

**Minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on
Thursday, 28th November 2019 at 10.00am in
The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington.**

- Present: Cllrs S Adams (Chairman)
Cllr I Capon, I Crawford, C McCormack-Hole and J Bell.
Mrs K Graddock, Parish Clerk, Cllr Rennles and Cllr Kingdom.
- 1911/84 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr Hockin (Indisposed) and Cllr Cann.
- 1911/85 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr S Adams declared a Personal interest in item 5: Trim Trail.
- 1911/86 **Public Participation**
Cllr Biederman informed members that he had started on the path at Griggs Field, however, the job was bigger than expected. Petroc had helped with completing some of the work and he had managed to obtain free planings, however he requested that the Council could continue with this project. He stated that the Community Group could help with funding and potentially the labour.
- 1911/87 **Minutes**
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
(4.1abs)
- 1911/88 **Trim Trail**
The Chairman reported that he would like to ask for the Committee's support in trying to achieve funding for a Trim Trail to be sited in the Community. He stated that it will encourage people to use the natural environment and it would help with mental and physical health.
- Cllr Kingdom mentioned that the Council had looked at Griggs Field in the past but it was found not to be a suitable location. Cllr Adams replied that he had spoken to Mrs Woodhouse on why this was unable to be sited and it was due to the need of a temporary road, however, he felt that technology and systems had moved on to reinvestigate this matter.
- Members felt that Fremington Quay and the walk way at the bottom of Roundswell Estate could be locations to investigate.
- Cllr Biederman mentioned that the Fremington Trailblazers might be interested in supporting this project.
- Members were supportive of the idea and felt that it would be beneficial for the community to investigate and apply for possible funding and it was
RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk continue investigations on locations and funding for Trim Trails and that the Council support the need for a Trim Trail in the community.

(NC)

S.A

1911/89

The Beechfield Centre

- a) Members were submitted a request from the Beavers, Cubs, Guides and Scouts Groups for a reduced fee for use of The Beechfield Centre until the Riverside facilities are completed. Members felt that as this was a very short-term agreement that it was acceptable and it was

RESOLVED: That the Beavers, Cubs, Guides and Scouts Groups are offered a reduced rate until the Riverside development is transferred.

(NC)

- b) Members were submitted a request from Fremington Football Club for a reduced fee for use of the Main Hall for football matches. A supporting email was circulated. Members were concerned regarding allowing one group in the community a long term reduced fee and it was

RESOLVED: That the Fremington Football Club are not offered a reduced fee.

(NC)

1911/90

Climate Emergency Working Party

Members were circulated the notes of the Climate Emergency Working Party meetings held on 1st October and 5th November with the recommendations, attached as Appendix 1.

Cllr Biederman suggested arranging a meeting with Mike Jones, North Devon Council in relation to the Climate Emergency Working Parties aims. He further suggested contacting the Biosphere in relation to potential land for woodlands.

Cllr Kingdom reported that Cllr Cann investigated a community compost heap a few years ago, but a suitable location was unable to be found.

After further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee authorise the Climate Emergency Working Party to action item 1, 2 and 3 and that 361 Energy are asked to work with the Climate Emergency Working Party to organise an event on a Saturday, at The Beechfield Centre regarding energy conservation.

(NC)

1911/91

Devon County Council – Highway verge grass cutting

Members were circulated correspondence from Devon County Council requesting agreement for the continuation of the Highway verge grass cutting. It was

RESOLVED: That the Council continue with the DCC verge grass cutting for 2020/21.

(NC)

1911/92

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)

S.A

1911/93

Muddlebridge Allotments

The Clerk gave a verbal report on a meeting with representatives of the Muddlebridge Allotment Association in relation to the rental charge.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Allotment Representative, Cllr A Rennles meet with the tenants to inform them of the offer of an increase of £100 per year and submit the proposal to the Land Agent.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 10.56am.

Signed:  Dated: 30-01-20

Notes of Climate Emergency Working Party - Fremington Parish Council held on Tues. 5th November 2019 at Beechfield Centre

Present: Cllr. Brian Hockin, Peter Thorn, Martin Sosnowski, Edwina Stevenson, Stephen Jarvis, Ella McCann, Marc Binns, Cllr. Jim Bell, Cllr. Ian Capon, Steve Webber, Cllr. Kelvin Groves, Cllr. Ian Crawford

Apologies: Peter Jollands, Joan Gristwood, Brian Clifton, Cllr. Myka Scott

Notes of 1st Oct: These were approved.

