

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, J Bridgeman, J Cann (from Minute No. 2409/04), N Denton, D Harris, S Haywood, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne and H Walker (from Minute No. 2409/04).

Cllr C Norman, North Devon Council
1 Member of the Public
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2409/01

Apologies

Cllrs S Adams, D Dixon and R Jones.

2409/02

Declarations of Interest

None.

2409/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that a group of volunteers from Perrigo would be working under the direction of the Maintenance and Amenities Operative on Thursday to reinstate the "Fremington" bed at Broady Strap.

2409/04

Public Participation Period

A member of the public raised further concerns about the speed of traffic on Old School Lane, it was noted that this is a DCC matter and is being investigated. The member of the public asked about the education of drivers and if a flashing sign could be used and they would be interested in seeing the data from the sign. The member of the public raised concerns about the speed of the traffic in Beechfield Road. The member of the public reported that there had been vandalism at Fremington Quay.

Cllr Walker & Cann entered the meeting.

Cllr Biederman expressed that the member of the public needs to report the vandalism to the Police and suggested that CCTV options for the Quay should be investigated.

Members raised concerns about a speeding motorbike through the village at around 10.30pm most nights.

2409/05

Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th June 2024 as a correct record.

2409/06

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 June 2024
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 June 2024.

- Planning meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2024
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 June 2024.
- Environment and Community meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2024
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- Tews Lane meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2024
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- Finance and Personnel meeting held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024
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2409/07

County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Walker reported that CCTV was discussed at the recent strategy and resources committee meeting, and it was agreed that Town and Parish Council's can now buy into NDC's system.

There was one missed waste and recycling collection over the summer and the new processing hall for recycling is on track. NDC is solvent which is good news.

Cllr Cann reported that NDC is recycling some litter bins and thanked the 60-minute spruce up group for the clearance work they undertook on the main road in Bickington.

Cllr Denton – Fremington Ward

Cllr Denton asked for an update on progress with the Tarka Ridge Allotments, it was noted that the transfer was still with the solicitors and

officers are meeting with the PC's solicitor shortly.

Cllr Biederman – Fremington Ward

Cllr Biederman reported that there had been a briefing at NDC on the review of the local plan and the target from the new Government is a further 300,000 over ten years which is on top of what has already been built and the area needs to consider the type of housing that is built.

Cllr Biederman reported that the bridge on Footpath 17 near Tews Lane had been stolen and nobody knows where it has gone or why, the replacement bridge on Footpath 15, Lyddicleave to Roundswell has been completed.

Cllr Norman – Roundswell Ward

Cllr Norman reported that the CCTV Manager is going out to Tawstock to discuss options and there is a car park working group looking at NDC's car parks. There are three DCC consultations open at the moment which will go to HATOC and the bus station café is now open.

2409/08

Police

No report received. Members felt that, as the biggest parish in North Devon, it would be nice for the Police to attend a Parish Council meeting once or twice a year. It was agreed to write and invite the Police to a future meeting especially as several concerns have been raised recently about anti-social behaviour.

2409/09

Grant Giving Procedure

As the Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee Cllr Biederman provided a briefing on the amendments to the Grant Giving Policy and procedures for applying for grand funding. Cllr Biederman explained that each Cllr will have an allocation to support local groups, applications should be project lead and not for running costs and there will be a central fund which could provide additional support, any remaining allocation from individual Cllrs will also be added to the central fund. Members felt the amended procedure would provide a nice opportunity for Cllrs to engage with the community and were in support.

2409/10

Social Media Policy

The Finance and Personnel Committee had requested that all Cllrs be reminded of the Parish Council's adopted Social Media Policy, members acknowledged the importance of complying with the policy especially given the national headline today involving a post by a Cllr's wife. The Chairman also reminded members not to write to the press as a Cllr.

2409/11

Cemetery Maintenance

Members considered a quotation to re-do the tarmac at the entrance to the Cemetery, it was noted that the money for the work had been added to the Cemetery Maintenance EMR and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the quotation from Gregorys.

2409/12

Councillors Questions

Cllr Cann asked for an update on recent issues in the area including if there

was any truth to the "Fremington hum" that had been heard in the area. Cllr Biederman explained that the poisoning of cats in the area had been investigated and no evidence found, however, Environmental Health had identified a noise in the area but it was not loud enough to constitute a nuisance and they could not identify where it was emanating from, they will continue to monitor.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Signed 

Dated 7.10.24