processes in place for a no deal Brexit as it will have a huge effect for lower income families. Plans that are in place nationally show there is likely to be a knock on effect and parish councils needs to think about how they can help. They further reported that since the contract for dog bins has changed the bins are fuller and are being emptied less. Concerns were raised over the coming months.
- Cllr Helen Walker, North Devon Council informed members that with regards to item 7 from the last agenda, NDC had sent an email to DCC to insist changes are made to the roads prior to the school opening and are awaiting a response. She read out a motion that was passed at NDC last week regarding the road network.
- The Chairman asked Cllr Walker to make any Councillor reports under the specific item on the Agenda. Cllr Walker raised concerns regarding the protocol to follow and asked for a meeting with the Clerk to clarify the situation.
- 1908/07      **Minutes**  
Cllr Cann raised that other ward members also played a part, and not just Cllr Biederman, with regard to highway issues in relation to 1907/15 and wished for it to be included within the minutes. The Clerk replied that it did not form part of the discussion, therefore the minutes would not include this as this was additional information relayed to members at this meeting and not part of the previous meeting that the minutes are a record of.

1907/16: Cllr Crawford raised a concern that the motion recorded was incomplete and that were 4 points that were part of the motion that were not included. The Clerk said that the minutes did record the full resolution and that members did not resolve to include the 4 points.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

(8.2.2abs)

1908/08 **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, 25<sup>th</sup> July 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, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

(NC)

Cllr Rennles thanked the new members of the finance committee for listening to the long term ambitions for the Council.

1908/09 **Highways**

No reports. It was

**RESOLVED:** that this item is removed from future agendas as any reports can be given under County and District reports.

(NC)

1908/10 **Matters to note**

Members were circulated the DCC – Temporary Prohibition of through Traffic and Parking, Old School Lane, Fremington prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that the information be received and noted.

(NC)

1908/11 **County and District Reports**

Cllr Biederman reported that DCC had invested £250,000 into investigating the issue of Climate Emergency. He also reported that NDC last week passed a motion on Climate Emergency and encouraged Town and Parish Councils and other organisations to help investigate and get involved within the issue.

Cllr Biederman informed members that there is a consultation on the Devon & Somerset Fire Authority at present and one of the proposals is to remove night time cover at Barnstaple Fire Station. He encouraged people to submit their comments and an item to be placed on the next Agenda for Councillors to discuss the issue.

Cllr Biederman reported that at a recent HATOC meeting, they had looked at Strategic Review that NDC Planning Committee asked for with regards to the road network review. He stated that pressure would be kept up with this issue. There had been a traffic survey test and has asked for a presentation to be completed to the Parish Council on the results.

Cllr Cann stated that three motions had been passed at NDC. One was in relation to fairer funding for Schools. There are two primary schools in Fremington's wards and NDC is going to write to the newly elected Prime Minister to back up his statement on fairer funding.

She further reported that there had been two recent fires at Brynsworthy depot and the disposing of batteries would now need to take place at either a supermarket or recognised recycling centre. In addition to this, NDC has recently fined a fly-tipper £400 on Old Bideford Road for fly tipping a sofa.

Cllr Mathews, DCC, stated that everyone agrees that something has to be done to the road network.

He reported that Local Communities and Charities can apply for up to £20,000 through the Doing what Matters Community fund, which closes on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Mathews stated that he has obtained funding for slurry sealing to be completed at Ellerslie Road, Crosslands, Oakland Park South, Lynhurst Avenue, Park Avenue, Oakland Avenue, Draceana Avenue, Woodville, John Smale Road and Cedars Park. This will be completed within the current financial year.

Cllr Biederman reported that he had obtained funding for slurry sealing at Home Farm Road, Yelland Road and Mill Hill and Beechfield Road.

Cllr Mackie reported that there is a consultation taking place on the fire service provisions and there were drop in consultations, one being on Thursday at Barnstaple Library.

She reported that councils may be able to tap into grants for electric charging points.

She mentioned that she and Cllr Biederman had met the developer for the development of sun houses at Allenstyle as concerns were raised over affordable housing. Discussions have taken place on a possible way forward to complete the development and a request will be made through planning for a public consultation and consultation with the parish in September.

