

FREMGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th January 2020 at 7.00pm in The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington.

- Present:** Cllr S Kingdom (Chairman)
Cllrs McCormack-Hole, S Adams, J Bell, F Biederman, J Cann, I Capon, C Connell, I Crawford, K Groves, A Rennles, B Sherborne.
Cllr J Mackie (North Devon Council), Cllr J Mathews (Devon County Council), PC Lucy Robinson (Devon & Cornwall Police) and 2 members of the public.
- 2001/01 **Apologies**
Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet, were received from Cllr Scott.
- 2001/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Rennles declared a Personal interest in Item 13: Application 70863 and a DPI on item 15: Yelland Planning Application.
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal interest in Item 12: DCC Planning Application.
- 2001/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
1. There has been a number of incidents at The Beechfield Centre, including vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Please keep an eye out as there has been activity between 4.30 – 8.30pm and report anything to 101 and the Clerk.
 2. Devon Association of Local Councils is requesting nominations for the County Committee.
 3. Victoria Woodhouse will be returning to work on 3rd February.
 4. The North Devon Catchment Partnership would like to invite you to a Water Challenges and Choices Consultation event to contribute towards improving our local rivers and North Devon's River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021. The Environment Agency is seeking everyone's views on the challenges our waters face and the choices we all need to make to improve and protect this precious resource. North Devon Catchment Partnership is holding this one-day event to discuss and gather views from all those living and working with the water environment in North Devon. It will be an opportunity to share views, concerns and potential solutions to the challenges facing the water environment of north Devon – the rivers Taw, Torridge, North Devon streams and estuaries.
Keynote speakers: Harry Barton, CEO, Devon Wildlife Trust and Brett Grosvenor, Catchment Co-ordinator North Devon Environment Agent.
Date: Tuesday 4th February 2020
Time: 9:30 – 16:00
Venue: Clinton Hall, New Street, Merton, EX20 3EQ
Please let the Clerk know if you wish to attend.
Cllrs S Kingdom, I Crawford and J Bell wished to attend.
 5. Barratts Homes has commissioned Lee Peck Media to look at the priorities for the area in relation to Tarka Ridge and is interviewing the Chairman tomorrow. They would like to ascertain what causes in the community need support and if there is anything that needs sponsoring. Views from councillors is important.

Cllr Biederman mentioned that there was a 121 list that have community priorities list. He had concerns regarding the Council engaging. Cllr Bell stated that a zebra crossing and bus stop in Yelland could be a priority. Cllr Biederman suggested sending them to the 121 list and the items that are needed in the community. Cllr Matthews suggested to speak to the district planners first before communicating with the developers.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to access the 121 list and report to members.

2001/04 **Public Participation Period**

None.

2001/05 **County and District Councillors' Reports**
Councillor J Mathews – Devon County Council

- An informal meeting on 10th February 2020 on the Wider Transport Strategy, with information on Cedars junction. Cllr Cann will represent you and report back.
- Tree roots at Halfords Junction are causing issues with flooding.
- Lane Markers on Roundswell Roundabout – Took it up with County Hall and was told no funding available. Told by driving instructors that DVLA are complaining. White lines will be completed in February. The Lake Roundabout will also be completed.
- Bus Gate on Old Torrington Road – Traffic Order has been submitted. No further information at this present time.
- Opening of new Enterprise Centre (Bridge to nowhere) on Wednesday and Friday. Maybe some delays in traffic.
- Trees are being planted by the Enterprise Centre.

Councillor Mackie – North Devon Council

Item 13: Tarka Ridge – More advertising by way of flags. Very little that can be done in Planning law.

