

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 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, S Haywood, R Jones, C McCormack-Hole, S Haywood, B Sherborne and H Walker.

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer  
District Cllr C Norman

1 Member of the public

2309/01

**Apologies**

None.

2309/02

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

2309/03

**Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that she, along with Cllr Jones, had attended the Muddlebridge Allotments Produce Day, which had been a good event.

2309/04

**Public Participation Period**

A member of the public raised concerns about a rumour that had been circulated in relation to the open space at Cedar Grove being built on, however, she could not find an application on the North Devon Council's website and asked if the Parish Council could assist in providing reassurance that it will not be built on.

Cllr Walker confirmed that the company that built the estate has gone into administration and the open space has not been transferred to the North Devon Council as it should have been, North Devon Council does not wish to consider building on public open spaces and is pursuing the legal paperwork to ensure the land is transferred and remains as public open space.

2309/05

**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 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 as a correct record.

2309/06

**County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Biederman – Fremington Ward

Cllr Biederman reported that Footpath 33 has been closed due to vandalism to the safety barrier and will remain closed until repairs have been completed, Cllr Biederman asked if anyone has information on the criminal damage to let him know.

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Walker reported that the Strategy and Resources Committee has agreed the Section 106 funds for the upgrades to the Ellerslie Road and Beechfield Play Areas and thanked Mr Kentell for his assistance in securing. A community lottery is being set up for North Devon where small local groups can be supported. There was a question if Houses in Multi-Occupancy would be allowed to let rooms as holiday homes, there is a consultation which will seek to say no to the request. The Street Marshalls scheme has been extended for another six months and split between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe. The new Changing Places facility has now opened in Green Lanes and there is a consultation out for a review of Public Space Protection Orders.

Cllr Denton – Fremington Ward

Cllr Denton reported that a planning application has been submitted for a further 210 houses on the fields at Yelland Quay which the District Cllrs have called in to the planning committee and will be meeting with the Planning Officer next week to go through the details.

Cllr Norman – Roundswell Ward

Cllr Norman reported that the bus gate on the Old Torrington Road is now in situ, however, the enforcement is not yet, phase one of the new development is nearing completion and phase two has already been agreed but there is a slight change in numbers.

Cllr Biederman – Fremington Ward

Cllr Biederman confirmed that, following a statement at the last meeting from a Cllr that the drains in Chilpark had been cleared for five years, they had been checked and cleared in 2020 and again in June 2023 and the Officer is happy that they are all clear and working.

2309/07

#### **Police**

No report received.

2309/08

#### **Parks and Open Spaces Committee**

Members were informed that Cllr McCormack-Hole had resigned from the Parks and Open Spaces Committee, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Denton to the Committee.

2309/09

#### **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Adams asked about a book swap in the office, concerns were raised about space and books being left.

Cllr Adams asked if the Parish Council could be informed when the lottery goes live so it could be one of the organisations.

Cllr Bell asked about the Power Station Road in Yelland, there are conditions that require certain items to be in place prior to development, such as a car park for the Tarka Trail, and these are not shown on the new planning application for development.

Cllr Harris asked about the Co-op lorries driving through Beechfield Road past the houses and school, it was felt that this route is used so that the drivers can get the right angle to enter the delivery bay.

Cllr Cann asked if a letter could be sent to Stagecoach requesting a bus service to/from Roundswell and Bickington/Fremington.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked which schools in the parish are affected by RAAC.

Cllr Biederman asked if the Parish Council could hold an informal meeting to review and set priorities and community action.

2309/10 It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

Cllr Norman left the meeting.

## PART B

2309/11 **Execution and sealing of a legal deed**  
Members were informed that the transfer documents for the Multi-Use Games Area at Riverside Park had been received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the execution and sealing of the legal deeds in accordance with Standing Order 16.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....