

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, Ms M Scott (from Min No 1608/11), G Turner and T Wood  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer and Mrs Liz Steer, Deputy Services Officer

**In Attendance:** 1 Member of the public

1608/01 **Apologies**  
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, D Brailey, K Groves and F Biederman.

1608/02 **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Chalmers declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1608/17 as a Director of Sunrise.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 1608/13 as a Deed of Grant Holder for the Cemetery.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 1608/19 as her parents live at Fremington Quay.

1608/03 **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman reminded members that there would be an Extra-Ordinary Full Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to discuss the open space at the former army camp development site.

The Chairman reported that she would be attending the Parish Forum on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016, and informed members that the street names for the development at Yelland would include a mix of ship names along with original names.

The Chairman informed members that a planning application had been received and a decision was required at the meeting it would be discussed under the item of Planning Applications.

1608/04 **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**

1608/05 **To receive a report from the Police**  
A Police report was not received.

1608/06 **Public Participation Period**  
A member of the public raised concerns about the conduct of members of the Council. The Chairman informed the member of the public that if they had any concerns over conduct of any member they must contact the Monitoring Officer at the North Devon Council, as the member of the public had been informed on several occasions. Cllr Cann also reiterated the advice that the member of the public should submit any complaints with reference to conduct to the Monitoring Officer.

The member of the public left the meeting.



1608/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1608/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- Minutes of the Finance & Personnel meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- Minutes of the Fremington Quay Management meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- Minutes of the Finance & Personnel meeting held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- Minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- Minutes of the Finance & Personnel meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- Minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

1608/09 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Cann expressed his disappointment that the works to the bridge at Fremington Quay were still ongoing and asked if the County Councillor could exercise his authority to ensure they are completed swiftly.

Cllr Chalmers reported that vehicles are still speeding along Bickington Road, it was noted that the Police had said they would carry out further speed checks.

Members were concerned with the amount of traffic speeding through the traffic calming measures along the Old Bideford Road and the lack of obvious priorities, it was agreed to highlight this to DCC.

It was noted that the cars parking along the right hand side of the road as you enter Mead Park were causing a hazard now the development works have started.

- 1608/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- North Devon Healthcare Pulse Newsletter – Issue 27 Spring/Summer 2016
  - Devon Senior Voice – Issue No.30 Summer 2016
  - Response from Department of Health re potential changes to services at North Devon District Hospital (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
  - Devon County Council response re lack of footway from the Travelodge (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
  - NHS Your Future Care Newsletter July 2016
  - Letter of thanks for grant from Barnstaple Disabled Fellowship Club
  - DCC – Temporary Prohibition of through traffic & parking – Barnstaple to Bideford A39 19<sup>th</sup> September - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (for a maximum of 5 days)
  - Letter from Post Office Ltd – re decision to move Barnstaple Post Office, Boutport Street, Barnstaple, to new premises & branch modernisation (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
  - Healthwatch Voices – Issue 13 Summer 2016
  - Correspondence relating to the Success Regime and Barnstaple Hospital (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
  - Correspondence from MP for North Devon – reference Public Inquiry (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
  - Report given to NDC on Heart of the South West Formal Devolution Bid (Copy attached for Cllrs only)

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

Cllrs Mrs McCormack-Hole reported that a consultation on the Success Regime will begin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and at that time the Parish Council could request a presentation from the CCG.

Cllr Ms Scott entered the meeting at 7.20pm.

- 1608/11 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
- Cllr Cann reported that he has now been given executive responsibility for Ilfracombe. NDC had employed consultants to review the Waste and Recycling service and the options were to be considered by NDC but could include charging for the green waste service which is currently not received by around 6,000 households.

- 1608/12 **To consider North Devon Link Road Options**
- It was noted that the consultation deadline had been extended and members were encouraged to submit their views.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a DPI and left the meeting for the following item.

- 1608/13 **To receive recommendation from the Working Party relating to vehicle access in Fremington Cemetery**
- It was noted that Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole had a DPI in the Cemetery and she had withdrawn from the Working Party, the Chairman Cllr Mrs Kingdom had joined the Working Party in Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole's place.

