

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.00pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, J Bell, F Biederman, J Cann, C Connell, D Dixon, L Goodger, S Haywood, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, 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
District Cllr Jayne Mackie
2 Members of the public

- 2204/07 **Apologies**
Cllr Rennles
- 2204/08 **Declarations of Interest**
None
- 2204/09 **Chairman's Announcements**
None
- 2204/10 **Public Participation Period**
None
- 2204/11 **Minutes**
To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 as a correct record.
- 2204/12 **County and District Councillors' Reports**
District Cllr Mackie – reported on Planning Application 74943 and declared a non-registerable interest as a District Councillor. This application is very much on our radar as yet another callous attempt to build on perfectly good agricultural land.
The St Andrews Road planning application goes before the Planning Committee on the 16th April 2022. The Yelland Quay Public Inquiry will be held at the Cedars Inn on the 19th April.
Cllr Mackie outlined a County Stakeholders Workshop for Cycling, Walking infrastructure that was held on Monday. This is not a public consultation on the proposals and there will be a full and detailed public consultation with events more details on the proposed routes later this year after they have been refined following your comments.
A Northern Devon People and Place Project has been launched. It is a joint venture between two Councils to review the Local Plan, which will shape how the area develops over the next 20+ years. It will set out a plan for the future of Northern Devon by looking at what needs to be done around



matters such as housing, environment, sustainability, jobs, access to transport and health and wellbeing. The consultations commenced on the 17th March 2022 and will end on Friday 29th April 2022. Information on these consultations, plus the timetable for the wider project, can be found on the People and Place hub which can be accessed via www.northdevon.gov.uk/peopleandplaces

At a recent Climate Action meeting at NDC we were shown a draft of the Sustainable Events Guide. This is helpful to anyone organising a community event, big or small, to make a difference to carbon emissions, plastic waste, local sourcing etc.

NDC has launched a new partnership initiative to help address antisocial behaviour associated with littering and irresponsible dog ownership. The initiative is being led by NDC's Environmental Protection team in order to expand the education and enforcement capabilities across the district. As part of this, council officers and representatives from partner organisations took part in "Street Scene Enforcement" training. Participants who successfully completed the training will now be able to assist council officers in addressing littering and irresponsible dog ownership as well as taking enforcement action when education and raising awareness has not proved to be effective.

Cllr Biederman – advised that the meeting to discuss the St Andrews Road planning application will be held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at the Rugby Club, Barnstaple. If Cllrs want to attend they should ensure that they register. Waste collections seem to be very busy, and the staff are doing an incredible job though several members of staff are off at the moment. Members of the public are frustrated that the same collections are being missed each week. The white lining work at Fremington Quay, which is on the programme, is proving very difficult to find contractors to carry out the work. The Leisure Centre in Barnstaple is opening in June and looks an amazing building.

Cllr Walker/Cllr Cann – NDC is experiencing issues with payments for car parking permits and are trying to sort it out as soon as they can.

The much talked about Council Tax rebate for properties in the A-D band is £150 to help with fuel bills. Direct debit customers will get it automatically, those that do not pay by direct debit will get it by the end of May. Anyone who does not pay their own Council Tax and it is included in their rent, there is a discretionary scheme available. Another thing to note is that already people are getting scam emails saying 'click here' to claim your £150 rebate back. NDC has been awarded £132,000 for three changing place toilets in North Devon.

We have discussed the Parks & Playing Fields and a possible Public Spaces Protection Order to keep dogs on leads at the Babbages Play Area due to problems with dog fouling.

We have received communications from NDC asking that we remind community groups that are carrying out gardening work are not allowed to use any weedkillers, pest sprays or chemicals whatsoever.

The Community Grant scheme is now open and if you are part of a community group and want some money we have some available.

2204/13 **Police**
It was noted that a Police report has not been received and no apologies for non-attendance at the meeting. Cllr Biederman requested that a letter be sent to the Police regarding attendance at a Parish Council meeting and the provision of a regular Police report.

2204/14 **New Code of Conduct and associated training**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the new Code of Conduct issued by North Devon Council. Cllrs were reminded regarding their compulsory attendance at the NDC Code of Conduct training session to be held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 6.30pm.

2204/15 **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.

74943 Proposal: Outline application for erection of residential development for 80 dwellings with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale).

Location: Land at Yelland Road, Yelland

Applicant/Agent: Wainhomes (South West) Limited

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL on the following grounds:

- Access safety concerns as it is on a bend and in a dip
- Developments have reached saturation point
- Infrastructure does not support the development
- It will have an adverse impact on the neighbouring properties
- It is outside the development boundary

74968 Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling and associated works

Location: Elmsleigh, Bickington Road, Sticklepath

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Wharton

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

74980 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: New Glen, Bickington Road, Bickington

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs McAuley

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

75053 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 70761 (erection of dwelling) to allow amendments to fenestration and plot position

Location: Ellerslie House, Bickington

Applicant/Agent: Mr M Patel

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

subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and on the wider views over the Taw Estuary

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Councillors Questions

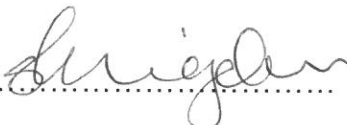
Cllr Scott advised that she regularly reports potholes and asked if this could be shared with a link on social media.

Cllr Steer would like to make a presentation to the Cllrs on the Bideford to Barnstaple Railway. Cllrs felt it would be interesting and it was agreed to place an item on the next available agenda.

Cllr Biederman asked for an update on the adoption of the MUGA. He was informed that this matter is still ongoing with the Solicitors.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Cllr Biederman advised that nothing much is happening, due mostly to Covid and the war in Ukraine. He advised that members of the public planning a street party should contact Devon County Council as soon as possible for permission to close the road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44pm

Signed 

Dated 9th MAY 2022