

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 4th July 2016 at 7.30pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, D Brailey, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer
Cllr D Jones, North Devon Council

In Attendance: 5 Members of the public

1607/01

Apologies

Cllr Mrs J Flynn.

1607/02

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item No. 1607/20 application 61322 as the property is owned by a distant relative.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item No. 1607/18 as she has a parking permit to park in the car park.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item No. 1607/14 family.

1607/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that DCC has opened a consultation on the options for the North Devon Link Road and would like anyone who lives in the area and uses the Link Road to respond, more information can be found via the website.

The Chairman reported that letters had gone from North Devon Council to the Environment Agency and Health and safety Executive relating to the allegations of contamination on the Army Camp Development Site.

1607/04

To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential).

PART A

1607/05

To receive a report from the Police

A Police report taken from the website was circulated and is attached as appendix one. Members asked for clarification on what Violence and Sexual crimes cover. Members were informed that at the last meeting, clarification was asked for the terminology used following the speed checks; it was confirmed that cars meant all vehicles including lorries.

Members expressed their disappointment that smaller Parish Councils still have a regular Police presence at their meetings and yet for a Parish larger than Ilfracombe the Council rarely has a Police presence at its meetings.

1607/06

Public Participation Period

A member of the public stated that material going to the Anchorwood Bank site had been tested for asbestos and was over the limit the site would accept, the site has decided not to take any of the material. The member of the public felt that money and a S106 agreement was behind a cover up. Cllr Cann felt that several accusations had been made from members of the public. He explained that he had been bullied and harassed by members of the public, the Environment Agency and Health and Safety Executive had been contacted and there was nothing to hide.



Another member of the public asked for clarity on how the fuel tanks at the Yelland Power Station Site were decommissioned and started making accusations about Councillors.

Cllr Ms Scott left the meeting.

The Chairman suspended the meeting at 7.45pm and explained that she would not allow Councillors to be attacked in this manner as the claims were unsubstantiated. The Chairman explained that if any member of the public has concerns about the conduct of a member of the Council they should make a formal complaint to the Monitoring Officer; she further explained that members of the public cannot continue to disrupt Parish Council meetings and asked the two members of the public to leave the meeting.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Bell left the meeting.

Cllr Ms Scott returned to the meeting.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting at 7.50pm.

A member of the public asked why the summer newsletter states "Speaking in public can be quite daunting but we welcome that as it as an essential part of local democracy" when the Parish Council has just amended Standing Orders to make local democracy and speaking under Public Participation harder. The Chairman explained that the previous Standing Orders stated that members of the public could only ask questions relating to items on the Agenda, the Parish Council actually amended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak or ask questions on any item relating to the business of the Parish Council, therefore, enhancing local democracy.

1607/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016 as a correct record**

Copies were circulated with the agenda.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 6th June 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1607/08 **Highway issues – update**
None

- 1607/09 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- Letter from NDC re PA 60991 – Agricultural building works prior notification for construction of access track at field at Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland
 - Letter from NDC re approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 9 (lighting plan) attached to planning permission 58335, Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland
 - Notice of submission by Torridge District Council/North Devon Council on the 10th June 2016 to the Secretary of State of the North Devon & Torridge Local Plan

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

- 1607/10 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Wood reported that he had been over to the former Army Camp Development site and had met with the site manager who showed him the machine that shakes the dust from the wheels, however, the wheel wash was at a different part of the site and he was unable to see this machine.



Cllr Brailey reported that the devolution process will proceed, the Secretary of State has approved a Combined Authority without the requirement for a Mayor. When proposals are available Cllr Brailey will inform the Parish Council and any change or addition has to go back to the Council for consideration.

Cllr Biederman reported on the development that the new bridge at Roundswell would service. Cllr Biederman updated members on the redesign of the islands in Higher Road which have been agreed but unfortunately an agreement has not been reached on where the stop line should be placed in Military Road.

Cllr Jones reminded members that if a member of the public is causing disorder or disruption at a Council meeting you can ring the Police to remove the person.

1607/11 **To consider correspondence relating to vehicle access in Fremington Cemetery**

Members received correspondence from a parishioner experiencing difficulties in accessing a grave without driving along the pathway. Initial options were discussed and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to create a working party consisting of Cllrs Rennles, Mrs McCormack-Hole, Biederman and Mrs Dyson to investigate the options.

1607/12 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Rennles to report)**

Cllr Rennles updated members on the progress with the consultation and explained that the next stage was to create a project plan to try and draw down funding to buy in expertise.

1607/13 **To receive update from Coastal Communities (Cllr Cann to report)**

The report was circulated and is attached to these minutes as appendix two. Cllr Ms Scott asked if the residents of Fremington Quay had been invited to the Stakeholder consultation event. Cllr Cann reported that all of the minutes and notices are available in the Heritage Centre.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the following item.

1607/14 **To consider supporting the Yelland Action Group in requesting a Public Inquiry Investigation from the Secretary of State for the Environment**

Members considered the request and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that in light of the public concern the Parish Council writes to the MP for North Devon to ask that he investigates whether or not there are grounds to call for a public inquiry and ask him to action as necessary.

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

1607/15 **To consider the adoption of the open space at the Former Army Camp Development**

Members were concerned about the timescale for a decision and felt it could soon be taken out of the Parish Council's hands. It was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer the item to the next meeting and for the Working Party to meet with the Planning Officer in the meantime to discuss the Parish Council's options.

1607/16 **To receive Cllr Mrs Flynn's resignation for the Footpaths Committee and to appoint a replacement**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept Cllr Mrs Flynn's resignation from the Footpaths Committee and to appoint Cllr Wood to the Committee.



