

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

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

Mrs Eileen Badcock, Executive Officer (Maternity Cover)  
Miss Nieve Wuttke-Keary, Apprentice Administration Assistant  
2 members of the public (via Zoom)

2112/01 **Apologies**

Cllrs Adams and Rennles

2112/02 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Biederman declared a Prejudicial Interest in Planning Application 73887 and a Personal Interest in Min 2112/12 as a County Councillor. Cllr Dixon declared a Personal Interest in Planning Application 74340.

2112/03 **Chairman Announcements**

The Chairman reminded Cllrs that the Christmas and New Year Office closure will be effective from 1.00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, reopening at 9am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

2112/04 **Public Participation Period**

None

2112/05 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 as a correct record.

2112/06 **Committee Minutes**

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

- Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel meeting held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Environment & Community Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Tews Lane Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions there, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021



2112/07

**County and District Councillors' Reports**

**Cllr Biederman** reported that a consultation is to take place on signalisation of the junction at Cedars in the rush hours to improve flow of traffic through Bickington, past the Cedars roundabout. The Modelling showed that it would improve journey times from Fremington direction by 10-15 minutes, it also showed that it improved journey times from Roundswell direction by 2 minutes, this was following the trial in 2019 taken over two weeks using cameras.

He had a meeting with DCC, NDC & senior people from Redrow to sort the dangerous crossing at the Roundabout of Tews Lane and the Redrow Development. It was agreed to remove the top of the hedge, to give visibility for 40m. The developer would be planting trees in another location to match the biodiversity loss.

The HATOC Committee considered an item on moving the Bus gate into Old Torrington Road, meaning all traffic entering or leaving the area past the Crematorium, including the new development at Larkbear, would have to use Howard Avenue through the old Bus gate. Councillor Joy Cann and I raised severe concerns on the impact of this on the already congested Cedars & Roundswell Roundabouts. A proposal by me to leave traffic to find their shortest most convenient route was lost but a compromise of allowing traffic to go one way through the Bus gate from Old Torrington Road was passed. This will be reviewed after one year of operation.

**Cllrs Walker and Cann** have registered for Speedwatch and hope to have a team in place by Spring.

They attended the special Policy and Development Committee meeting regarding the housing crisis and a 10 point plan has been put forward to the Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> December for discussion.

The purchase of Green Lanes has been completed following a unanimous vote to buy it. This will add to the regeneration already planned and funded from the Future High Street Fund. Money is in place to repair and improve the building, this will protect the main shopping centre in North Devon from becoming run down and neglected. This has been funded by a low cost government loan, which will be more than covered by income from the centre.

North Devon Crematorium will be making an award of £15,000 to the Fern Centre from the ICCM metals recycling scheme, through the Over and Above hospital charity. This is the biggest award made.

The Cedars roundabout has been tidied up by North Devon Council employees, which is a great improvement, particular thanks go to Chris Williams from Waste & Recycling for getting it done at 5.00am to make sure it did not hold up traffic.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December the North Devon Environment Officers are holding a Talking Rubbish! Morning from 10am-12pm at Sticklepath Methodist Church Hall for any community litter pickers to gain views on what is happening with litter picking. Tea and Cakes provided.

**Cllr Cann** reported that she sits on the Licensing Committee and asked that the agenda and graphs on Crime rates be placed on the Members site for Cllrs information.

In District Cllr Mackie's absence from the meeting, the Chairman read out her report which is attached as Appendix A.

- 2112/08      **Police**  
No apologies or Police report had been received from the Police.
- 2112/09      **Devon Association of Local Councils**  
a) Cllr McCormack-Hole gave her apologies to Cllrs for her decision to resign as the Parish Council Representative on DALC. She has attended meetings for many years and has enjoyed attending in person but could not deal with the virtual meetings.  
b) It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Walker as Representative until such time as Cllr McCormack-Hole can attend meetings in person.
- 2112/10      **Draft Budgets & Precept for 2022-2023**  
Members were circulated the draft budgets for 2022-23 and Recommendations report by the Executive Officer prior to the meeting. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Council's initial Precept Request be submitted to North Devon Council for £276,488.92.
- 2112/11      **To receive and consider a draft of the proposed Fremington Parish Council Housing Crisis Declaration**  
Members considered the draft of the proposed Declaration prepared by Cllrs Walker and Cann. Members felt that some points needed to be amended and further comments were required. Cllr Biederman stated that the Declaration should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that any further comments should be forwarded to the Executive Officer by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for onward transmission to Cllrs Walker and Cann. The amended Declaration will then be placed on the agenda for a Full Council Meeting for a final decision.
- 2112/12      **Devon County Council – Planning Application**  
Devon County Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning application:
- County matter planning Application**  
**Ref: BGX/DCC/4270/2021**  
Proposal: Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission DCC/4154/2019 for Waste Transfer Station including a waste transfer hall, single storey weighbridge office and welfare facilities building, hardstand including staff parking and external weighbridge, internal access road, new access from the existing highway, drainage, lighting and landscaping  
Location: Brynsworthy Waste Transfer Station, Brynsworthy, Roundswell, Barnstaple, EX31 3NS
- Cllr Biederman advised that he has called in this application in as County Councillor. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend REFUSAL on the grounds that it will have a negative impact on the enjoyment of neighbours.