The Working Party had considered the options following the receipt of correspondence from a parishioner experiencing difficulties in accessing a grave without driving along the pathway. Both Age Concern and Social Services had been contacted to ascertain what support the agencies could provide. The issue had not been raised with either organisation, Age Concern stated that they could



probably help the parishioner to access the grave in question and they would contact the parishioner direct. Social Services had reported that if the person in question referred themselves they could do a mobility assessment and help would then be provided as necessary. The Working Party recommended that the parishioner be made aware of the help available to them.

The Working Party has visited the Cemetery and witnessed the damage that had been caused by vehicles driving along the pathway, it was also noted that the grass cutting contractor had had to pull several vehicles out that had got stuck when driving along the pathway. It was noted that this is a pathway and not a road and concerns were raised about the close proximity of tyre marks to graves. The Working Party did not feel that it would be acceptable to allow any exceptions to drive along the pathway and felt that the signs were not adequate. It was therefore recommended that two removable barriers be installed to prevent vehicles from travelling along the pathway and keys given to the Parish Council's contractors and Burial Superintendent.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the above recommendations from the Working Party and to reply to the parishioner explaining the help available and to purchase and install two bollards to prevent vehicles from driving along the pathway.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole returned to the meeting.

1608/14

**To appoint one member to serve on the Footpaths Committee**

It was noted that Cllr Wood had nominated himself at the previous meeting, however, Cllr Wood was already a member of the Committee. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to elect Cllr Rennles to the Footpaths Committee following Cllr Mrs Flynn's resignation from the Committee.

1608/15

**To consider consultation on changes to Council Tax Reduction Scheme**

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

1608/16

**To consider joining the Road Warden Scheme following Chapter 8 training**

Members considered joining the Road Warden Scheme and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to join the Road Warden Scheme subject to any works being approved by the Parish Council before being undertaken by the Road Wardens.

Cllr Chalmers declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the following item and spoken with the permission of the Chairman.

1608/17

**To consider if Fremington Parish Council should write to North Devon District Council expressing its support for North Devon to participate in the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (Item requested by Cllr Chalmers)**

Cllr Chalmers reported that it had been quite some time since the Parish Council agreed to wait until NDC had taken a view on the support of relocating refugees and other town and parish councils had shown their support towards the scheme. He would now like Fremington Parish Council to show its support and write to NDC expressing its support. Members debated the proposition at length. Concerns were raised about the deprivation in the area which is some of the country's highest, the support that would be available and the lack of details available at this time and it was **resolved**, with four votes to the contrary, to defer any decision until further clarification is obtained from NDC on the questions that have been raised with the Government before the Parish Council takes a view.

- 1608/18 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)  
Cllr Rennles reported that the project plan had been agreed and the group would be looking to access funding in the near future to employ consultants. Cllr Rennles thanked Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole for the survey work she undertook at the North Devon Show. Cllr Cann asked what the timescale for completion would be as he was concerned at the planning applications that were being received for large developments. Cllr Rennles responded that the completion date was flexible but had been pencilled in for November 2017.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

- 1608/19 **To receive update on the Coastal Communities** (Cllr Cann to report)  
Cllr Cann reported that visitors from the Government had been to Fremington Quay and were looking for "shovel" ready projects. NDC has 4 projects and would therefore be submitting the Ilfracombe water sports centre this year and hopefully Fremington Quay next year. As part of the proposals the group would like to look at creating a small scale potter's studio in the Water Tower incorporating the Well and possibly an extension. Cllr Cann asked if the Parish Council would support the project in principle to allow plans to be drawn up for consideration. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to support the project in principle.

- 1608/20 **To consider consultation on the modifications to the Devon Minerals Plan**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that if any changes have been made which put the clay deposits at risk the Parish Council would wish to oppose these changes. It was agreed to express the Council's concerns about putting the deposits at risk.

- 1608/21 **To reconsider election of representative on Fremington Quay Environment Group** (Item requested by Cllr Cann)  
Cllr Cann reported that two Councillors were put forward as representatives on the group and Entrust states that only one active district and parish councillor is allowed. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to elect Cllr Mrs Dyson as the Parish Council's representative on the Fremington Quay Environment Group.

