

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm in The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs C McCormack-Hole (Vice Chairman), S Adams, F Biederman, J Cann, C Connell, D Dixon, S Haywood, A Rennles, M Scott, T Steer and H Walker

Mrs Eileen Badcock, Executive Officer (Maternity Cover)  
Mrs Liz Steer, Administration Officer  
Miss Nieve Wuttke-Keary, Apprentice Administration Assistant

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**Apologies**

Cllrs Kingdom, Goodger and Sherborne.

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**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Haywood declared a Personal Interest in Min No.2109/16 Planning Application 73729

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**Public Participation Period**

None.

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**To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 as a correct record.

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**Committee Minutes**

To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee Meetings:

- Finance and Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

- Environment and Community Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Environment and Community Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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**County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Walker reported on the Bickington Ward for August, on behalf of herself and Cllr Cann. They are working with Environmental Health regarding dog fouling in Woodville, which is becoming a problem, and dealing with a pollution incident. Cllr Walker has called in Planning Application 73681 – Mead Park development. They are keeping track of any housing developments in the area and any issues arising from them. Attended the Roundswell Residents Association meeting which was very interesting. Housing has become a big issue all over the area and a meeting will be held at some point.

Cllr Biederman felt that some residents are still in need of support and the DCC website is still available regarding Covid. Overgrown hedges have been a problem but are now being dealt with and he should be contacted if there is a problem.

In Cllr Mackie's absence Cllr McCormack-Hole read out her report. Cllr Mackie has forwarded two grant offers to the Parish to look at regarding Neighbourhood Plans. It had taken 3 years to get the recognition, along the Tarka Trail, that Yelland has an ancient monument – The Yelland Stone Row, but finally there is a board up in Yelland which is really informative of the pre-historic significance of the viewpoint over the estuary. Please go and have a look at it, it is located between Isley March and Gaia Trust land. A Parish Forum meeting has been arranged on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6.30pm and will discuss a number of issues including Review of the litter bin and dog bin strategies, the latter of which myself and Cllr Biederman were instrumental in bringing to the fore, Housing issues, NDC Restructure, NDC Projects update and NDC financial update. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and it is recommended to attend as you get a real overview of what the District is doing and learn about other Parish Councillors' viewpoints. Planning Application 73875 St Andrews Road. Myself and Cllr Biederman have asked for a Ward Member briefing on this when the officer concerned comes back from leave.

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**Police**

The Police report was distributed to Cllrs at the meeting and was noted.

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**Cemetery – request for Bench**

Cllrs considered the details of the request and it was **resolved** to approve the installation of the memorial bench in Fremington Cemetery.

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**North Devon Council – Planning Applications**

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

*It was formally noted that participation of the Councillors who are also members of NDC in both the debate and subsequent vote (in respect of any of the above, were preliminary taking account of the information matters) was on the basis that the views expressed made available at the time to the Parish Council. The District Councillors were reserving their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.*

73524 Proposal: Single Storey Extension

Location: 35 Merrythorn Road, Fremington

Applicant/Agent: L Shapland

It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse effect on the amenity of neighbouring properties and sufficient off-road parking.

73547 Proposal: Formation of an off-road parking space using permeable block paving  
Location: 71 Barracks Road, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs L Beazley  
It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and is in keeping with the street scene.

73671 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling  
Location: 2 Birch Lane, Roundswell  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Sullivan  
It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

73681 Proposal: Outline application for up to 80 homes & access arrangements, including affordable housing, open space, landscaping, biodiversity net gain and associated infrastructure with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)  
Location: Land West of Mead Park, Bickington  
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Rowe  
It was **resolved** to recommend REFUSAL. The development is on land forming the split between Fremington and Bickington, properties on the other side of Bickington Road were rejected for this reason. There are highways issues with the already congested Bickington Road. The land is also classed as good agricultural land and the proposal goes against BAR22, ENV1 and Paragraph 17 of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan. The Parish Council would refer NDC to the Appeal Decision on Planning Application 60985.

73729 Proposal: Demolition of garage and erection of two storey extension to form annex  
Location: The Brambles, Old Bideford Close, Roundswell  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Howell-Williams  
It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL, with one abstention, subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and sufficient off-road parking.

73774 Proposal: Conversion of redundant rural building to two dwellings and associated works  
Location: West Penhill Farm, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Miss Ward  
It was **resolved** to recommend REFUSAL. The proposal is over-intensification of the site and creeping development. It will have a negative impact on the important public views of the wider countryside. If North Devon Council is minded to approve then there should be a condition for appropriate screening to protect the view of strategic amenity areas, for example the Tarka Trail on both sides of the river and that the rural building is no longer needed for agricultural use.

- 73778 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: Oaklea, 14 Ellerslie Road, Sticklepath  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Hudson  
It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and is in keeping with the street scene.
- 73810 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of Selective branch removal of 1 Oak (T1) and 1 Willow (T3,) Selective branch reduction of 1 Oak (T2) and removal of 1 Cherry (T1562) and 2 Ash (T1563 & T1564.)  
Location: Sampsons Plantation, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: P Rayment  
It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL of selective branch removal of 1 Oak (T1) and 1 Willow (T3) and selective branch reduction of 1 Oak (T2) in the interests of good tree management and replacement of the Cherry and Ash trees with six more appropriate trees.
- 73859 Proposal: Single storey rear extension  
Location: 54 Yelland Road, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Berry & O'Connor  
It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties or the Biosphere.
- 73871 Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building  
Location: Land off Old School Lane, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Gayton  
The Parish Council is unable to comment on this application as the applicant is the Parish Council's Burial Superintendent.
- 73875 Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 161 residential dwellings, involving the demolition of an existing dwelling (no.18 St Andrews Road) to create a new access onto St Andrews Road, and associated landscaping and open space with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)  
Location: Land North of St Andrews Road, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: Vistry Homes Limited  
It was **resolved** to recommend REFUSAL . It is a departure from the North Devon Local Plan and also a departure from the Neighbourhood Plan. The access arrangements are unsafe and would have a severe impact on the adjoining properties, especially with headlights on the opposite side of the road. There would also be a severe impact on the B3233, the general infrastructure and health services.

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### **Councillors Questions**

This item is for Councillors to raise questions for future discussion, however, no decisions are to be taken under this item.

Cllr Rennles felt that we are currently in the dark regarding large planning applications. This matter will be discussed at the Parish Forum on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Cllr Walker reported that there was a great deal of anti-social behaviour within the Parish and trail cameras would be a good idea and were not too costly. It was suggested that this could be referred to an Environment & Community meeting for discussion.

Cllr Biederman felt that an item could be discussed at a Full Council meeting to consider and appoint a sub-committee to discuss the Queen's Platinum Anniversary Celebration in June 2022.

Cllr Steer advised that there have been a lot of bottles and broken glass in Griggs Field lately and urged members of the public to report any incidents to the Police and also advise the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....

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