

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 26th September 2019 at 10.00am
at The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington.**

- Present:** Cllrs S Adams (Chairman)
Cllrs J Bell, J Cann, I Capon, I Crawford and C McCormack-Hole
Mrs K Graddock, Acting Parish Clerk, Cllrs A Rennles and F Biederman.
- 1909/18 **Apologies for Absence**
No apologies for absence were received.
- 1909/19 **Declarations of interest**
No interests were declared.
- 1909/20 **Minutes**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2019 are approved and signed as a correct record. (NC)
- 1909/21 **Boundary of Beechfield**
Members were circulated correspondence from home owners on the boundary of Beechfield and that they feel the Parish Council is responsible for repairing the fence. Members questioned this and the Clerk was unable to find any legal documentation to reflect that it was the Parish Council's responsibility.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to the homeowners and requests that they look at their property deeds for any evidence of ownership and that if any legal documentation can be found saying that the Parish Council is responsible, the item be included on a future Agenda for discussion. (NC)
- 1909/22 **Beechfield Centre**
- Conditions of Hire**
Members were circulated a draft Conditions of Hire for consideration. There were concerns raised regarding the return of the key and felt that during working hours would be beneficial, but this was not always practical.
RESOLVED: That the Conditions of Hire as attached as Appendix 1 be approved. (NC)
- Hire charges**
Members discussed the hire charges for The Beechfield Centre. It was felt that there should be a different rate for groups that benefit the community to Commercial hirers.
RESOLVED: That the hire charge is £10.00 per hour or £8.00 per hour for groups that provide a service to the community (non-commercial) with a £10.00 refundable deposit for the key and fob and an additional £50.00 refundable deposit for parties, discos and licenced events. (NC)

Dug outs

Members were circulated a request from Fremington Football Club along with drawings for potential dug outs to be built on the recreation pitch at Beechfield.

RESOLVED: That the request for Fremington Football Club to site dug outs as shown in the drawings be approved, however, only if they are lockable and closed off when the Football Club are not on site.

(NC)

1909/23

Climate Emergency/Wild Flower areas**Climate Emergency**

Cllr Crawford gave a brief update on the progress to date and that there was due to be a working party meeting on 1st October 2019. The Clerk had invited all interested parties, which stands at 22. Cllr Crawford circulated a draft Terms of Reference for consideration. Cllr Bell circulated the DCC's 10-point plan for Climate Emergency.

The Clerk explained that she had attended the Parish Forum and there was a presentation from the Lead Councillor for Climate Change/Emergency, who informed the attendees that there was a workshop day being planned for 26th October for town and parish councils to attend, in order to simultaneously work together rather than each town or parish council tackling the Climate Emergency in silos.

Suggestions from members included a dedicated page on the website, a Facebook page and contacting year 6 students from local schools to help get the message out.

Members were concerned that the draft Terms of Reference were too detailed and that the Council, as a corporate body, had not formally adopted anything other than declaring a Climate Emergency.

Cllr Rennles suggested looking at the Neighbourhood Plan before any formal documents are considered, as there are environmental aspects within and both the Neighbourhood Plan and Climate Emergency Plan should integrate.

Councillors agreed with DCC's 10-point Action Plan and felt this is the first step on to tackle with the working party. After discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the 10 point plan is looked at, at the first meeting of the working party and gather the members' interests and ideas.

That the Clerk writes a basic terms of reference and a full remit and plan of action is submitted to the November meeting following the workshop day with North Devon Council.

(NC)

Wildlife verges and open spaces

Cllr Bell circulated a report to members regarding the wildlife verges and open spaces, which included re-wilding areas within the Parish and tree planting.

Cllr Adams asked who would maintain the sites and the trees once planted. It was felt that this item needed further consultation and investigating, therefore it was

RESOLVED: To refer this to the Climate Emergency working party for engagement.

(NC)

1909/24

Village Green

Members were asked to consider whether dogs should continually be allowed on the Village Green. The Clerk informed members she had had two complaints regarding dogs being allowed on the green. Cllr Bell felt that the play area should be fenced off for health and safety reasons, if dogs were allowed on the green.

RESOLVED: That dogs are allowed on the Village Green on a lead.

(5.1)

1909/25

Griggs Field metal detection

Members were circulated a request to metal detect on Griggs Field. Members felt uncomfortable regarding this request and therefore it was

RESOLVED: That the request be refused.

(NC)

The Clerk informed members that there were no updates on the allotments, therefore the meeting did not need to go into confidential session.

Meeting ended at 11.15am.

Signed: Dated:.....