

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee  
held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 10.00am  
at The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington.**

**Present:** Cllrs J Cann, I Capon, I Crawford, B Hockin and J Bell.  
Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock, Acting Parish Clerk, Cllrs F Biederman,  
S Kingdom, A Rennles and 1 member of the public.

There being no Chairman or Vice Chairman in attendance, it was

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Bell be elected to take the first item.

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Cllr Bell took the Chair.

1910/30 **Election of Vice Chairman**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Crawford be elected Vice Chairman for 2019/20.

Cllr Crawford took the Chair.

1910/31 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies, as recorded on the attendance sheet, were received from  
Cllr Adams.

1910/32 **Public Participation**

A member of the Allotment Association raised concerns that there is no  
information regarding the rent charges for 2020 and related it to a similar  
situation in 2015, however, all the negotiations were completed by November.  
They raised the concern that there is no indication of where the plot holders  
stand on the tenancy agreement and the growing season is impending which  
could have a negative affect on the tenancy of plots. They asked whether  
they needed to write to the Exeter Diocese.

1910/33 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
are approved and signed as a correct record.

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1910/34 **Beechfield Centre**

**a) CCTV**

Members were reported that there are concerns regarding the number of  
youths using the outer part of the building as a smoking/drinking shelter but  
also that it is being used as a place to chuck balls at the windows. The  
tarmac is also being used as a race track after school and early evenings,  
which has resulted in the wooden gate being knocked off of its hinges. A  
further concern is when the carpark is resurfaced with no security/lockable  
system in place, this may result in further damage to facilities and The  
Beechfield Centre, meaning a CCTV system will be important.

Members agreed that measures need to be put in place but were concerned  
regarding the camera quality. Cllr Cann raised the point that there may be  
other ways of addressing the issue. Cllr Biederman suggested that if drinking

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was a concern then the possibility of a Public Protection Order could be investigated. Cllrs also suggested replacing the wooden fence and gate with a security gate and look at locking the green gate to the side of the Parish Council Offices. Another suggestion was that the lighting around the building needed to be addressed as it is not sufficient for entering and exiting the building in the evenings.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk investigate the options above and £2500 is included in the budget for 2020/21 for a CCTV System.

(NC)

#### **b) Parking at The Beechfield Centre**

Members were reported that there have been quite a few occasions when hirers and staff are unable to get into the carpark for work or hires. Staff have placed signs around the carpark asking people to park considerately, as at present, parent/carers dropping children to school are parking with large gaps in between but not quite big enough to park a car. Once the car park is resurfaced, there will be 24 spaces and 2 disabled spaces.

Members felt that staff needed to be able to park, as it was not productive to be waiting in the car for a space.

**RESOLVED:** That 4 staff only spaces are reserved in the new car park.

That the Clerk writes to the Headteacher of the School to ask Parents/Carers to park considerately in The Beechfield Centre Car Park.

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#### **The Big Climate Fightback – Tree Planting Day**

Members were informed that this item was raised at Full Council by Cllr Groves. He has requested the Council support this initiative by The Woodland Trust, which is a campaign to get one million people to join the fight against climate change by pledging to plant a tree on Saturday, 30th November 2019. He has requested the use of The Beechfield Centre to give trees to residents etc to plant in their gardens with any unused ones being planted in community spaces, only if permission is granted by the landowners. Cllr Biederman has committed to giving £500 towards trees from his DCC Locality Fund.

Councillors felt that the event should be supported, however, there were concerns raised about the ongoing maintenance of trees and that native trees should be planted. It was further suggested that we also need to ensure that homeowners understand the potential issues with planting trees in particular areas in their gardens. Some members felt uncomfortable with the fact that the trees would be given to private individuals and that it should not include the use of public money for this. It was suggested that community areas are used instead. It was further suggested that Cllr Groves could speak to the School to plant some saplings. After further discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:**

1. To support an initiative to plant a small number of trees in each Parish ward and that the tree planting is to be agreed by the Clerk prior to being completed.
2. That the Council could not support giving trees to private individuals and that it is purely for communal areas.
3. That Cllr Groves contacts the local School to enquire about planting saplings.

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- 1910/36      **Re-wilding**  
 Cllr Bell requested members to consider rewilding 2/3 areas in the Parish. He informed members that the Council's grass cutting contractor would be happy to help with this. He further reported that the Council does need to start actioning this, as there are no costs involved and it is something that has been picked up by many residents in the community. He also mentioned that he has wild flower seeds to plant. After further discussion it was **RESOLVED:** That the corner of Combrew Lane, verge at West Yelland and junction at Pottery Lane be trialled for re-wilding.  
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- 1910/37      **Poppies**  
 A request was received from The Fremington Community Group to paint Fremington red at The Village Green for Remembrance between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk informed members that she had received an up to date Risk Assessment.  
**RESOLVED:** That the request is approved.  
 (NC)
- 1910/38      **Budget 2020/21**  
 Members discussed items to be included in the Budget for 2020/21. It was **RESOLVED:** To include the following items:  
 1. CCTV for The Beechfield Centre  
 2. Investigate the possibility of a Trim Trail at Griggs Field.  
 3. Security gate/s at The Beechfield Centre.  
 4. A budget heading for Environmental matters  
 (NC)
- 1910/39      **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)
- 1910/40      **Muddlebridge Allotments**  
 The Clerk reported the correspondence received from the Land Agent. Members felt that a discussion was now needed to be had with the tenants of the Muddlebridge Allotment site, there it was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk and Allotments Representative and any other members of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meet with the tenants of Muddlebridge to discuss the proposals.  
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- 1910/41      **Close**  
 There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20am.

Signed.....

Dated 28-11-19.....