

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 1st August 2022 at 7.00pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

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

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Cllr J Mackie, North Devon Council

2208/01 **Apologies**
Cllr C Connell.

2208/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Cann declared a Personal Interest in Item 2208/10 Application 75645 as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr Haywood declared a Personal Interest in Item 2208/10 Application 75129 as a neighbour.

2208/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman informed members that the Fremington Youth Football Club is splitting from the adults and looking to become a legal entity so that they can sign a lease with the Parish Council.

2208/04 **Public Participation Period**
None.

2208/05 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022 as a correct record.

2208/06 **Committees**
To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee Meetings:

- Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022
Cllr Biederman was not aware of the paperwork for the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting and would like his apologies for the meeting noted due to work commitments.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to receive and ratify the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022.

- Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to receive and ratify the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022.
- Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to receive and ratify the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022.

2208/07

County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Mackie reported that application 73875 is not a new application and is an updated noise report so is more for the Parish Council to note, Allenstyle is going to be built out as per the original planning permission and the District Ward Cllrs have a meeting with the developer. NDC has adopted a Carbon and biodiversity plan and are making it a priority to make the buildings it owns as environmentally friendly as possible and plant more trees. NDC had a presentation on the proposed Whitecross offshore floating wind farm, the presentation is available for any Cllr upon request, they had also had a meeting with the MP about planning and to request assistance with matters arising from the Yelland Power Station appeal.

Cllr Rennles left the meeting whilst Cllr Mackie gave a brief overview of some questions raised.

Cllr Mackie informed members that NDC does not have a 5-year land supply due to developers' land banking and not building out approved developments resulting in a current land supply of 4.2 years.

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

A question has been raised about the democracy and role of the Planning Committee given that NDC does not have the appropriate land supply. They have also asked that the flat rate for the discharge of conditions is looked at.

Cllr Cann/Cllr Walker

Cllr Walker reported that a site for Barnstaple fair had been secured, however, the carnival has been cancelled due to a lack of entries there will be events. Mrs Dark has now left NDC due to retirement and Cllrs Cann & Walker would like to thank Mrs Dark for all her services over the years. A nightclub in Barnstaple has been closed after breaking their licence conditions, there have been missed waste and recycling collections in Mead Park and the new properties have not received bins, it was noted that these have been delivered to NDC and the properties should receive them by the end of the week. There was a fire on Footpath 17 which the fire brigade attended and there has been a lot of anti-social behaviour in the area, there has been a crackdown on this in Barnstaple and would like to see the same in this area.

More pods for homeless people have been provided and the outreach workers are doing a good job. Cllr Walker and Cann have visited Sticklepath school to ask for ideas on play equipment in Ellerslie Play Area and what the children would like to see, it has been agreed that a survey should be carried out in September with a list of suitable equipment compiled by the Administration and Projects Manager for consideration. Some fencing in the play area has been damaged. There is a revised planning application for North Lane which provides direct access for the residents to car parking.

Cllr Biederman reported that there are two crossings in Bickington promised work was meant to start on the one by Elmfield Road in July but has not and he will chase. The situation with a developer recently going bankrupt has been clarified in that the liquidators were selling off the sub-soil which would not affect access rights for residents. Cllr Biederman has asked DCC to re-look at the turning point into the access in St Andrews Road as part of the proposed development, it is going to be an agricultural access to the field and is very narrow with concerns already raised that waste and recycling lorries won't be able to access. Cllr Biederman was disappointed that Old School Lane had not been selected for the 20MPH trials which lost by one point on the matrix, Cllr Biederman has asked Highways too look at with S106 money as it ticked every box except speeding. There are over 3,500 second homes in the North Devon District Council area, which is a high proportion, £1.7m supermarket vouchers have been sent out to 19,000 children in Devon which are entitled to free school meals. Due to the cost-of-living increase there will be a £40 million black hole on overspends at County level. The special needs Ofsted report has once again shown that Devon is failing young people and a notice to improve has been issued, there is a new Director of Children Services and Ofsted have been back and are happy with the changes that have been implemented so far, over 2,900 children have waited over a year for help which is not acceptable.

