

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 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, S Haywood, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, T Steer and H Walker

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

- 2209/01     **Apologies**  
Cllrs L Goodger, A Rennles and M Scott.
- 2209/02     **Declarations of Interest**  
None.
- 2209/03     **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman informed members that the Barnstaple Pilot Gigg Club had sent an invitation for all Cllrs to join them on Saturday for the official opening and naming ceremony in recognition of the Parish Council's financial support.
- 2209/04     **Public Participation Period**  
None.
- 2209/05     **Minutes**  
Cllr Cann asked that it was clarified that Cllr Topps and Walker had visited Sticklepath school to ask for ideas on play equipment in Ellerslie Play Area and agreed that a survey should be carried out in September.
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 as a correct record.
- 2209/06     **Committees**  
To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee Meetings:
- Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to receive and ratify the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- 2209/07     **County and District Councillors' Reports**  
Cllr Walker/Cann  
Cllr Cann reported that the Strategy and Resources Committee had approved the £110,000 S106 funding for the MUGA at Tews Lane. Cllr Cann thanked all that were involved, including the Parish Council, especially the staff, the North Devon Council and the Police for the response to the

travellers that had forced entry onto the Playing Fields at Tews Lane. The agencies had worked together which had meant the intruders had left within 48 hours with no damage to speak of.

Green waste collections had been suspended for two weeks to allow NDC to catch up with waste and recycling collections, it had been a difficult decision, but a shortage of drivers had left them with little choice.

The rules on multi house occupancy are being looked at with a view to relaxing some of the regulations to help with the housing crisis and the Government has asked for information on short-term lets which NDC has sent a response. The home loan policy is also being revised to allow for the introduction of smaller loans with those for fuel being at 0% interest. There is also a cost-of-living motion being presented to committee.

The Green Lanes regeneration project has commenced and will include a changing place.

Cllr Biederman reiterated that the issue of the travellers forcing entry onto the Playing Fields at Tews Lane had been dealt with swiftly and efficiently including the clean up after they had left which had been undertaken by a member of staff, who was on site as soon as they left, a volunteer and Cllr Biederman, 20-30 bags of rubbish were collected, and it was a tremendous effort by all involved.

Waste and recycling collections are trying to get out earlier so they would like items for collection out by 6am.

St Andrews Road planning application was refused by NDC's Planning Committee due to the access and impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Cllr Mackie confirmed that if the St Andrews Road application is taken to appeal the developer will not be able to pursue costs against NDC as the site is not in the Local Plan.

There has been an increase in waste and recycling that is out for collection, the collection of green waste is not a statutory collection and takes place on a loss basis.

It was noted that operatives do not have to collect cardboard that is not in the brown bag and agreed to share social media posts from NDC where possible.

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**Police**

No report received.

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**Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the conclusion and External Auditor's report.

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**Planning Committee/Sub-Committee**

Members considered the creation of a Committee to deal with planning applications due to the length of time this item is taking at Full Council and members have expressed concern that not all planning applications are given enough consideration.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to create a Planning Committee with delegated powers to respond to planning applications and consultations on planning policy as a consultee on behalf of the Parish Council, it was agreed for the Neighbourhood Plan to sit under the Committee's remit but not to give delegated powers and final decisions to be referred back to Full Council, it was further agreed to form the Committee on a trial basis with the following terms of reference:

**Terms of Reference****1. Membership of the Planning Committee**

The Membership of the Planning Committee shall be appointed at the first Annual Parish Council meeting following an election and shall remain until the next election unless a member resigns or becomes disqualified.

**2. Remit****a) Planning Committee remit and delegated authority:**

- The Planning Committee is responsible for considering and responding to Planning Applications as a consultee on behalf of the Parish Council.
- The Planning Committee will also respond, on behalf of the Parish Council, to consultations on national and local policies relating to planning.
- The Planning Committee is responsible for the development and review of the Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan, the Committee does not have delegated authority to make decisions on the Neighbourhood Plan and recommendations on these matters must be referred to Full Council for ratification.

