

**Minutes of the Annual Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm at  
the Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

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

Mrs E Badcock, Executive Officer (Maternity Cover)  
Mrs J Wood, Projects & Administration Officer  
Mrs E Steer, Administration Officer

- 2205/01     **Election of Chairman for 2022/2023**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to elect Cllr Kingdom as Chairman for 2022/2023.
- 2205/02     **Declaration of Office – Chairman**  
The Chairman read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2205/03     **Election of Vice-Chairman for 2022/2023**  
Cllr Walker nominated Cllr Rennles, seconded by Cllr Adams, be elected as Vice Chairman for 2022-2023  
Cllr Biederman nominated Cllr McCormack-Hole, seconded by Cllr Scott, be elected as Vice Chairman for 2022-2023.  
Following discussion Cllr McCormack-Hole felt that she could not cope with the technical side involving computers and online meetings.  
Cllrs voted and it was **resolved**, with seven votes in favour, to elect Cllr Rennles as Vice-Chairman for 2022-2023.
- 2005/04     **Apologies**  
Cllr Goodger.
- 2205/05     **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in item 2205/17 Planning Application 75066 as the applicant is known to him.  
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Cllr Dixon declared a Personal Interest in item 2205/17 Planning Application 75066 as the applicant is known to him.  
Cllr Haywood declared a Personal Interest in item 2205/17 Planning Application 75129.
- 2205/06     **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman asked Cllrs to ensure that they respond to emails sent from the Office as chasing replies is involving a lot of work for the Staff.  
A flag celebrating the Queen's Jubilee will be flown from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 inclusive.  
Cllr Kingdom advised that a recording of the NDC Code of Conduct Training carried out on the 26<sup>th</sup> April will be available shortly for those Cllrs who were unable to attend.



- 2205/07      **Public Participation Period**  
None.
- 2205/08      **County and District Councillors' Reports**  
**Cllr Walker/Cllr Cann** reported that there will be no grass cutting undertaken by NDC for 'No Mow May' when all green spaces will be left to grow as part of a charity campaign supporting wildlife.  
 Refuse collections will change over the Jubilee period and revised collection dates are available on the NDC website. Cllr Cann met with NDC Officers at Babbages Play Area to discuss fencing off play equipment. She advised that picnic tables will be sited and there will be a dog walking area.  
 Cllr Walker advised that there is a worrying increase in anti-social behaviour in Bickington/Roundswell. A fence near the underpass has been broken down and girls are being approached and inappropriate references being made. She felt that it could be that this anti-social behaviour may be linked to that occurring in town. 101 should be contacted or emailed to report any such behaviour.
- Cllr Biederman** has been requested by District Cllr Mackie to mention the 'No Mow May' month relating to grass cutting in the parish.  
 He has been contacted by St Peter's Church regarding an invitation to attend a service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 11.00am to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. He will forward the details to the Office to be emailed to Cllrs. Anyone interested should contact the Office in order that numbers can be passed to the Church and seats reserved.  
 Line marking at Fremington Quay is being carried out shortly.  
 He attended the Yelland Quay enquiry two weeks ago together with Cllr Bell and District Cllr Mackie and thanked all who came along. He advised that hopefully subject to conditions to be met by the applicant, the enquiry should be available by at least the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 or possibly early June.  
 The area around the newly opened Aldi and other stores at Roundswell is becoming much busier with the crossing on the Old Bideford Road from that area to the houses opposite being unsafe. He has taken this matter to a HATOC meeting and also requested that a letter be sent to DCC regarding the provision of at least warning signs and/or a crossing.
- 2205/09      **Police Report**  
 A Police report had not been received. An email from the Police was distributed to Cllrs at the meeting indicating the pressures the Police were currently under. Cllr Biederman requested that an email be sent to the Police regarding an undertaking that an Officer will attend a Parish Council meeting twice per year.
- 2205/10      **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
 It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as a correct record.



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**To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Environment and Community Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Environment and Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022
- Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022
- Environment and Community Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Environment and Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
It was, **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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**Annual Report**

The Annual Report was circulated prior to the meeting and included the following reports from outgoing Committee Chairmen:

- a) Chairman's Report
- b) Finance and Personnel
- c) Fremington Quay
- d) Footpaths Committee
- e) Tews Lane Committee
- f) Parks and Playing Fields Committee
- g) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- h) Climate Emergency Working Party

Two Chairman reports had not been received in time for the Annual Report to be compiled. It was noted that the Annual Report will be completed as soon as possible and circulated to Cllrs.

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**Revision of Standing Orders**

Cllrs were advised that no amendments are proposed.

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**Revision of Financial Regulations**

Cllrs were advised that no amendments are proposed.

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**Assets and Lease Arrangements**

A copy of the Council's Asset and Lease Arrangements was circulated to Cllrs at the meeting. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, and one abstention, to note the amendments to the Council's Assets and Lease Arrangements.