*** Cllr Rennles declared a DPI at this point and left the meeting at 7.28pm. ***

There will be a planning submission of the Yelland Quay Application. Were invited as ward members to listen to what is proposed. Site has been allocated 240 houses in the local plan. Cllr Mackie and Biederman will call in the application. Giving facts, no opinion at this stage. Changes include:

- No hotel
- Increase for professional space
- 250 dwellings
- Post and wire fence around development
- Was going to be 30% affordable housings, now been reduced to 10%.
- An onsite warden is a possibility to be shared with Braunton burrows.
- Provision of bird boxes.
- Height of buildings will be raised on inside.
- Larger green spaces within the complex.
- Access to development will be moved east across the old sports club field
- Sunken piazza
- Main area of development will be inert filled.

- Because the application is rolled over, and the 500 objections will still count. Cllr Mackie suggested thinking about comments when placing them.

Cllr Cann – North Devon Council

- Attended briefing meeting in relation to Yelland Quay Application.
- Safer Sleep – Torrridge and North Devon's joint initiative to give rough sleepers in North Devon and Torrridge a warm bed for the night starts next week.

*** Cllr A Rennles entered the meeting at 7.38pm.

Cllr Cann read out information received from Cllr H Walker:

- Cllr Walker has spoken with the planning officer regarding the alterations in the planning application for 34 bungalows adjacent to 50 Oakland Park South and asked that conditions be placed on the delivery hours for building materials and equipment to make it that such deliveries have to take place after 9:30am so that deliveries can take place via Ellerslie Road not Woodville or Oakland Avenue and Lynhurst Avenue. The Section 106 officer at NDC has expressed her concern, which she shares over moving the play area to an area that is not overlooked by houses, due to both safety and anti-social behaviour concerns. There is also an issue with the number of affordable homes on the site in the amended plan. Planning permission was originally granted on this site on appeal some years back. It now has a developer attached to it, hence it returning to planning as they want to request changes. Once planning has been granted, it is very unlikely that it would be rescinded without a massive change in planning law. Cllr Walker asks this council that when such applications are looked at in the role of consultee, that this is borne in mind and that the more specific issues are commented on, such as the concern of the section 106 officer, as the original concerns regarding the application have already been considered before the application was granted, in this case on appeal.
- Cllr Walker has been in discussion with officers regarding an issue with refuse lorries driving on an unadopted section of road, which has now (hopefully) been resolved and had some discussion with housing regarding Disabled Facilities Grants and issues that a resident was having with this process. This is also well on the way to being resolved. Lastly, she said that it has also been confirmed that the Parish Grant will as expected be discontinued.

Cllr F Biederman – Devon County Council/North Devon Council

- Parish Grant – removal is subject to council members approval and is not confirmed as yet.
- Fire Authority meeting – great news that it is not going to reduce 24-hour cover for Barnstaple, subject to Union and Authority agreeing rotas and pay.
- Bridge to opportunity – grass cutting this week.
- DCC Budget – There has been £250m cuts each year. In 2020/21 there will be an extra £27.3m in health and adult social care,

£11.5m in children health services, £2.7m for highways and £1m for drainage issues on the highway network.

- Has been asked to represent the Independents for County Council's Network.

2001/06

Police

Members welcomed PC Lucy Robinson to the meeting. She reported on the following:

- The Beechfield Centre vandalism/anti-social behaviour – will keep an eye out at the Centre and look at patrolling the area more regularly.
- Still looking at the crime report and way it is produced.
 - Cllrs would like more in depth information. The reports could not just be about crimes but also the issues that the Police face as it could be that the Council could help.
- 5 crimes in Sticklepath in December.
- 15 crimes in Roundswell in December.
- 3 crimes in Bickington December.
- 8 crimes in Fremington December.
- 1 fraud in Fremington December.
- 2 crimes in Yelland December.
- Cllr McCormack-Hole mentioned about 3 cyber fraud that has taken place in Bickington.
- The Crime Invention Officer is looking at completing workshops and is wondering what kind of groups to target?
- Parking at Sticklepath School is becoming an issue.

2001/07

Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 13th December 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(11.1abs)

2001/08

Committee Minutes**a) Finance & Personnel Extra Ordinary**

RESOLVED: To receive and ratify the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 4th December 2019.

