

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting Held on
Monday 1st November 2021 at 7pm in The Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

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

Mrs Eileen Badcock, Executive Officer (Maternity Cover)
Mrs Liz Steer, Administration Officer
7 members of the public

2111/10 **Apologies**
Cllrs Bell, Haywood and Rennles

2111/11 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Min 2111/17 as a member of the Devon & Cornwall Police Crime Panel.
Cllr Connell declared a Personal Interest in Min 2111/20 as a Riverside Park resident.
Cllr Walker declared a Personal Interest in Planning Applications 71240 and 73318 as a friend of the applicant.
Cllr Adams declared a Personal Interest in Min 2111/17 as a member of the Police.

2111/12 **Chairman Announcements**
The Chairman reminded Cllrs that an Environment Day Workshop is being held at the Cedars Inn on the 9th November 2021 should they wish to attend. She referred Cllrs to a response on 101 and 999 calls from the Police & Crime Commissioner under Item 8 - Police.

2111/13 **Public Participation Period**
3 members of the public spoke regarding the MUGA at Riverside Park with views on its adoption by the Parish Council. 1 member of the public was concerned about speeding traffic in Old School Lane and the fact that it is getting more and more unsafe to walk along the road.

2111/14 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 4th October 2021 as a correct record.

2111/15 **Committee Minutes**
To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee Meetings:

- Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 30th September 2021
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel meeting held on Thursday, 30th September 2021



- Environment & Community Committee held on Thursday 30th September 2021
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee held on Thursday 30th September 2021
- Tews Lane Committee held on Thursday 30th September 2021
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions there, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30th September 2021
- Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 21st October 2021
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2021
- Environment & Community Committee held on Thursday 21st October 2021
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee held on Thursday 21st October 2021
- Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Thursday 21st October 2021
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Thursday 21st October 2021

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County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Biederman had attended a Housing Crisis Forum recently, attended by Stakeholders, NDC, Torridge, North Devon Homes and Perrigo to discuss the dire need for housing in North Devon. Notice to quit from landlords with tenants in rented accommodation is now at two months and is causing a lot of problems. Affordable homes are desperately needed. There is a Carers shortage, they are desperately needed as are Foster Parents. He has been trying to push through 20mph speed limits and this has been pushed back, however, a trial is being carried out in Newton Abbot.

Cllr Cann and Cllr Walker attended a meeting on the Housing Crisis, a meeting will be arranged with parliamentarians. They are currently sorting out car parking at the North Lane development, the road will then be adopted. The car park at Fremington Quay is not closed, the sign was put there by person(s) unknown and taken from Bickington Road where SWW is currently working but has now been removed.



- 2111/17 **Police**
No report had been received from the Police and there was no attendance at the meeting.
A response to the letter sent to the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding concerns on the subject of difficulties in answering of 101 and 999 calls was distributed to Cllrs and was noted. Cllr Walker advised that members of the public should report any difficulties that occur.
- 2111/18 **Leave of Absence Requests**
Cllrs considered the leave of absence requests from Cllr Scott and Cllr Goodger and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to grant leave of absence, to be reviewed in January 2022.
Cllrs requested that a letter be sent to DALC with concerns about Cllrs attendance at meetings, in particular with regard to Covid.
- 2111/19 **Parks & Open Spaces Committee**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Walker to the Parks & Open Spaces Committee. Cllr Steer had resigned from the Committee as he was unable to attend meetings due to the timing of the meetings and his work commitments.
- 2111/20 **Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Riverside Park**
Cllrs discussed the further information received from the developer regarding the carpet and the 7 year warranty/clean MOT offered by Barratts.
- Cllr Biederman gave a brief overview of the history surrounding the facility and outlined the expense of maintaining the carpet. He explained that it had been agreed at a meeting with the developer, North Devon Council and Residents' Association that, if the facility was free to use, the PC did not have to maintain the carpet and could remove at the end of its natural life, make good the tarmac underneath and line, the cost of which was estimated to be in the region of £20,000 and Cllr Biederman proposed that a budget of £1,000 be included each year towards this cost.
- It was noted that the proposal not to maintain the carpet would negate any warranty offered by the developer and that the costings involved in making the tarmac good in the future could increase, however, the carpet was worth around £20,000 and it was felt that it would be better to use it until it reaches the end of its natural life instead of removing straight away.
- Cllr Connell asked for clarification on the use of the floodlights it was confirmed that these would be turned off and not in use.
- Following lengthy discussion Cllr Biederman proposed, seconded by Cllr Cann that:



1. The Parish Council adopts the MUGA subject to the developer paying the sum of £15,429.70 to the Parish Council as agreed.
2. That, as this will be a free to use facility, once the carpet reaches the end of its natural life it is taken away and the maintenance contribution is used to make good the tarmac and line the surface.

When put to the vote it was **resolved**, with 2 abstentions and 1 against, to adopt the MUGA on the understanding that the developer pays the sum of £15,429.70 to the Parish Council as agreed and to take away the carpet once it has reached the end of its natural life and make good the tarmac and line the surface.

2111/21 **To discuss and consider celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022** (Item requested by Cllr Biederman)
Cllr Biederman suggested that it would be nice for the Parish Council to arrange a celebration event to mark the Jubilee and suggested that a working party be set up to include local residents' associations, clubs and local schools in the Parish. Cllrs Biederman, McCormack-Hole and Cann undertook to arrange a date to meet and discuss the arrangements for the celebration.

2111/22 **North Devon Council – Planning Applications**
North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following applications:

73318 Proposal: Retrospective application for erection of a summer house
Location: Woolmers House, North Lane, Bickington
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Binns
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to APPROVE the application subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbours.

73920 Proposal: Erection of a dwelling & a substation
Location: Plot 8 Highfields & Substation, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Landlink Ltd
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no impact on the original 106 agreement for the 15 houses already approved. Members have serious concerns about what is happening regarding the site and would ask District Council Ward members to take this up with the Planning Officer.

74044 Proposal: Demolition of garage and extensions and erection of two storey side extension and alterations
Location: 29 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Birch
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties, it is not over-intensification of the site and sufficient off road parking.



74163 Proposal: Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and alterations
Location: 106 Lower Cross Road
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Jewell
Members were concerned about over-intensification of the site, off road parking and the amenity of neighbouring properties.

74210 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) planning permission 64124 (conversion of outbuilding to form one dwelling, erection of detached garage & extension to dwelling) to allow additional window for the barn and French door for existing house
Location: Woolmers House, North Lane, Bickington
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Binns
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of the conservation area.

74216 Proposal: Extension over garage to provide a further bedroom
Location: 1 Becklake Close, Roundswell
Applicant/Agent: A Campbell
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and sufficient off road parking.

ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING ANY OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED MUST NOTIFY THE PARISH CLERK NO LATER THAN 12 NOON ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING

2111/23 **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Sherborne advised that not all re-cycling has not been picked up from Woodville Close for the last 8-10 weeks. He has reported the matter to NDC. Cllrs Walker and Cann will look into this matter.


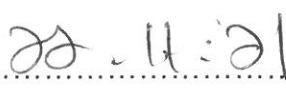
Cllr Cann, in her capacity as Police Advocate, undertook to pass on newsletters to the Parish Council office to be distributed to Cllrs for information.

Cllr Connell queried the size of the football pitch at Riverside.

Cllr McCormack-Hole referred to a Survey being sent out from the Hospital which is about the Hospital's future. They have been given a lot of money and are re-organising things. Survey ought to be completed, she has 50 copies but it can also be completed online.



Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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