

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 2nd August 2021 at 7pm in Fremington Parish Hall, Higher Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, J Bell, J Cann, C Connell, D Dixon, L Goodger, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, T Steer and H Walker

1 Member of the public

Remote Attendance
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Mrs E Badcock, Executive Officer (Maternity Cover)
Mrs E Steer, Administration Officer
District Cllr Mackie.

2108/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs F Biederman, S Haywood, A Rennles and M Scott.

2108/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest in Item No. 2108/12 Application 73672 as it is an adjoining property.

Cllr Steer declared a Personal Interest in Items 2108/08 and 2108/09 as a member of the Public Transport Users Group

2108/03 **Public Participation Period**
None.

2108/04 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 as a correct record.

2108/05 **County and District Councillors' Reports**
Cllr Cann reported that they had received complaints about the Mead Park development site relating to noise and dust. The District Cllrs had met with the developers to discuss although the impact had been reduced as they were now working further away from existing dwellings. There is an issue with anti-social behaviour in the village which the District Cllrs are pursuing along with the highway being used to undertake repairs to vehicles. Cllr Cann reported that Barnstaple Fair will take place this year.

Cllr Walker reported that there had been issues with assisted and general recycling collections due to COVID-19 and staff having to isolate, if your bin is not collected you are advised to leave out for 48 hours, if there are not high winds, and a crew will endeavour to collect during that time. Roundswell Residents had written to District Cllrs about the path between Coopers Close and the industrial estate, the brambles are growing over the pathway. This has been reported to DCC, however, they have been informed that it cannot be cut back until 1st September due to nesting birds.

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Cllr Mackie reported that she had signed people to report a similar issue with the path from Welches Lane to the Instow turn off, the brambles from the field are growing over the path. NDC is preparing a levelling up bid which is aimed at helping areas and in particular town centres regenerate, the bid will be for Ilfracombe Town Centre. The way in which possible breaches of planning compliance is reported has changed and there is now an online form for everyone to complete. NDC had training last week on cyber security and crime and Cllr Mackie will forward the details onto the Parish Council. Cllr Mackie has been asked several times when the link between Tarka Ridge and the Tarka Trail will be opened, the developer is currently waiting adoption checks from Devon County Council.

2108/06 **Police**
None.

2108/07 **Fremington Cemetery**
A copy of the updated Rules and Regulations for Fremington Cemetery were circulated prior to the meeting, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the updated Rules and Regulations.

The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the North Devon Public Transport Users Group to make representations on items 2108/08 and 2108/09.

The member of the North Devon Public Transport Users Group addressed the Council and explained that the urgency of global warming is what any plan should be centred around, we should encourage people to use public transport as much as possible, however, connections need to link and we need to look at the whole network and existing road system.

Cllr Mackie left the meeting.

The rail and bus services have to link and service the whole area including rural communities, there has to be integration and good connectivity. The Parish Council and other authorities need to be putting pressure on the bus companies and DCC to ensure integration takes place.

It was unanimously agreed to reinstate Standing Orders.

2108/08 **Peninsula Transport Vision**
It was agreed for Cllrs to submit individual representations.

2108/09 **National Bus Strategy Stakeholder Consultation**
It was agreed for Cllrs to send representations to the Executive Officer who will provide a consensus of responses.

2108/10 **Brynsworthy Waste Transfer Station**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

Cllr Mackie

2108/11 **Extension to Working Hours for Land to the West of Mead Park Bickington**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, that the working hours should be 8am – 8pm, 8am – 1pm on Saturdays and no working on Sundays.

2108/12 **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.

72675 Proposal: Hybrid planning application comprising the following:

Outline Application occupying a total area of 1.44 hectares consisting of a garden centre of up to 6,000 sq. m. (gross external floor area), car parking and other associated ancillary infrastructure; and

Full planning permission for a petrol filling station and associated shop and drive-thru coffee shop, occupying a total gross floor area of 1.215 sq. m. including the completion of a Toucan crossing on the eastern arm of the Roundswell Roundabout (amended description & plans)

Location: St Johns Garden Centre, Roundswell

Applicant/Agent: Ms R Allen

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL.

73409 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of removal of 1 Oak Tree (T1) and 2 Ash Trees (adjacent to T1) crown lifting of 1 Hornbeam (T2) and selective crown reduction of 1 Oak Tree (T3)

Location: Woodland adjacent to 12 Blakeland Road, Fremington

Applicant/Agent: Mrs J Cousins

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the works being in the interest of good tree management.

73453 Proposal: Erection of first floor extension together with extension to the ground floor & erection of a detached garage

Location: 50 West Yelland

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Ansell

It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

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73511 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 47 Beards Road, Fremington
Applicant/Agent: Ms K Vale

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

73646 Proposal: Erection of dwelling
Location: Land adjacent 9 Redland Road, Fremington
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Parr

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal is over intensification of the site.

73660 Proposal: Extension to and conversion of garage to form one dwelling
Location: 5 West Yelland, Yelland
Applicant/Agent: Mrs M Williams

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal is over intensification of the site.

73672 Proposal: Single storey rear extension and partial garage removal with front access widening and side porch removal
Location: Meadow Way, Bickington Road, Bickington
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Heeney

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

The Chairman asked if any Cllrs had any questions, the following questions were asked:

Cllr Dixon – does the Parish Council have an environmental policy?

Cllr Connell – are we any closer to re-considering/resolving the adoption of the MUGA at Riverside Park? The Chairman replied that she is attending a meeting tomorrow morning with the developer, NDC and Residents' Association.

Cllr McCormack-Hole – how long do we have to continue with COVID restrictions? It was noted that although government restrictions had been lifted it was up to individuals and organisations to continue to act responsibly, it was noted that transmission rates were at their highest in North Devon and members felt a cautious approach should be taken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed G McCormack Dated 6.9.2021