2208/08

Police

Cllr Cann reported that the Police report had been sent to Admin, however, it was too late for the meeting and would be circulated tomorrow but Cllr Cann wanted to draw attention to the bottom paragraph of the email about anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Rennles commended the Police and all authorities involved in the vehicle collision that took place at Deptford Villas, however, he was disappointed with residents who had decided to move the cordon to get through.

2208/09

To consider a request to place a Headstone and Kerb set in Fremington Cemetery

Cllr Biederman felt that Cllrs should visit the Cemetery to look at the additions that have been installed at the Cemetery, he suggested Cllrs could meet at 5.45pm prior to the September Full Council Meeting.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request.

2208/10

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.

73875 Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 161 residential Dwellings, involving the demolition of an existing dwelling (no.18 St Andrews Road) to create a new access onto St Andrews Road, and Associated landscaping, and open space with some matters reserved appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) (amended plans) (additional noise

Location: Land North of St Andrews Road, Fremington

Applicant/Agent: Vistry Homes Limited

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, reiterate the Parish Council's previous comments and to add that the Parish Council is concerned about the turning angle and size of vehicles.

75129 Proposal: Outline application for erection of three dwellings and alteration to existing highway access (with all matters reserved) (amended plans)

Location: 20 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Clark

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to reiterate the Parish Council's previous comments.

75530 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) attached to planning permission 71708 (Installation of solar farm and associated infrastructure (amended plans and additional details) to allow adjustment of the number, size of infrastructure elements including the fence height, transformer unit, and substation building and relocation of the site's grid connection compound)

Location: Land at Litchardon Cross, Newton Tracey

Applicant/Agent: Infinis

It was **resolved**, with three votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no further impact on the wider landscape or neighbouring properties.

75586 Proposal: Barn conversion from an existing agriculture barn to a 2 bedroom dwelling and replacement of existing cabin
Location: Land at Lydacott Farm, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr John Isaac

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend REFUSAL there is a lack of information with reference to whether or not the agricultural barn is still in use.

75599 Proposal: Rear extension to dwelling to include erection of raised deck and internal alterations
Location: 3 Rooks Farm Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs S Avens

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

75627 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling together with erection of garage
Location: 2 Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Hollingworth

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

75632 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 74495 (Extension & alteration to dwelling) to allow for increase the width of the extension so there are no piers in the bedroom
Location: 2 Birch Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Sullivan

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

75645 Proposal: Reserved matters application for Access, Appearance Landscaping, Layout and Scale including Contamination Report (outline planning permission 70941 for mixed use development of 3 open market dwellings and commercial unit (all matters reserved) (departure from the Local Plan)
Location: Glenwood Farm Road, Past Brynsworthy Farm, Roundswell Barnstaple.
Applicant/Agent: Mr David Easterbrook

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

2208/11

Councillors Questions

Cllr Adams asked if a sub-committee for planning had progressed. It was noted that this would be investigated.

Cllr Bell asked if the Parish Council could investigate if NDC can do anything to ban disposable BBQs. Cllr Biederman informed the meeting that he is investigating the possibility of a Public Space Protection Order on Instow Beach/Sand Dunes.

Cllr Bell asked if the email from Instow Parish Council on the Yelland Quay application could be circulated.

Cllr Sherborne asked what could be done about snakes at Griggs Field and who would be liable if a snake should bite a person or dog. It was noted that Adders and other snakes are present throughout the country, they are a protected species and native wildlife.

Cllr Steer asked if people see fly tipping around Roundswell please can they report it appropriately.

Cllr Scott asked if signage could be erected at Old School Lane to warn heavy goods vehicles that it is a narrow lane.

Cllr Walker asked if the office could email the other County Cllr for the area and request their presence at Parish Council Meeting, it was suggested that this invitation is extended to the other District Cllrs.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked if anyone that had any experience/stories of outpatient services could share them with her.

Cllr Biederman asked if the office could share County and District Cllr email addresses with Parish Cllrs and requested that questions relating to County and District matters are sent in advance so an answer may be provided.

Cllr Biederman asked if a full update on the transfer of the MUGA could be provided to Cllrs.

Cllr Dixon asked if information on County Lines could be added to the Parish Council's social media and website.

Cllr Kingdom asked what could be done about the obstructive parking around the shops and on double yellow lines. Cllr Biederman asked Cllr Kingdom to email him.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed

Dated