

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,  
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

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

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer  
Cllr Norman, North Devon Council

2311/07

**Apologies**

Cllrs S Adams, D Dixon and S Haywood.

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**Declarations of Interest**

None.

2311/09

**Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that there is a pew reserved for the Parish Council for the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

The Chairman announced that the MUGA at Riverside Park had now been transferred to the Parish Council, the developer had agreed to remove the moss and the works were due to be carried today, however, due to the storm they were a day behind, and the works would now be completed tomorrow. It was agreed for the Chairman and Cllrs to open the MUGA on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm and to draft a press release. Members thanked the staff for the thankless task of continually chasing the transfer.

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**Public Participation Period**

None.

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**Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 as a correct record.

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**Committees**

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

- Finance and Personnel meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

- Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

- Environment and Community held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 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 meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

- Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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### **County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Walker reported that NDC received a presentation at its Strategy and Resources Committee meeting from the Museum Manager on the proposals for the funding awarded by the Arts Council and they are also hoping to revive the carnival. There is a consultation open about using one of the units in Green Lanes as a Hub for the North Devon Council and possibly other agencies. Cllr Walker and Cann have attended the speedwatch seminar and now have more details on the process, however, it is not straightforward, they are hoping to set up two areas in Bickington in the next few weeks and would welcome nominated areas, the monitoring cannot be used to enforce "no entry" signs.

Cllr Norman reported that Tawstock run a speedwatch if they required any assistance.

Cllr Biederman – Fremington Ward

Cllr Biederman reported the patching works for Sydhams Hill have been put back a year, however, he has reported several defects and felt it was a key road and should not be put back. The Recycling Centre at Seven Brethren will be shut the end of November for a refurb and there is a planning application in for the extension of the tip at Coles, the concern is the amount of lorries as Roundwell has changed significantly since the original application. There are several consultations out at the moment from DCC including the Long Bridge, Mobile Library Service, with a view to removing and providing some funding to communities, and a further consultation on the closure of the link centres.

Cllr Biederman had taken up the issue of the road works and traffic lights at the top of Sticklepath last week with DCC and explained that it should not have happened, he has asked that DCC is more careful on the permits they issue and the timings of them according to the roads and their classification.

Cllr Biederman had joined the local nature reserve group to undertake works at Leat Meadow and reported that there is a cost-of-living workshop

available which Cllr Biderman has advertised on Facebook but not had any interest yet.

Cllr Biederman reported that he took an item to DCC Cabinet on the proposed bus lane in Roundswell which is a waste of money and estimated to cost around £425,000, it was noted that this was Government funding and DCC is pressing on with the proposal, however, there will be a further consultation. It was noted that this was not in Cllr Biederman's ward but would impact on the area and the ward member was supportive of the scheme.

It was noted that John Hart is providing briefings to Parish Councils and Cllr Kingdom would be attending the session for North Devon at the end of November. Members were extremely concerned about the further loss of services in the area, and it was agreed to place an Item on the December Agenda to discuss the impact of DCC's financial situation on North Devon with a view to drafting a letter of annoyance for the Chairman and Cllrs to present to DCC at a Full Council or Cabinet meeting.

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**Police**  
None.

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**Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/2023**

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit and External Auditor's report was received, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

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**Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places/Station**

Members considered the review; it was noted that there limited options in Yelland but felt that more signage is required.

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**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Kingdom thanked members for the lovely flowers following her recent operation.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked if members would like her to ask Healthwatch if they would represent the Council's views on DCC's consultations, members agreed and thanked Cllr McCormack-Hole.

Cllr Walker reminded members that the consultation on the pavilion at Tews Lane is open until the end of the week.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Signed



Dated

