

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday, 7th October 2019 at 7.00pm in The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road,
Fremington.**

- Present:** Cllr McCormack-Hole (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs S Adams, J Bell, F Biederman, J Cann, I Capon, C Connell, I Crawford,
K Groves, B Hockin, A Rennles, M Scott, B Sherborne and L Stevenson
Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock (Acting Parish Clerk), Mrs E Badcock
(Services Officer), Mrs L Steer (Deputy Services Officer) and 2 members of the
public.
- 1910/01 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Kingdom.
- 1910/02 **Declarations of interest**
Cllr Connell declared a DPI in item 20 on the Agenda: Former Army
Camp/Riverside Park as he is a resident of the area.
- 1910/03 **Chairman's announcements**
The Chairman announced that this was the last meeting of the Services Officer
as she was retiring on 31st October. Members thanked her for her dedication
and commitment to Fremington Parish Council and wished her a happy and
healthy retirement.
- 1910/04 **To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**
The Agenda was agreed.
- 1910/05 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public spoke on the Allenstyle development. He asked
members if they thought it was appropriate for further development to go ahead,
as there is only one access road onto the site, and at present there are buildings
that are a disgrace and the roads are in poor condition and in need of repair.
The Chairman encouraged the residents to write letters with their concerns.

A member of the public raised a concern that the Parish Council is not receiving
full reports from the Police and encouraged the Council to ask why decisions are
made by local police as to what is reported to members. They further stated that
they understood that sensitive information did not need to be translated but it
was important for the Council to have the full picture of the crimes that are taking
place.
- 1910/06 **County and District Councillors' Reports**
Cllr Biederman stated that due to austerity over £250 million has been cut from
council budgets and it is why some items, such as highways budgets have had
to be reduced but encouraged people to write to the MP in relation to these cuts.

He further stated that he and Cllr Mackie met with Mr Greenfield (developer)
regarding the Allenstyle development. The road access was dealt with at
planning stage. At the meeting, Mr Greenfield spoke about additional housing,
phase 2 is social housing, which is the next part of the project. There are two
options, option 1 – additional housing or option 2 was a residential home
provider that would be interested in buying part of the plot to provide social
housing.

He further thanked councillors for attending his civic service.

Cllr Biederman mentioned that he had had contact from Cllr Groves to support a tree planting initiative and would happy to support by giving some of his DCC locality budget. Cllr Biederman asked whether this was possible for the Council to hold funds until it is discussed at Council. The Clerk replied that she could apply for the funds, but if Council did not support this, then any monies would need to be returned.

Cllr Mackie reported that there will be Wildflower Meadow areas (Pollinators) at Lagoon View and Littlemore Green.

She further reported NDC Councillors had received training on County Lines/Human trafficking and encouraged all Fremington Parish Councils to attend, it is happening in North Devon.

Cllr Cann reported that the Leisure Centre is progressing well and that an announcement has just been made on an indoor ski slope.

She further informed members that she had received several complaints regarding the traffic through the village due to the roadworks and road closure at Old School Lane and the delays are causing numerous problems for neighbouring properties. She stated that there is a plan of action from NDC ward members.

She informed members that an impromptu litter sweep was held at Fremington Beach and thanked everyone that came and helped for collecting a large amount of rubbish.

1910/07

Police

The Clerk reported to members that Supt. T Davies was unable to attend but will be attending the November meeting.

Cllr Capon raised a concern at where the anti-social behaviour figures were as he was aware there had been some in Roundswell.

Cllr Crawford asked what wards the Police used.

The Clerk suggested that any councillors with concerns or questions, send them to her so she can forward them to Supt. T Davies for discussion in November.

1910/08

Allenstyle development

The Clerk informed members that the developer was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr Bell felt that the Parish Council should not be having presentations by developers as it could influence members. Cllr Crawford supports this and encouraged them to provide public consultations instead.