1607/17

To consider Street Naming and Numbering for new development at Yelland

Members considered the proposed street naming and numbering and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suggest that the streets should be named after the ships that sailed from Barnstaple to join Drakes Armada.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the following item and spoke and took part in the debate with the permission of the Chairman and in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

1607/18

To discuss the significant increase in car parking charges in Bickington Car Park (Item requested by Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole)

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole explained that the land was donated by a resident to the village to provide parking, there is nowhere else to park and residents do not have garages. A nominal fee was introduced because the parking was being abused by commercial operations, however, this charge has doubled in the last few years and has just doubled again to approximately £50, Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole felt this was an excessive increase. Cllr Brailey explained that the intention was to bring the charge for this car park in line with all of the other car parks, Cllr Cann fought hard against this decision and it was decided to increase to the current charge which is less than £1 a week. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and three abstentions, one of which was from Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole, to write to NDC asking what the current charge is and expressing the Parish Council's concerns at the increase.

1607/19

North Devon Council – Planning Appeal

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for any further comments from this Parish Council to be forwarded to The Planning Inspectorate, on the following planning appeal:

60889 Proposal: Erection of dwelling
 Location: 11 Swallow Field, Roundswell, Barnstaple
 Applicant: Mrs E Pullen
 Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/W/16/3152077

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1607/20

North Devon Council – Planning Applications

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning applications:

It was formally noted that participation of the Councillors who are also members of NDC in both the debate and subsequent vote (in respect of any of the above, were preliminary taking account of the information matters) was on the basis that the views expressed made available at the time to the Parish Council. The District Councillors were reserving their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against

60854 Proposal: Erection of 73 dwellings, creation of open space, landscaping, infrastructure & all associated development (amended layout, detailed design & drainage information)
 Location: Glenwood Farm, Roundswell, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Redrow Homes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention from Cllr Biederman, to recommend REFUSAL. This would be a further intrusion into the open countryside, it is a departure from the Local Plan and the Emerging Local Plan, the highway is not appropriate to deal with the increase in traffic given the existing planning consents for development.

60965 Proposal: Demolition of existing property & erection of bungalow
Location: 35 Crosslands, Woodville, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Snooks, North Devon Homes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

61185 Proposal: Installation of new dormer windows
Location: Pill Bungalow, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Hill

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the setting of the Estuary and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

61215 Proposal: Change of use from industrial unit to D2 (leisure) private personal training facility
Location: Unit B3 Woodside Court, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Sanger

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL. The Parish Council is concerned at the loss of yet another industrial unit for employment and would ask that NDC considers the loss when determining the application.

61223 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: 4 Cedar grove, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Howell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

61229 Proposal: Two storey extension together with erection of boundary walls
Location: 20 Ley Meadow Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs Stewart

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. The development would adversely impact and be an intrusion on the street scene, it would be over intensification of the site and there is a lack of parking.

61275 Proposal: Extensions & alterations to dwelling and erection of a car port
Location: 13 Allenstyle Way, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Ridd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

61305 Proposal: Extension to dwelling to provide annexe & additional living accommodation
Location: 36 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Barnett

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to it not being a separate unit of accommodation/separate dwelling and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.



Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

61322 Proposal: Insertion of dormer windows
Location: 9 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Pile

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention from Cllr Biederman, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and an appropriate design.

1607/21

Devon County Council – Planning Decisions

Devon County Council, the determining Authority has APPROVED the following application with conditions as filed:

Proposal: Cycle/walkway linking Fishleigh Road, Roundswell Business Park, with the B3232. This involves the construction of a 41m bridge over the A39, approximately 250m of steel approach ramps & steps, the formation of embankments and associated landscaping
Location: Off Fishleigh Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1607/22

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following application with conditions as filed:

60492 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 6 (surface water) attached to planning permission 58820 erection of dwelling
Location: Summers, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Alan Kingdon Architectural Services

60645 Proposal: Erection of two dwellings (amended red outline)
Location: Bickington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: RGP Architects Ltd

60925 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Conditions 14 (Cycle shelter) & 16 (energy statement) attached to planning permission 55882
Location: Atlas Logistics Building, Liberty Road, Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Clyst Holdings Ltd

61035 Proposal: Erection of dwelling
Location: 2A Chilpark, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Maria Bailey Planning

61125 Proposal: Raising of roof & conversion of loft space to form additional living accommodation
Location: 2 Allenstyle View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

61142 Proposal: First floor extension over garage
Location: 43 Lower Cross Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Graham



61279 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 58715 (erection of a 4.5Mw solar photovoltaic power plant, together with inverters, transformers, substation & other ancillary equipment) to allow amended design & layout at solar array
Location: Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Abell, Renesola UK

To note that North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following planning application:

60882 Proposal: Outline application for erection of one detached bungalow
Location: Garden of 46 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Ager

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1607/23

Councillors Questions

Cllr Biederman asked if it would be appropriate for Councillors to stand when speaking to try and prevent Councillors speaking over each other. It was felt that this would be more disruptive to the meetings and the Chairman reminded all Councillors to be respectful to each other, not to interrupt when someone is speaking and to respect each other's point of view.

Cllr Turner stated that homeless people are being housed by the housing authority at the Travelodge and there is no footpath to access services meaning that these people are having to walk on a very busy main road. It was agreed to express the concerns to DCC.

Cllr Brailey commended the Chairman on how she had dealt with the situation that had arisen at the meeting and the meeting overall and stated that it is not right for a Councillor to be bullied off of the Council by a member of the public with unfounded accusations.

1607/24

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed  Dated 8.8.16