It was reported that neither the Terms of Reference or Recommendations for Action have yet been approved by the Parish Council and it was therefore agreed that correspondence will be sent to the Parish Clerk requesting that this be referred to Parks & Playing Field Committee for approval.....**Action Secretary**

The Secretary was asked to obtain a larger map so that areas for re-wilding and tree planting could be more easily identified.....**Action Secretary**

Future Meetings: In view of apparent absence of attendance at the previous meeting to ours, enquiry to see if a 7pm start could be arranged for Dec. 5th meeting.....**Action Secretary**

Beebomb Distribution: Ella updated the meeting on obtaining seeds

Tree Planting: Maple Grove, Littlemoor (at top of Ballards) are possible sites for a the Woodland Trust national event day on 30th November with Griggs Field as a fall back position. Allenstyles was raised as a possible location. Kelvin agreed to advise everyone regarding the time and location for planting.....**Action Kelvin**

It was felt appropriate that we communicate with any residents near tree planting locations and Kelvin agreed to take that on board.

Group Work: Steve Jarvis made a power point presentation of a parish map highlighting the extent of agricultural land in relation to urban development and proposed the setting up of a possible four work groups within the CEWP to look at Tree Planting, Re-wilding of Verges, Outreach to Residents and Lobbying Councils and Government.

Peter Thorn offered to contact a lecturer at Petroc College to see if students can be involved in assessing the current carbon footprint, with a methodology which could be repeated at a later date to measure progress..... **Action Peter**

Marc Binns emphasised the need to identify issues where we can measure carbon emissions now and at a future point in order to assess progress to reach net-zero carbon by 2030.

In view of our numbers it was agreed to form two work groups;

1) Re-wilding & Trees - discussion followed on a suggestion to find a piece of land where a substantial quantity of trees could be planted in line with the Government's Committee on Climate Change target of 1.5 billion trees by 2050 equating to over 800 per year in Fremington Parish. Further suggestions put forward were a nursery of trees at primary schools where pupils could follow tree development from seed and that trees bearing nuts could be a local source of food. It is recognised that some plans for planting need coordination at County level.

2) Outreach & Planning - communication with residents on how to reduce individual carbon footprints on domestic energy consumption and use of private transport could be done by newsletter or leaflet. Concentrating on one issue at a time in a campaign was considered better than tackling all issues together.

The working party meeting split into the following groups for further discussion and report back after some 30 minutes;

1) Re-wilding & Trees - Kelvin, Steve W, Ian Capon, Jim, Edwina and Brian

Summary of discussion in appendix (1) - Tree Strategy

2) Outreach & Planning - Ian Crawford, Marc, Ella, Steve J, Martin and Peter

Summary of discussion in appendix (2) - Outreach Communication

Both groups reported back on their respective discussions and it was agreed that the discussion should continue within each group by email outside of the meeting to develop further recommendations which can be brought back to the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 3rd December (time tbc), Beechfield Centre

appendix (1)

Climate Emergency Working Party Community Tree Strategy 2019 – 2024

2019 – November 30th

Community tree planting day – An initial event to engage the community in the aspirations of Fremington Parish Council to meet its ambitions for carbon neutrality by 2030.

The purchase of trees via community councillor grants (NDDC, DCC councillors Biederman) and invitation to local individuals and businesses (Through press release and social media campaign). Aim of the event: 09:00 – 12:00 To make each of these trees available from The Beechfield centre to individuals and groups to plant within the parish.

For tea, coffee and refreshments to be available at the centre between these times.

2020 (Planting March and November) – 2022 (Planting March and November)

The planting of numerous fruit / nut (edible) trees throughout the parish to provide free food to parishioners and benefit wildlife / increase biodiversity.

Funding to be requested via PFFC and full council as soon as practicable for each planting date, with additional funding requested via NDC and DCC councillor grants and invitation to local business and individuals through press release and social media campaign.

2020 – 2024

The creation of a New Woodland

Funding to be accessed via The Woodland Trust / NDC / DCC / charities who provide full funding and advice for larger scale schemes. This will provide space for FPC to meet its target of 900 trees planted per annum without encroaching on individual resident areas, whilst also meeting wildlife and biodiversity benefits.

Land TBC via CEWP (? Land identified by Graham Turner)

2020 - 2021

Creation of a Community Compost heap (as currently successfully in place in Bratton Fleming)

Appendix 1

2020

Support the aspiration of allotment holders to accommodate Bee Hives to increase pollinators

appendix (2)

Outreach Communication

Communication

- Facebook
- Newsletter
- Parish magazine
- Schools

The message in outreach through the above mediums is detail of how to reduce your carbon footprint. We must be specific and realistic with not too much at once

Target Issues

- Cycling & Walking - motivation needed such as exercise/ financial savings. Cycle access and cycle ways are key.
- Air Quality - Information about levels of pollution
- Congestion reduces outside of school term times - solutions could be walking to school or school buses. Bus passes could be free for pupils and students. Consider why people drive when there are alternatives?
- Energy use/consumption domestic - house insulation (? *speaker from 361 Energy CIC*)
- Public transport - the need to put rail on the local agenda. Light rail to Tiverton Parkway was suggested.

In general we need to produce a programme of single targets and engage with the community to get their views on how we can achieve net-zero carbon reduction. The community should be considered a resource in this programme.