**Membership: 5**

It was agreed that due to availability of the hall the Committee meetings would usually take place on a Tuesday morning at 9.30am. All Cllrs are expected to look at the Agenda and planning list for the meeting and submit any representations at least 24 hours prior to the Committee meeting, it was noted that Cllrs could also attend the Committee meeting and speak under Public Participation.

It was agreed to place an item on the next Full Council Agenda to agree the membership of the Committee and suggested that, although the membership is set at 5, there should be a provision for one/two substitute members. Cllrs Bell, Adams, Kingdom, Walker and Haywood indicated that they would like to sit on the Committee.

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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.*

75673 Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 32 (approved details), 33 (storey heights) and 34 (amenity zone) attached to planning permission 56351 (Hybrid application for detailed planning permission (part a) part demolition of tremar, erection of 15 residential units, associated community benefits together with associated highway works & (part b) outline application for residential development of up to 50 units) to allow various amendments.

Location: Land at Woolmers Farm, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Landlink Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make no comment.

75615 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 4 (Unit Size Concessions and Subdivision - Petrol Filling Station) attached to planning permission 72675 (Hybrid planning application comprising the following: Outline application occupying a total area of 1.44 hectares consisting of a garden centre of up to 6,000 sq. m. (gross external floor area), car parking and, other associated ancillary infrastructure; and Full planning permission for a petrol filling station and associated shop and drive-thru coffee shop, occupying a total gross floor area of 1,215 sq. m. including the completion of a Toucan crossing on the eastern arm of the Roundswell Roundabout (amended description, plans & Flood risk assessment))

Location: Land adjacent to Roundswell A39 Roundabout Barnstaple

Grid Ref: 254355; 131195

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Griffiths, Pegasus Group

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to submit the following comments, the traffic in that area is already excessive the Parish Council would prefer to see a subway/bridge which would provide a safer pedestrian crossing, or utilisation of the existing infrastructure i.e., the footbridge to the Roundswell Business Park and then a toucan crossing for access.

75682 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & conversion of garage to provide additional accommodation  
Location: 4 Heal Park Crescent, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Clark

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.

75689 Proposal: Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (hybrid and outline application 56351 – part B being the outline for residential development of up to 50 units (amended plans and description)  
Location: Land at Woolmers Farm, North Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Landlink Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make no further comment.

75704 Proposal: Installation of 4kWH photovoltaic panel array on roof  
Location: 8 Drake Avenue, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Brown

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.

75707 Proposal: Reserved matter to approve scale, layout and appearance to block E and block F following planning consent 72666 (Amended reserved matters application for the erection of 166 residential units (following outline approval 59837(to agree amended plans which vary design, previously attached to reserved matters application 64925)  
Location: Anchor wood Retail Park, Taw Wharf, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Pearce Construction

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make no comment.

75709 Proposal: Erection of front porch & additional alterations to include amended roof materials (approved under ref 73236)  
Location: 20 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Stimpson & Ms Symons

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.

75821 Proposal: Application for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of removal of 3 Ash trees (G003, T10 & T12) and reduction to a '4 metre monolith' Of 1 Beech tree  
Location: Glenwood Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Miss S Boocock

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, APPROVAL subject to the works being in the interest of good tree management and the tree being replaced on a two for one basis.

75835 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling with associated works  
Location: 25 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Jevron & Ms Clayton

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.

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### Councillors Questions

Cllr Adams suggested that if the green waste collection is operating at a loss and people are not receiving the service they have paid for then NDC should charge more for the service.

Cllr Connell asked if there was an update on the MUGA at Riverside Park, he was aware that Barratts would be meeting with their solicitors on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Cllr Walker asked if the Administration and Projects Manager could be publicly thanked for all her hard work in relation to the MUGA at Tews Lane.

Cllr Cann asked if there was meant to be a site visit to the Cemetery, it was noted this was a suggestion but had not been arranged.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked if people could be encouraged to respond to the outpatients' questionnaire in relation to dermatology treatment, to date there had not been any responses from North Devon. Cllr McCormack-Hole highlighted that there is a shortage of dentists especially NHS dentists and some children have not seen a dentist.

Cllr Biederman asked if the Parish Council could share the feedback form from the Healthwatch Devon website. Cllr Biederman also asked if an update could be provided on budgets and costings going forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed 

Dated 3.10.22