Cllr Biederman said that he felt the meeting with the Allenstyle developer was important for the community and listened and does not form an opinion.

*** Cllr Adams out 7.39pm.***

Cllr Rennles said it was important to engage developers and the communities.

*** Cllr Adams returned at 7.42pm. ***

- 1910/09 **Minutes**
 There was a discussion on the contact details on the website. The Clerk said that there had been numerous issues with Councillors emails and that telephone numbers were displayed but the Admin team will look back on the Councillors permission forms and display any information on the website that was permitted for public use.
- Cllr Crawford asked for Fremington Parish Council email addresses to be taken off the website, as they are not working properly.
 Subject to the line being removed, it was
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 9th September 2019 be approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- (NC)
- 1910/10 **Committee Minutes**
- a) **Parks & Playing Fields Committee**
RESOLVED: To receive and ratify the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019
- (NC)
- b) **Finance and Personnel Committee**
RESOLVED: To receive and ratify the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019
- (NC)
- c) **Tews Lane Committee**
RESOLVED: To receive and ratify the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019
- (NC)
- 1910/11 **Matters to Note**
RESOLVED: That the DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking - Holmacott Cross to Lovacott Cross, Barnstaple on Tuesday 5th November to Wednesday 6th November 2019 be received and noted.
- (NC)
- 1910/12 **Devon Air Ambulance Landing Site Lighting**
 Members were circulated information from Devon Air Ambulance to site a Community Night Landing Site at Beechfield. The total cost to place the electrics to work with the flood light was £1065.37 + VAT. Devon Air Ambulance could offer a grant of £320.60 to cover the labour charge. Cllr Biederman informed members that he would happily pay for the remaining £744.77 from his County Councillor locality budget. Members thanked Cllr Biederman and it was
RESOLVED: That the Council supports the Community Landing Site at Beechfield.
- (NC)

1910/13 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19**

*** Cllr Biederman left at 7.58pm.***

Members were circulated the External Auditor Report and Certificate for 2018/19 and it was

RESOLVED: That the External Auditor Report and Certificate is noted. (NC)

*** Cllr Groves left the meeting at 8.00pm.

*** Cllr Biederman and Groves returned to the meeting at 8.02pm. ***

1910/14 **Emergency Plan**

The Clerk reported that she was unable to find any up to date information or policies in relation to an Emergency Plan, which was an important document for the community as a whole. Members agreed and it was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk work on an Emergency Plan with stakeholders and interested parties and report back to a future meeting.

(NC)

1910/15 **North Devon Council – Planning Applications**

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning applications:

66819 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 6 Welchs Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr C Colby

RESOLVED: Recommend approval subject to no adverse impact on neighbouring and wider amenities and properties.

(NC)

70239 Proposal: Erection of conservatory

Location: 4 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr W Glover

RESOLVED: Recommend approval subject to low impact on the setting of Fremington Pill.

(NC)

*** Cllr Sherborne left the meeting at 8.08pm.

*** Cllr Sherborne returned to the meeting at 8.11pm. ***

70358 Proposal: Retrospective application for extension & alterations to dwelling (amendments to approval 65083 made during construction)

Location: 24 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr E F

RESOLVED: Recommend Approval.

(NC)

70421 Proposal: Conversion of one dwelling to form two dwellings

Location: Westerpayne Cottage, Penhill, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Miss Ward

RESOLVED: Recommend Approval subject to no adverse impact on the landscape, particularly from Fremington Quay.

(NC)

70428 Proposal: Application to substitute plots 66-67, 104-107, 113-115 and 126-127 approved under application 63468 with replacement housetypes to increase the unit numbers by 8 (through the use of smaller housetypes) and amendments to plots 54, 111-112, 116 and 123-125

Location: Land adjacent to the B3233 (known as Tarka Ridge), West Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Cattermole, Barratt David Wilson Homes

Cllr F Biederman made a statement but mentioned that his statement would not influence a future decision on the application. He informed members that he has concerns on the traffic movements until a suitable solution is found for Barnstaple.