- 1608/22 **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*

61534 Proposal: Variation of condition 3 (occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission 56762 erection of four holiday lodges (amended plans)  
Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Day

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the lodges are designed for holiday use and not residential and have not got the facilities for residential use.





61128 Proposal: Erection of HGV maintenance & repair workshop facility  
Location: Land off Fishleigh Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Sampson, Nick Sampson Mechanical Engineering

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle subject to the impact on DCC's education facility being minimal. The Parish Council has concerns over the height and the visual impact from the A39.

61291 Proposal: Erection of conservatory  
Location: The Oaks, West Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Redrup

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

61348 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 3 Allenstyle Gardens, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Palmer

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

61370 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 73 Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Jenkins

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

61405 Proposal: Erection of replacement workshop with storage over  
Location: 4 Springfield Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Hammett

The Parish Council has reservations that this could lead to commercial use.

61427 Proposal: Erection of porch & insertion of two dormer windows  
Location: 5 Allenstyle Drive, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Wareing

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

61482 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 58335 (residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units) and associated infrastructure) to allow two additional dwellings  
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Greenfield

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the original application was for 53 it is now 70 which is already over development of the site and the Parish Council would resist any further development which would be over-intensification of the site and have a negative impact on the general design of the estate.



61539 Proposal: Development of a new culvert over an existing open watercourse  
Location: Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Cavanna Homes (South West) Ltd

The Parish Council does not have any objections but would draw the applicant's attention to the amount of surface water and the debris which builds up along the drainage system.

61541 Proposal: Reserved matters application for 86 dwellings (outline planning permission 53881)  
Location: Land west of Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Cavanna Homes (South West)

The Parish Council is aware of the amount of land drainage in the area and the problems. The site adjoins a well-used sports complex and the impact on this facility should be taken into consideration. The Parish Council would welcome the buffer zone and has concerns the impact that the sports facility could have on the residential dwellings, therefore the barrier between to the two sites should be substantial.

It was agreed that Cllr Cann and the Clerk would meet with the developers to discuss the land drainage.

1608/23

### **North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

60291 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of 264 dwellings (outline planning permission 53881) (amended plans identifying revised layout & design together with additional drainage, landscape & engineering information)  
Location: Land at Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Chick, Ian Jewson Planning Ltd

60969 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling  
Location: Garden of Oakwell Cottage, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

61055 Proposal: Reinstatement of original pitch roof & change of use of agriculture land to domestic curtilage  
Location: Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Polkinghorne, NPAS Devon Ltd

61078 Proposal: Erection of garden store/yoga studio  
Location: Longmead, Bickington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

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

61223 Proposal: Erection of conservatory  
Location: 4 Cedar Grove, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

61229 Proposal: Two store extension together with erection of boundary wall  
Location: 20 Let Meadow Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services



61242 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 20 (post construction report about energy provision by renewable technologies) attached to planning permission 58335  
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects

61305 Proposal: Extension to dwelling to provide annexe & additional living accommodation  
Location: 36 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Shardelow Designs Ltd

61407 Proposal: Notice for removal of 71 metres of hedgerow  
Location: Land at Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Ian Jewson Planning Ltd

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

57310 Proposal: Outline application for 34 dwellings (amended plans & description)  
Location: Land west of Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: John Blaney Limited

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

1608/24

#### Councillors Questions

Cllr Ms Scott informed members that she had had a conversation with someone who had been offered a house on the army camp through Devon and Cornwall Housing and at the last minute had been told that the Parish Council had said she could not have the house. It was noted that the Parish Council does not get involved in housing allocation and that it had been found at the last moment that the person in question did not meet the criteria (they have since been allocated the house on the site), but it was in no way connected to the Parish Council. Concerns were raised that Devon and Cornwall Housing were giving incorrect information and the implications this could have on the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole reported that Health Watch have tasked her with identifying members of the community who care for people with dementia to talk to and ascertain their views and needs.

1608/25

#### Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed  Dated 25.8.16