Appendix 1

Present: Cllr. Jim Bell, Joan Gristwood, Joanne Bell, Stephen Jarvis, Cllr. Ian Crawford, Cllr. Kelvin Groves, Peter Jollands, Marc Binns, Steve Webber, Graham Turner, Serin Terzi, Ella McCann, Elsie McCann, Brian Clifton, Chris Hassall, Cllr. Myka Scott, Edwina Stevenson. No apologies were received

Welcome & Introductions: Ian Crawford as lead councillor opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

Elections: It was agreed that the position of Chairperson should be held by a resident.

Chairperson - Stephen Jarvis was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations he was duly elected. SJ took the chair.

Secretary - Ian Crawford was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

Social Media Organiser - Ella McCann volunteered to manage our Facebook page and was duly elected.

Treasurer - This post was put forward and accepted as necessary when we have some funding.

It was proposed and accepted that the minutes of the meeting should be circulated as a draft for amendments/corrections to be sent to the secretary within 7 days of being issued. This allows the minutes to be issued to be sent out with the agenda 3 days before the next monthly meeting. **New agenda items need to be sent to the secretary at least 7 days before the next meeting.**

Terms of Reference: Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) had been circulated. Discussion around the need to identify the reasons for a climate emergency declaration together with a target date for zero carbon followed after IC informed the working party that any amendments to TOR would go to the Parks & Playing Fields Committee on Thurs. 24th Oct.

The following paragraphs were agreed for insertion under the respective sections;

'Background' *The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, published in 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, and local communities. Unfortunately, our current plans and actions are not enough. The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050;*

'Remit of the Working Party' *Fremington Parish Council will lead the working party, which will comprise of councillors, residents and interested individuals to make Fremington a zero carbon village by 2030. This replaces the first paragraph in the draft TOC.*

Some members were concerned that meetings were not open to the public and it was accepted that members of the public who might be interested would be able to join the working party under the provisions above of 'interested individuals'

Recommendations for action (highlighted)

Plan of Action: The Devon County Council 10 point plan was circulated to members.

by some schools to support the Climate Emergency.

SJ suggested addressing issues under 4 headings, air, water, soil and biodiversity.

GT reported that some 12 acres behind Tews Lane which contained a footpath, was an old site owned by Devon County which could be used for tree planting. We would need to check whether there are any building development plans for the site. GT pointed out that trees at Tews Lane (playing fields?) were not being maintained and that Roundswell Residents Group could be approached to carry out maintenance of such trees. Residents could be encouraged to plant trees in their domestic gardens.

Jim B referred to the Rewilding Verges & Open Spaces report, pointing out that grass cutting time saved on verges and open spaces could be used to carry out planting. It was agreed that we ask the Parish Clerk to clarify ownership of the spaces and that a copy of a map showing the location the verges and spaces be obtained for our next meeting. Hele Park Crescent was identified as an open space which should be added to the report.

KG proposed that we organise a focus event on 30th November which is Woodland Trusts Big Climate fightback action day, by planting a small batch of trees with some press coverage. Discussion followed in support regarding local funding donations for a few trees. It was agreed that we approach developers, nurseries, local businesses and District Councillors who have personal spending pots of £1,000 each. Joanne B suggested that we approach the District Cllr. ? who had offered to fund a placard at Yelland to switch that to trees.

Other organisations to approach for funding include Koa Tree Camp <https://www.koatreecamp.com/>, Gaia Trust <https://www.gaiatrust.org.uk/home-farm-marsh.html> KG reported that the Woodland Trust could provide 420 trees for £1,390. It was agreed that we approach District Councillors for funding from their pots and Fremington Parish Council. To approach One Barnstaple we may need to send a speaker.

EM offered that schools could set up a network to support the tree programme of working party. Children planting tree seeds and following the growth would develop their environmental awareness.

The question of how we measure reduction of CO2 emissions based on historic information for the parish was discussed. It was accepted that at some stage we should carry out such measurement but that our immediate priority was tree planting.

AOB SJ offered to bring a long term agenda of action to our next meeting. Elsie McCann who attended with her mother Ella was invited to have her say by the Chair. Her response was that we should all think about how much we are consuming.

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm Tues. 5th November and secretary to book first Tuesday of each month

Recommendations:

- a) Terms of Reference of CEWP - to be submitted to Parish Council 2nd Dec.
- b) Budget allocation for CEWP - to be considered at Parish Council 2nd Dec.

The following recommendations are for consideration by P&PFC 28th Nov.

- 1) To approach approach developers, nurseries, local businesses, for funding donations for an ongoing tree planting programme to meet a target of 900 trees per year in Fremington to meet the Government Climate Change Committee's target of 1.5 billion trees by 2050
- 2) To approach Koa Tree Camp <https://www.koatreecamp.com/>, and Gaia Trust <https://www.gaiatrust.org.uk/home-farm-marsh.html> for funding or supply of trees. (Woodland Trust have already supplied 100 trees for planting on 30th Nov.)
- 3) To approach local councillors for donations from their spending pots (Cllr. Frank Beiderman has donated £500)
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