Cllr Crawford said we needed to start objecting to these kind of applications, Cllr Biederman replied that we (Council) has been standing up for our area and championing issues like this for a long time.

Cllr Cann raised the point that smaller properties may be more affordable for local people. This statement was supported by Cllr Hockin.

RESOLVED: Recommend refusal due to the severe nature of traffic congestion on the B3233 corridor and if minded of approving, the Parish Council would like to see the affordable housing extended to be policy compliant to 30%.

(NC)

70457 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling involving raising of roof

Location: Elmsleigh, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr Wharton

RESOLVED: Recommend approval subject to no adverse impact on the wider amenity.

(NC)

Members agreed to take the next two applications together.

70486 Proposal: Listed building application for demolition of existing & erection of new extension to dwelling

Location: Rookabear Cottage, Lydacott, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs McKenna

70487 Proposal: Listed building application for erection of annexe to provide additional living accommodation

Location: Rookabear Cottage, Lydacott, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs McKenna

RESOLVED: Recommend approval, if Historic England and the Conservation Officer are happy with the applications and that thatch is completed to the correct and legal requirement.

(NC)

70521 Proposal: Conversion of redundant rural building to dwelling

Location: Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Miss Ward

RESOLVED: Recommend approval subject to appropriate design and in keeping with the area.

(NC)

70531 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling with garage conversion
 Location: Hillcrest, Road from Muddlebridge to Penhill Fremington
 Applicant/Agent: Mr A Burnell
RESOLVED: Recommend approval subject to appropriate design and in keeping with the area.

(NC)

70543 Proposal: Erection of laundry building
 Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Access to Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland
 Applicant/Agent: Mr P Day
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval subject to no adverse impact on neighbouring properties.

(NC)

1910/16

North Devon Council – Appeal Decision

RESOLVED: To note that the following application has been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate.

Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/W/19/3221631

Appeal by: Canada Life Investments

Site address: Roundswell Retail Park, John Penrose Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Description of development: Alterations to front elevation of retail terrace

(NC)

1910/17

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

RESOLVED: To note that the following application has been withdrawn.

70232 Proposal: Retrospective application for erection of one dwelling and extension to that dwelling

Location: 39A John Smale Road, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr Adams

(NC)

1910/18

PART B: Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

(NC)

1910/19

The Beechfield Centre

Members received a update report from the Clerk of Works and Clerk of the Council in relation to the contract for The Beechfield Centre.

Members were given options for continuation of the current contract and the works to the car park.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Contract for The Beechfield Centre ceases on practical completion or before, if necessary, and the Clerk continues discussions with the Clerk of Works for particular aspects of the contract.

*** Cllr Groves left the meeting at 9.00am and did not return. ***

2. That Woodward Smith complete a tender process for the car park works.
3. Delegated powers are given to the Clerk and Finance Committee to complete the project of The Beechfield Centre.

(NC)

*** Mr Steart (Woodward Smith left the meeting).

1910/20 **Riverside Park/Former Army Camp**

The Clerk gave an update on the situation to date.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk is authorised to continue with negotiations and discussions for phase 1.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That the meeting returns to public session.

(NC)

1910/21 **Councillor Questions**

The Beechfield Centre

The following concerns were raised:

- lack of light outside of The Beechfield Centre
- People entering the Centre through the main doors when in use
- People wishing to use the Centre for public toilets. The Clerk informed members that she does not allow this, as she is a lone worker in the afternoons. Members asked the Clerk to ensure she does not allow this and to place signs up stating that there are no public toilets in The Beechfield Centre.

Cllr Crawford asked whether Devon County Council had banned glyphosate-based herbicide, in particular Roundup.

Cllr Capon stated that the Larkbear development for 230 homes had been approved and the entrance would be at Gratton Way. He asked whether access would be allowed for funeral directors though camera bollards.

Signed.....

Dated.....