

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 7th August 2023 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, J Bell, F Biederman, J Bridgeman, J Cann, N Denton, D Harris, C McCormack-Hole, S Haywood, M Thomas and H Walker.

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2308/01

Apologies

Cllrs D Dixon.

2308/02

Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Cann, Biederman, Denton, Thomas and McCormack-Hole declared a Personal Interest in Item 2308/09.

2308/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that the MUGA at Riverside Park had been cleaned but progress with the transfer was still ongoing.

2308/04

Public Participation Period

None.

2308/05

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 3rd July 2023 as a correct record.

2308/06

Committees

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

- Finance and Personnel meeting held on Tuesday 25th July 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 25th July 2023.

- Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 27th July 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 27th July 2023.

- Environment and Community held on Thursday 27th July 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.

2308/07

County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Walker reported that there is now a District Cllr representative on the Fremington Quay Environment Group and the planning application for the open space at Meadow Park is going to Planning Committee on Wednesday. The August Strategy and Resources Committee Meeting (SNR) has been cancelled so the request to secure S106 funds towards the upgrades of Ellerslie and Beechfield Play Areas has been delayed by NDC again and the Full Council meeting to ratify will not be until October 2023, it was noted that the contractor had agreed to hold the price until the end of August and Cllr Walker confirmed she would seek advice on works commencing prior to Full Council. Cllr Walker had attended the North Devon Show as an NDC representative, and half of the Pannier Market has now opened in Barnstaple. NDC has prosecuted another person in court for antisocial behaviour.

Cllr Biederman – Fremington Ward

Cllr Biederman reported that SNR had been cancelled due to a lack of business, Cllr Biederman confirmed that he had also chased the allocation of the S106 funds. There is a Bat Walk in Fremington starting at the Village Green, the St Andrews Planning Appeal appeared to have gone well over the six days and a decision should be issued in 4-6 weeks.

Cllr Kingdom asked about the works to the Cedars Roundabout, Cllr Biederman confirmed that exploratory works had been undertaken to identify utilities and once locations have been established works will begin.

Cllr Denton – Fremington Ward

Cllr Denton provided an update on the proposed offshore windfarm Whitecross, although it was noted that a planning application is yet to be submitted, it would appear that the scheme is advance with discussions with landowners having taken place about where the cables will travel eventually concluding at Yelland.

2308/08

Police

No report received. It was noted that there had been a burglary in Yelland Road and the area seemed to have been targeted lately.

2308/09

Licensing Policy Review Consultation

Information was circulated prior to the meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

2308/10

Councillors Questions

Cllr Harris stated that all the drains have been blocked and not cleaned for five years. Cllr Biederman confirmed he would investigate.

Cllr Cann asked if the wards of which a District Cllr represents could be put with their report on the minutes.

Cllr Walker will forward a query on a footpath to the office.

Cllr McCormack-Hole explained the new My Care app for the NHS and it was agreed to place some leaflets in the office.

Cllr Biederman asked if the meeting schedule for 2024 could remove the August Full Council meeting as it is recess along with one another to reduce Full Council meetings to 10 a year – members agreed with the proposal and felt if there was no business Full Council could be cancelled.

Cllr Thomas explained that he had been approached by a resident who had asked if more 30mph signs could be installed between Bickington and Yelland, members felt this was clarified in the highway code. The Fremington Women's Football team had stated that the men have priority on the Beechfield Playing Field, and they have to pay to play at Tarka it was noted that this was an internal issue as the lease is with Fremington Football Club.

Cllr Kingdom had seen on Facebook that the Police are now enforcing the no entry signs at Eilerslie Road and asked why they had now decided to enforce, it was noted that a few years ago the Parish Council had requested enforcement or a change in the regulations. Members felt the sign should be for "access only".

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed  Dated 4.9.23