2112/13

**North Devon Council – Planning Applications**

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

73749 Proposal: Conversion of agricultural building to form one dwelling together with associated works and change of use of agricultural land to form extension to domestic curtilage

Location: West Penhill Farm, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Miss Ward

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL on the grounds of loss of agricultural land, the piecemeal development of the site and does not reflect the local housing needs.

73873 Proposal: Listed building application for widening the door opening in the kitchen by removing the stud shelving together with replacement of rotten back door with an oak stable door

Location: The Old Cottage, Beards Road, Fremington

Applicant/Agent: Mr M Higgins

Cllrs had no comments to make on this application as it had already been approved by NDC Planning.

Cllr Biederman left the meeting while the following item was discussed.

73887 Proposal: Extension to garage and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof

Location: 5 Broadway, Fremington

Applicant/Agent: Mr M R Liverton

Cllrs had no comments to make on this application as it had already been approved by NDC Planning.

Cllr Biederman returned to the meeting.

74123 Proposal: Rear extension and conversion of roof to provide further accommodation

Location: Tintern, 9 Ballards Crescent, Yelland

Applicant/Agent: T Mitchell

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

74141 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, conservatory and sun room and erection of new side and rear two storey extension together with alterations to roof and overall appearance

Location: Ashleigh House, Bickington Road, Bickington

Applicant/Agent: S Pine & K Davis

Cllrs had no comments to make on this application as it had already been approved by NDC Planning.



74172 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 71134 (Extension and alterations to dwelling) to allow amended design

Location: 13 Lyddicleave, Bickington

Applicant/Agent: Mr H J Kempf

Cllrs had no comments to make on this application as it had already been approved by NDC Planning.

74179 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling to include alterations to roof

Location: 5 Rooks Farm Road, Yelland

Applicant/Agent: Renton

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend REFUSAL on the grounds that the roof height is being raised considerably and is over-intensification of the site.

74203 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of 1x Ash, fell due to ash dieback disease & 1 x Oak, 2m crown reduction over gardens.

Location: 21 & 23 Lyddicleave (Amended description) 21 Lyddicleave, Bickington

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Stevens

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL of the 2m crown reduction to the Oak tree in the interests of good tree management and replacement of 2 new Ash trees.

74253 Proposal: Erection of 2 local needs detached dwellings

Location: Land at Woolmers Farm, North Lane, Bickington

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Tucker

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties, no over-intensification of the site, no adverse impact on the wider landscape and subject to an agricultural tie to Woolmers Farm.

74340 Proposal: First floor extension and erection of single garage

Location: 3 Park Close, Fremington

Applicant/Agent: Mr M Thomas

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 and an appropriate design.

74369 Proposal: Conversion of garage, raised decking and internal alteration

Location: 54 Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Fellows

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





74370 Proposal: Extension, garage conversion, loft conversion, raised decking and alterations.

Location: 26 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Philips

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

74392 Proposal: Erection of storage unit to the west of Golden Coast

Location: Golden Coast, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr D Adams

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

74439 Proposal: Extension over existing garage, rear extension and erection of a Pergola

Location: 32 Seaking Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Watson

Cllrs were unable to view plans for this application as they were not available on the NDC website. They had concerns regarding over-intensification of the site and insufficient off-road parking.

74446 Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling

Location: Former Victoria Cottage, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr M Young

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties, no over-intensification of the site and is in keeping with the street scene.

**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**

2112/14

**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Walker was concerned about users of the BOAT Road.

Cllr Bell wanted to know about the chopping down of trees at Lagoon View.

Cllr Biederman requested the Executive Officer to write to NDC Planning and the Chief Executive to raise Cllrs concerns regarding four planning applications, which had already been approved by NDC. The Parish Council had not had an opportunity to make recommendations, also that the plans for one application had not been accessible on the NDC website.



Cllr McCormack-Hole stated that the buses are not running as normal. Executive Officer to write to Stagecoach to raise concerns that buses are cancelled at short notice and that the App was not working. She felt that there was a need to establish the time of the last bus. Cllr Biederman to be copied into the letter.

Cllr Cole asked about an update on the adoption of the MUGA. Cllr Biederman will chase up the Solicitors at NDC.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.......... Dated .....10.1.22.....