

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 7th April 2025 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, J Bridgeman, J Cann, D Harris, S Haywood, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, E Smlatic, N Tamlin and H Walker

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2504/07

Apologies

Cllrs D Dixon, C Butler S Adams and N Denton, it was agreed to accept Cllr Denton's apologies for the foreseeable future.

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Declarations of Interest

None.

2504/09

Chairman's Announcements

None.

2504/10

Public Participation Period

None.

2504/11

Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025 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:

- Extraordinary Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on 25th February 2025
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Extraordinary Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on 25th February 2025.
- Planning Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2025
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 27th February 2025.
- Environment & Community Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2025
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2025.



- Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2025
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 27th February 2025.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on 25th March 2025
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on 25th March 2025.
- Planning Committee Meeting held on 27th March 2025
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 27th March 2025.
- Environment & Community Committee Meeting held on 27th March 2025
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee Meeting held on 27th March 2025.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on 27th March 2025
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 27th March 2025.

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County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Cann reported that NDC had held a Full Council meeting to discuss the devolution proposals, and it was agreed to support the 1:4:5 model, it was noted that Exeter and Plymouth are economic drivers for Devon.

Cllr Walker reported that there is an underspend in the household support fund and these will go to the North Devon Food Bank for fuel for those most in need.

Cllr Biederman – Fremington Ward and Devon County Council

Cllr Biederman reported that the planning application for Chilpark will be presented to North Devon Council's planning committee at its May meeting for discussion.

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Membership of Committees

a) To appoint one member to the Environment and Community Committee.
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this appointment until the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

b) To appoint one member to the Tews Lane Committee.
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this appointment until the Annual Parish Council Meeting.



c) To appoint one member to the Planning Committee.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Tamlin to the Planning Committee.

d) To appoint one substitute member to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this appointment until the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

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Parish Council Representatives

a) To appoint a representative for Plastic Free North Devon.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this appointment until the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

b) To appoint a Tree Warden for Bickington/Roundswell.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this appointment until the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

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Section 106 Priority List

Members considered the Parish Council's priority list for Section 106 Funding. Cllr Biederman felt that there was a lot on the list for Bickington and raised concerns that this could affect projects being delivered. Members discussed and debated the priorities for Bickington, it was noted that the completion of the pavilion at Tews Lane is in the process and has the required funds, Cllrs Walker and Cann, as ward members, agreed that the main priorities for Bickington are the Scout Hut, Tomlin Hall and the drainage at Tews Lane. It was noted that there was around £60K available for the Scout Hut at Ellerslie and NDC is in the process of transferring the freehold of the land to the Scouts so that the group can attract grant funding, therefore, it was agreed to allocate this to the project as a substantial starting point for the group and remove from the list.

After much discussion it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to amend the lists as follows:

Yelland – no change

- Littlemoor Green Project (NDC)
- Play Area and Access
- Purchase of land for community building/man shed

Fremington

- Resurfacing of play area (wetpour) – remove
- Enhancement of existing play areas
- Trim Trail – remove
- Provision of allotments – remove
- Any improvements that reduce carbon emissions or improve the ecology of the parish

Bickington

- Scout Hut Ellerslie Road – allocate the funds available and remove.
- Play Area – Equipment Ellerslie Road – remove
- Extension to building to provide storage and function room as well as community car park Tews Lane – remove
- Drainage for football pitches Tews Lane – top priority along with improvements to Tomlin Hall
- Improvements to Tomlin Hall – top priority along with drainage for football pitches
- Improvements to changing rooms Tews Lane – remove
- Enhancements of play area Tews Lane
- Improvements to Babbages play area

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Councillors Questions

Cllr Biederman thanked the Maintenance and Amenities Operative for his assistance with the community spruce.

Cllr Harris asked why the Aspen Grove play area is fenced off, it was noted this was NDC and would be followed up with the District Cllr.

Cllr Cann raised concerns about two street lights in Bickington which are blocked by trees from a house, it was noted that this would need to be reported to DCC.

Cllr McCormack-Hole thanked everyone for their support in her retirement and asked what is happening with the former Civic Centre site. It was noted that the site had been purchased but believed the company has gone bankrupt.

Cllr Smlatic asked if the Parish Council was aware that Fremington Manor was closing and what its future use might be. It was noted that members were aware it was closing but did not have any knowledge of future use, however, it is listed and in a Conservation Area.

Cllr Kingdom thanked Cllr McCormack-Hole for everything she had done on behalf of the community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed 

Dated 12.5.25