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**Membership of Committees**

- a) To appoint seven Councillors to serve on the Environment and Community Committee

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllrs Bell, Cann, Dixon, Haywood, Kingdom, McCormack-Hole and Walker to the Environment and Community Committee.

- b) To appoint seven Councillors to serve on the Parks and Open Spaces Committee

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllrs Adams, Biederman, Connell, Haywood, McCormack-Hole, Rennles and Scott to the Parks and Open Spaces Committee.

- c) To appoint seven Councillors to serve on the Fremington Quay Committee

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllrs Cann, Dixon, Haywood, Kingdom, McCormack-Hole, Sherborne and Walker to the Fremington Quay Committee.

- d) To appoint five Councillors to serve on the Tews Lane Committee

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllrs Cann, Kingdom, McCormack-Hole, Sherborne and Walker to the Tews Lane Committee.

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**Parish Council Representatives**

To appoint representative to:

- a) Fremington Parish Hall Management Committee (1)

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Dixon.

- b) Tomlin Hall Management Committee (1)

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Steer.

- c) Devon Association of Local Councils (1)

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Walker.

- d) Fremington Quay Environment Group (1)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Walker.
- e) Muddlebridge & Babbages Allotment Association (1)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Rennles.
- f) Taw & Torridge Estuary Forum (1)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Bell.
- g) Fremington Local Nature Reserve Management Committee (1)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Adams.
- h) Tree Wardens for Fremington/Yelland and Bickington/Roundswell (2)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Bell for Fremington/Yelland and Cllr Rennles for Bickington/Roundswell.
- i) Snow Warden Co-ordinator (1)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Walker.
- j) Healthwatch Assist Network (1)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr McCormack-Hole.

It was noted that Cllr Steer will continue on the Public Transport Users Group and Cllr Bell on the Plastic Free North Devon Group.

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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.*

73208 Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 2 dwellings Some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping and scale) (amended plan. Documents and description)

Location: Former Clay Pits, Tews Lane, Bickington

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Fox

The Parish Council is commenting on this application as an adjoining landholder. The Parish Council is concerned about the impact on the drainage of the sports field which goes across the access road to the site and will be compromised. The proposed access is on a blind bend and the height of the proposed access road will have a negative impact on the amenity of neighbouring property owners. The Parish Council also has concerns about the width of the access road.

Cllr Walker informed the Council that she has called in the application to be dealt with by the Planning Committee.

74947 Proposal: Conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation  
Location: Willowgate House, North Lane, Bickington.  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Thayammal  
It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL on condition that it is used as ancillary accommodation and not as a separate dwelling and has no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

75047 Proposal: Solar array of 32 panels and associated works  
Location: Orchard Lodges, Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Day  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the panels having no adverse impact on the wider Taw landscape.

Cllr Biederman left the meeting

75066 Proposal: Single storey rear extension to garage to form office/sewing room  
Location: 9 Beech Park, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: Mr E Rogers  
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.

Cllr Biederman returned to the meeting.

75112 Proposal: Alterations to dwelling to provide car port, hydrotherapy pool and external boundary treatments  
Location: 3 Magdala Road, Bickington  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Cornell  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the use of the dwelling being an ancillary dwelling and not a residential property.

75129 Proposal: Outline application for erection of three dwellings and alteration to existing highway  
Location: 20 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Clark  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to recommend REFUSAL due to over-intensification of the site and insufficient access.

75137 Proposal: Creation of x3 dormer windows to dwelling  
Location: Phyldene, Chestwood Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Powley & Ms Fairall  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.





75173 Proposal: First floor extensions to dwelling and associated works  
Location: 3 Mead Park, Bickington  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Rinder  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL due to over-intensification of the site and adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and street scene.

75232 Proposal: First floor extension above garage  
Location: High View, Pottery Lane, Yelland  
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 and the wider landscape.

75233 Proposal: Creation of vehicular hardstanding and ramp  
Location: 27 Oaklea Crescent, Fremington  
Applicant/Agent: Ms S Holmes  
It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

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**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Adams asked who is responsible for the removal of the Scout Hut sited at Eilerslie.

Cllr Sherborne wanted to know the location of Defibrillators in Fremington and Barnstaple.

Cllr Bell stated that as there is a PSPO sign regarding dog fouling at Tarka Ridge he felt it could do with a dog fouling bin.

Cllr Scott asked if as a Council we could look at First Aid training.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked about Volunteering. She was advised that reference should be made to North Devon Voluntary Services. A link will be placed on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Biederman asked about the damage to Dinger Bell's memorial bench at Fremington Quay and will investigate District Cllr funding for a replacement. He asked that the MUGA be placed on the next agenda.

Cllr Rennles reported that a desludger was recently on the highway at Deptford Villas and all drains are now clear.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed .....  .....

Dated ..... 6.6.22 .....