\*\*\* Cllr Scott entered at 7.45pm. \*\*\*

Cllr Walker expressed her disappointment that her name was not in the minutes despite making representation on the highways and Tews Lane issues at the planning meeting. Cllr Capon replied that there was reference to Cllr Biederman as a member of the Planning Committee and it was not an attack on individuals.

\*\*\* Cllr Scott left the meeting at 7.47pm. \*\*\*

1908/12 **Bus Shelters**

Cllr Crawford expressed his concern regarding the lack of seats in North Devon Bus Shelters. He said that some of the bus shelters do not protect you from the weather.

Members wished to put pressure on DCC and companies that own the bus shelters to ensure that they are maintained properly. Cllr Biederman suggested that he would investigate what funding was available from DCC in relation to smartening them up.

Cllr Bell felt that a new bus shelter was needed in Yelland. He had received comments from residents that a bus shelter was needed at the far end of Yelland towards Instow.

**RESOLVED:** that the Finance and Personnel committee look at options and budget implications on how to maintain and improve bus shelters in the parish.

(NC)

\*\*\* Cllr Scott entered the meeting at 8.00pm. \*\*\*

1908/13 **Motion from Cllr Capon**

Cllr Capon had submitted the following motion for consideration "As decisions taken by one Parish Council can often have implications for neighbouring parishes, I ask that Fremington Parish Council considers forming an informal joint working group with Tawstock Parish Council to discuss issues where they have a shared interest".

There were concerns from some councillors on whether this was the correct approach to this matter and that there were lots of action groups already in situ that represented many different views. There were further concerns about appointing only 3 councillors and the provision of no officer that it may not look transparent.

Some councillors supported the proposal and that cross talking between councils is proactive and that the local plan does not address all the issues that need to be discussed, therefore, this platform would allow this.

Cllr Rennles explained to members that he had a meeting with over 30 different officers to discuss the vision of Barnstaple and the peripheral edge issues and that the meeting with neighbouring town and parish councils would take place in August.

Cllr McCormack-Hole mentioned that One North Devon was another forum that could be used to communicate to other organisations as it is a cross talking organisation.

Cllr Capon proposed, seconded by Cllr Crawford, that the motion be accepted. The vote cast was 3.11, therefore the vote was lost.

(3.11)

Cllr Biederman proposed, seconded by Cllr Kingdom, and it was **RESOLVED:** that the motion is deferred until advice is sought whether it is legal and the Clerk contacts neighbouring town and parish councils and North Devon Council to identify whether there is a strategic group already set up. (12.2)

Cllr Biederman left the meeting. \*\*\*

1908/14

### **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.*

**66659** Proposal: Erection of one building (use classes B1, B2 & B8) together with associated works (amended surface water disposal detail, construction & ecological management plan & amended site layout details)

Location: Site to west of Golden Coast, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr P Young

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

(NC)

**66856** Proposal: Relocation of front boundary fence

Location: Highfield House, Bickington Road, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Whittaker

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

(NC)

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

**66907** Proposal: Erection of garage

Location: 73 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr N Foster

**RESOLVED:** that the application is recommended for approval, subject to no adverse impact on the neighbouring properties.

(13.1abs)

### **66928/66929**

Proposal: Conversion of building to form one dwelling & Listed Building

Consent for conversion of building to form one dwelling

Location: United Reform Church, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr K Capner, Capner Property Developments Ltd

**RESOLVED:** that the Council supports the Conservation Officers comments and concerns are raised over the safety of vehicular access. Also there is no structural change to the front of the property to ensure there is no negative impact on the street scene.

(NC)

1908/15

**North Devon Council – Planning decisions**

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

**66601** Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 58335 (residential development for 70 dwellings) to allow the enlargement of 1 bed house type for affordable housing from 50sqm to 56sqm

Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Allenstyle Ltd

**66602** Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 58335 (residential development for 70 dwellings) to allow a site layout improvement

Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Allenstyle Ltd

**66619** Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 6 Wester-Moor Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr C Colwill

**66643** Proposal: Provision of two off-street parking spaces

Location: Land formerly occupied by Oakwell House Residential Home, Lyddicleave, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr T Biddle, Baker Estates Ltd

**66690** Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling

Location: 34 Lagoon View, West Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mrs K Yelder