(NC)

b) Tews Lane

RESOLVED: To receive and ratify the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on 9th December 2019.

(NC)

*** Cllr Biederman left the meeting at 8.03pm. ***

2001/09

Matters to Note

RESOLVED: That the Instow & District Social Friendship Club letter of thanks for the Grant 2020/21 and NDHT & RD&E agree to explore joining together press release be received and noted.

(NC)

- 2001/10 **Police & Crime Commissioner**
 Members were circulated information from North Devon Council informing them of the potential to invite the Crime and Police Commissioner to a future meeting.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to a future Full Council meeting. (NC)
- 2001/11 **Remembrance Service**
 Members were circulated a letter from a resident regarding their concerns over the safety of attendees at the Remembrance Sunday Service held in Fremington. Cllr Rennles said that he had thought about moving the War Memorial, however, Cllr Cole felt that it was in a prominent position at present.
- *** Cllr F Biederman returned to the meeting. ***
- Cllr Biederman confirmed that he normally organises stopping traffic whilst the service is being held, however, it is now becoming a safety concern and possibly need to look at moving the monument back. Another option would be to move it to the Village Green. He further stated that the Memorial area does need a tidy and upgrade. He also informed members that the Parish lost 15 horses and would like something official to commemorate the horses. Some members felt that a commemorative bench would be a great addition. Cllr Biederman suggested contacting the Community Group as it could be something that they would be interested in contributing too.
- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Clerk organise a meeting with the Royal British Legion and local veterans regarding the possibility of moving the War Memorial to give due regard to public safety but also the tribute and commemoration of our war heroes is continued respectfully.
 2. That the Clerk investigate the possible purchase of a commemorative bench and the tidy and upgrade of the War Memorial area in conjunction with the above. (NC)
- 2001/12 **Devon County Council – Planning Application**
 Devon County Council, the determining Authority asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning application:
 Country Matter Planning Application
 Ref: BGX/DCC/4154/2019
 Proposal: Variation of condition 1 and 2 of planning permission DCC/4106/2019
 (<https://planning.devon.gov.uk/PlanDisp.aspx?AppNo=DCC/4106/2019>) for variation of condition 5 of planning permission DCC/3951/2017
 (<http://planning.devon.gov.uk/PlanDisp.aspx?AppNo=DCC/3951/2017>) for Waste Transfer Station including a waste transfer hall, single storey weighbridge office and welfare facilities building, hardstand including staff parking and external weighbridge, internal access road, new access from the existing highway, drainage, lightening and landscaping
 Location: Brynsworthy Transfer Station, Roundswell, Barnstaple, Devon
RESOLVED: That planning conditions 1 and 2 are accepted. (11.1abs)

2001/13 **North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

*** Cllr A Rennles left the meeting. ***

70863 Proposal: Siting of non-illuminated marketing signs – 5 flags, 3 free standing and signage relating to sales centre.

Location: Land Adj B3233, West Yelland, Barnstaple.

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Cattermole

RESOLVED: That the marketing signs will be detrimental to the setting and surrounding area, a distraction to motorists and would make it look cheap.

(NC)

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

70753 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: Rookabear Cottage, Lydacott, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs McKenna

RESOLVED: That the application is recommended for approval subject to no adverse impact on the area and neighbours and is not over intensive for the area.

(NC)

70875 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 5 Brynsworthy Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Baines

RESOLVED: That the application is recommended for approval subject to the planning officer looking at the boundary fence.

(NC)

The following applications were taken together:

70922 Proposal: Prior Approval for change of use of agriculture building to dwelling

Location: Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott, Devon

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Miss Ward

70927 Proposal: Conversion of redundant rural building to dwelling (change to design of approved application 70521)

Location: Little Knightacott Farm Road to Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Miss ward

Cllr Rennles asked whether these buildings officially 'in agricultural terms' are redundant? Cllr Crawford asked what environmental aspects will be included.

