

**Minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on
Thursday, 30th January 2020 at 10.00am in
The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington.**

- Present: Cllr S Adams (Chairman)
Cllrs I Capon, I Crawford, C McCormack Hole and J Bell.
Also in attendance, Mrs K Graddock – Acting Parish Clerk, Cllr A Rennles,
Cllr S Kingdom and 1 member of the public.
Cllr Biederman from Griggs Field Agenda item.
- 200131 **Apologies**
None received.
- 200132 **Declarations**
Cllr S Adams declared an interest a personal interest in Item 5 – Trim Trail.
- 200133 **Public Participation**
A member of the public on behalf of the Muddlebridge Allotment Association gave their sincere thanks to Mrs Graddock for her efforts with regards to the allotments. They explained that at the last rents the Association was not invited for discussions with the Council and it was appreciated to be involved. An informal discussion was held with Mrs Graddock and some Cllrs which was the first time since Muddlebridge was formed such an invitation was extended. They furthermore said that they were pleased to see 4 members of the Council attend. They reiterated that separating the rents and allowing an EMR would help ease the situation and will alleviate concerns from tenants that Muddlebridge subsidises Babbages.
- Cllr Rennles endorsed the member of publics statement.
- 200134 **Minutes**
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th November 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (NC)
- 200135 **Trim Trail**
The Chairman gave a brief overview of the situation to date and that in order to submit grant applications, a firm location for the Trim Trail to be sited was needed. Members discussed whether to use Tews Lane however, felt that this could be a separate project when the Tews Lane site is enhanced.
RESOLVED: That the Trim Trail is located in Griggs Field. (NC)
- *** Cllr S Adams declared a Personal interest. ***
- 200136 **The Beechfield Centre**
Members received two quotations for the cleaning services at The Beechfield Centre and looked at the quality of the service and any additional information that was submitted with the applications.
RESOLVED: That H2O are appointed for a period of 12 months for cleaning services at The Beechfield Centre at a total of £262.50 per month. (1abs)

- 200137 **Climate Emergency Working Party**
Cllr Crawford tabled notes from the last Climate Emergency Working Party meeting, which are attached as Appendix 1.
- Members felt that there was in fact quite a few access points from the Parish to the Tarka Trail and that the surface is in reasonable standard. Cllr McCormack Hole suggested that the Working Party walk from Barnstaple to Instow to take a look at the Tarka Trail surface
- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Clerk communicate with County Councillor F Biederman to take up the issues regarding the Tarka Trail that have been raised by the CEWP.
 2. That Fremington Parish Council sign up to the Devon Climate Declaration.
 3. That Fremington Parish Council look at ways that it can reduce its carbon footprint within its premises including solar panels, cleaning supplies and any other matters and that a survey is carried out on where the Council can action on the points above.
 4. That Fremington Parish Council look at addressing the provision of solar panels at Tews Lane extension.
 5. That any communication from the Climate Emergency Working Party is sent and checked by Mrs Graddock prior to any publication.
 6. That the Clerk investigate options for potential painting of a wing at Roundswell Underpass.
- (NC)
- Cllr McCormack applauded Cllr Crawford on his action to date. Cllr Crawford thanked Mrs Graddock for attending the last meeting to refocus members ideas to Fremington.
- 200138 **Griggs Field**
Members were reported that the project initiated by Cllr Biederman had now concluded and resulted in the planings becoming solid and too difficult for anyone to distribute. Quotes had been received and it was
- RESOLVED:** That the Clerk enquire with Cllr Biederman for any funding towards this project, as the Council has limited funds to complete this work.
- (NC)
- 200139 **Bee Keeping**
Members were reported that a request to site bees on the Babbages allotment was submitted. Members were very supportive of this idea and felt that bees were important to encourage to be sited on site. The Clerk informed members that she had contact North Devon Council as the landowner and they were investigating whether it was possible to site bees on the allotment site.
- RESOLVED:** That siting bees on the Babbages Allotment site is encouraged and the Clerk continue discussions with North Devon Council and report back to a future meeting.
- (NC)
- 200140 **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)

200141

Muddlebridge Allotments

Members were given a verbal report from the Clerk on the situation to date in relation to the rent and lease at Muddlebridge allotments.

RESOLVED:

1. The land is leased for 4 years from the Glebe Agents.
2. That there is no rental increase for Muddlebridge allotment tenants for the period of the lease (4 years).
3. That any remaining monies from the rental income is kept in a separate EMR for expenditure on the Muddlebridge allotments only.
4. That the Clerk investigate the wall and bank at Fishleigh Quay.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 10.50am.

Signed: Dated:.....