

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,  
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, J Bell, J Bridgeman, J Cann, D Dixon, D Harris, C McCormack-Hole, S Haywood, R Jones, B Sherborne and H Walker.

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer  
Mrs J Wood, Administration and Projects Manager

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**Apologies**

Cllrs F Biederman, N Denton.

2307/02

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Walker declared a Personal Interest in Item 2307/10.

2307/03

**Chairman's Announcements**

None.

2307/04

**Public Participation Period**

None.

2307/05

**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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as a correct record.

2307/06

**Committees**

To receive, and adopt the minutes, and note the decisions therein, of the following Committee meetings:

- Parks and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

- Finance and Personnel meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

- Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



- Environment and Community held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Environment and Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- Tews Lane Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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**County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Walker/Cann

Cllr Walker reported that the refurbishment of two Parish Council play areas did not go to NDC's Committee today for the allocation of Section 106 funding and they are meeting with the Section 106 officer to find out why and progress, there is also further Section 106 funding available for Ellerslie Play Area so the contractor has also been asked to replace the swings.

Cllr Kingdom asked if timeframes for completion of obligations could be added into the agreements.

Cllr Walker reported that the planning application for the garage in Bickington to become a shop has been approved, the District Cllrs did what they could but they cannot dictate the business. The refurbishment of the Market in Barnstaple is coming along nicely and should open at the end of the summer. There is a road improvement scheme associated with the works, however, there is discussion over whether there will be a curb or shared space. The leader from the Arts Council looked at projects in Barnstaple for the funding available which included Bridge Buildings and the Museum and was pleased.

Cllr Norman explained that Tawstock Parish Council has raised issues with the naming of the boundaries and written to the Chief Executive, it has been suggested that the two Parish Councils meet to discuss further and Cllr Norman will forward a copy of the letter to the Executive Officer.

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**Police**

No report received.

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**Neighbourhood Plan**

Members considered the draft Neighbourhood Plan and submission to the North Devon Council for review and comment, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to submit the draft plan.

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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 applications:

76293 Proposal: Outline application for up to 450 dwellings including access (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale reserved) – EIA development (Further information as requested by Regulation 25 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017)  
Location: Land South of A39 Brynsworthy, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3QQ  
Applicant/Agent: Wessex Strategic Ltd

Cllr Walker explained that the reason this has come back is as a result of the access onto the A39 being made safer and another Environmental Impact Assessment. It was noted that the recommendation from the Planning Committee was to reiterate the Parish Council's previous comments. There was some discussion over the presence of a five-year land supply and the need for the development now this is in place and also noted that there is a housing crisis. After discussion it was **resolved**, with 2 votes against and 1 abstention to reiterate the Parish Council's previous comments and recommend APPROVAL members felt that it would take the pressure off of the B3233, was well thought out with a good level of affordable housing proposed.

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#### **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Adams asked if any of the Section 106 funding for Ellerslie could be used for Griggs Field, it was noted that this was specifically for Ellerslie Play Area.

Cllr Walker thanked all the Cllrs involved in the quick response to the forced entry onto the playing fields in Tews Lane and would like to thank the Police that attended for their response.

Cllr Cann asked if there were costings for the repair, it was noted that the repairs had been carried out in-house by the Maintenance and Amenities Operative and therefore were minimal.

Cllr Bridgeman explained that as a resident he had met the Adoption Manager for Barratts and whilst there had asked about the MUGA he had been told that the report on the works required had been undertaken and the works carried out, and the transfer was now at the point of engrossments, he explained that children are climbing over the fence and asked if the site could be opened now the transfer was nearing completion. It was noted that the site could not be opened until the legal process had been completed due to liability and insurances.

Cllr Dixon asked about the maps relating to the bio-diversity in the Neighbourhood Plan, it was noted that these only needed to include areas above and beyond the Local Plan and members had not been forthcoming with information, the plan will be submitted for comment and if a map is required the Parish Council will need to provide one.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.36pm.

Signed .....  ..... Dated ..... 7.8.23 .....