**66703** Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling & storage shed and erection of new dwelling

Location: 70 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Sam Nolan RIBA Architect

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

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

Application/Agent: Mrs B Isaac

To note that the following application has been **REFUSED**:

**66503** Proposal: Alteration to existing access to create vehicular access together with erection of garage

Location: Old School House, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

**RESOLVED:** that the decisions listed above are noted.

(NC)

1908/16

**Councillors questions**

Cllr Bell reported to members that he went to the meeting at Chagford regarding Community Action for Wildlife and said he would submit a report to the Clerk to distribute to members. On the day £260.00 was raised that could be bid for, for the planting of trees.

Cllr Biederman asked regarding the dog bin emptying. The Clerk replied that there had been some missed collections, which NDC are aware of and actioning. The dog bin at Griggs Field will be moved down the lane slightly to ensure it can be emptied by NDC. She informed members that it is an offence to place your dog waste in a bag on the floor next to the bin. She further reported that an officer from NDC will be attending a future meeting to discuss environmental issues such as dog waste.

Cllr Connell raised a question regarding the responsibility of the area near to the Army Camp, where there are double yellow lines. Cllr Kingdom replied that the road is unadopted.

A number of councillors raised concerns regarding the councillor email system. The clerk replied that she was investigating the issue and will report back.

Cllr Crawford asked Cllr Rennles if there was a plan for publishing the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Rennles felt that by winter there should be further information available for members.

Cllr Stevenson, on behalf of Petroc, invited members to the Graduation of the NCS students on 7<sup>th</sup> September at The Queens Theatre.

Cllr McCormack-Hole informed members she had attended a DCC Network meeting that discussed the younger generation moving away from the area. She further informed that Petroc is now taking up nurse training, which is fantastic for the area. The Vice Principal of Finance and Resources has asked to address the Council. She further stated that a report has been written on the Primary Care Networks as the National Health Service amalgamates into a network and she would forward to the Clerk for distribution.

Cllr Biederman stated that he wished to see a picture of the late Tony Wood in The Beechfield Centre with a plaque. The Chairman said that Mrs Wood has been asked to officially open the Centre.

1908/17

**Committee membership**

Members were reported that the membership of Parks and Playing Field needed attention. Following a previous resolution not to alter the time of meetings to allow councillors that worked during the day to attend, Cllr Scott had no choice but to withdraw from the Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Bell and Cllr Hockin be elected on the Parks and Playing Fields Committee.

(NC)

**RESOLVED:** that the staff review item be brought forward on the agenda.

(NC)



1908/18 **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 item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

(NC)

1908/19 **Staff review**  
The Clerk gave an update report on the current staff structure and the proposed staffing structure from October 2019 and April 2020, this included the retirement of a long serving member of staff.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be received and noted and that the Council expresses its thanks for the dedication and commitment of the retiring staff member to the Council and their work.

(NC)

\*\*\* Cllr Connell left the meeting having declared a DPI and did not return to the meeting. \*\*\*

1908/20 **Riverside Park**  
The Clerk gave an update on the current situation with the developer and potential transfer of assets.  
**RESOLVED:** that the decision is deferred given the developers comments and the Clerk ask North Devon Council to discuss the matter and a potential meeting with the developer.

(NC)

1908/21 **Close**

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

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Woodville**

Send letter/communication conveying threat x1  
Threatening abusive or insulting words or behaviour x 1  
Racially aggravated harassment alarm and distress x 1  
Possession class A drug x 1  
Rape x 1  
Assault abh x1  
Harassment x 1

### **Bickington**

Burglary (commercial) x 1  
Dog not under control x 1  
Assault abh x 1

### **Roundswell**

Stalking x2

Same incident generating three crimes;

- Assault abh x 1
- Criminal damage x1
- Controlling coercive behaviour x1

Common assault x1

Assault abh x 2

Theft from shop x 3

Same incident generating two crimes;

- Common assault x 1
- Criminal damage x1

Possession of class b cannabis x1

Public order x 1

Make off without payment x1

Criminal damage x 1

### **Fremington**

To follow

Regards,

Lucy

**PC Lucy ROBINSON 16077**



*Barnstaple Neighbourhood Policing Team*