RESOLVED: That the application is recommended for approval subject to appropriate design and in keeping with the area and there is no agricultural need for them.

(NC)

70938 Proposal: Conversion of rural building (stable block) to form one dwelling.

Location: West Penhill farm, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Miss Ward

Cllr Crawford – no livestock in the building. If the barn gets used for workshop, then wouldn't want to be in the development.

Members noted that Penhill Farm does have some significant wider views.

RESOLVED: That the application is recommended for approval subject to appropriate design and in keeping with the area and there is no agricultural need for them. Members would like to point out that Penhill Farm does have wider significant views in the community and surrounding area and requests that the Planning Officer takes this into account on the design, particularly from Fremington Quay, Ashford and top of Simons Hill which could affect the setting of Fremington Church and Manor building.

(NC)

2001/14

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

APPROVED: 70701: Proposal: Rebuilding of previous dilapidated chimney & repairs to damaged gable

Location: The Old Cottage, Beards Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Ranson

RESOLVED: That the Planning Decision above be received and noted.

(NC)

*** Cllr A Rennles left the meeting and did not return. ***

2001/15

Yelland Planning Application

The Council was reported that the revised Application for Yelland Quay was due to be registered at North Devon Council and in accordance with the Council's Pre-application Policy, members considered whether to invite the Developers/representatives of the application to a future meeting for a presentation on the application.

Cllr Bell stated that he does not care what they build on the Estuary, they will ruin it. As a member of the Council, I am completely against it.

Members felt that a meeting solely for the application discussion and council recommendation should be organised, but some members felt strongly that the developers/representatives were not invited to present the application as changes are minimal from the previous application. The Clerk reminded members that the application had not be registered therefore, members were not aware of potential changes to the application.

RESOLVED:

1. That a meeting is held on Monday, 27th January 2020 at 7.00pm at the Parish Hall and the Planning Officer, Keith Bines is requested to attend to present the application and answer any questions from members.
2. That the Clerk ask for plans to be displayed and a possible projector.

(NC)

Cllr Cole Connell expressed that he would have liked to have a presentation from the developer as he finds visual presentations much more beneficial and that it would be a benefit for the community.

Cllr McCormack-Hole said developers do not put in dentists, doctors and schools and members should be mindful of this.

2001/16

Patient Participation Group

Cllr McCormack-Hole felt that a representative should go on each of the surgeries Patient Participation Groups. Cllr Crawford stated that the only

Medical Centre in the Parish is Fremington. Cllr McCormack Hole explained that the Primary Care Network consists of the 4 clusters of the surgeries that are working together.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Crawford is elected as representative on the Fremington Medical Patient Participation Group.

(NC)

2001/17

Councillors Questions

Cllr Cann requested an update from the bus shelters working group. Cllr Capon reported that they inspected the bus shelters and is looking at possible transfer of DCC owned bus shelters in return for a bus shelter in Yelland. He furthermore explained that Northam Town Council has painted the bus shelter panels and left viewing areas, which could be a low maintenance option to investigate.

Cllr Connell asked whether the safety of staff leaving the premises has improved and how they felt. The Clerk replied that the situation has not changed at present as additional lights had not been fitted.

Cllr Crawford reported that between Old Bideford Road and Coopers Drive – post box/bus shelter, there is a tree that is overgrown and needs trimming. The Clerk replied that she would report this.

Cllr McCormack-Hole reported that Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital working closely with our Hospital. She reported that the Bickington Notice Board has a hole in and has broken glass. Cllr Kingdom said this was the WI notice board. The Clerk said she would contact them to report this. She furthermore reported that the Bickington Car Park is full of mud and can be dangerous and the line markers are non-existent. Cllr Cann said she would pick this up with North Devon Council.

2001/18

Royal Garden Party (DALC)

Members were requested to consider a nomination to attend the Royal Garden Party being held on 27th May 2020.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Kingdom is nominated to attend.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 9.09pm.

Signed Dated: