

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne and T Wood  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer and Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer

**In Attendance:** 37 Members of the public

1606/01

**Apologies**

Cllrs G Turner, D Brailey and R Cann.

1606/02

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bell declared a Personal Interest in Item 1606/17.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item No. 1606/17 and Item 1604/22 applications 61078 & 61133.

1606/03

**Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that she had attended the opening of the new walk way in Barnstaple and reminded all those present that the North Devon Council has organised a public meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at 6.30pm in the Church Hall to discuss the allegations of contamination on the for Army Camp Site.

1606/04

**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**

1606/05

**To receive a report from the Police**

Members received the results from speed checks carried out in Fremington and Bickington. The Council was grateful for the work undertaken by the Police and asked for clarification on the terminology and if cars includes lorries.

1606/06

**Public Participation Period**

A member of the public asked when the alterations to the islands would be carried out and who is going to fund the alterations. Cllr Biederman confirmed that the full plans had been agreed and the cost would be met by the developer, they have also agreed to look at the position of the stop line in Military Road. Further concerns were raised about the road layout and design process. It was emphasised that the application had been turned down by local democracy but passed by the Planning Inspectorate. Concerns were also raised over un-sheeted lorries and contamination.

1606/07

**To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 as a correct record**

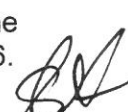
Copies were circulated with the agenda.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1606/08

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

- Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.



- Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- Tews Lane Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

1606/09 **Highway issues – update**  
None

1606/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- DCC – Devon Local Flood Risk Strategy Update – April 2016 Newsletter
- DCC – Parish Paths Partnership Spring Newsletter 2016
- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order – Final Notice of closure - Footpath 41 at Allenstyle

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

1606/11 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.  
Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that she had been busy attending Civic Events on behalf of NDC and informed members that a planning application would be coming forward for land at Mead Park.

Cllr Wood reported that there is an NDC planning meeting this week but no major plans for Fremington Parish.

Cllr Biederman reported that the release of funds for the proposed Cycle/footbridge at Roundswell would be considered by DCC's Cabinet on Wednesday.

1606/12 **To note the receipt of the Foundation Level under the Local Council Award Scheme**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to thank the Clerk and staff for their hard work in obtaining the award and to note receipt.

1606/13 **To appoint one substitute Councillor to each of the following Committees:**

- a) Finance and Personnel
- b) Tews Lane
- c) Parks and Playing Fields
- d) Fremington Quay Management Committee

a) Finance and Personnel  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Mrs Dyson as the substitute.

b) Tews Lane  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Biederman as the substitute.

c) Parks and Playing Fields  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Mrs Kingdom as the substitute.

d) Fremington Quay Management Committee  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Mrs Dyson as the substitute.

1606/14 **To receive update on the Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)  
Cllr Rennles reported that consultations were still ongoing, businesses had been approached and meetings had been arranged with Schools.



1606/15 **To receive update from Coastal Communities** (Cllr Cann to report)  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item in Cllr Cann's absence.

1606/16 **To consider a request to place a kerbset on a burial plot at Fremington Cemetery**  
The request was considered and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request.

1606/17 **To consider supporting the Yelland Action Group in requesting a Public Inquiry Investigation from the Secretary of State for the Environment**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

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

The Vice-Chairman and members of the Yelland Action Group spoke in favour of calling for a Public Inquiry and explained the concerns around the asbestos on site.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to reinstate Standing Orders.

The request was considered, although Members would like to support the group in calling for the inquiry it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to seek legal advice and defer any decision until after NDC's public meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

Cllr Ms Scott left the meeting.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

A member asked if there was an immediate risk to public health. It was noted that NDC is doing its utmost to ensure public safety is maintained.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to reinstate Standing Orders.

Cllr Ms Scott returned to the meeting.

1606/18 **To consider the adoption of the open space at the Former Army Camp Development**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item until after NDC's public meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

Cllr Ms Scott left the meeting.

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

1606/19 **To consider correspondence from Ilfracombe's Mayor titled success regime and Barnstaple Hospital**  
Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole gave a brief outline of the success regime and consultations.

Cllr Ms Scott returned to the meeting.

The correspondence was considered and it was **resolved**, with two votes against, to support Ilfracombe, write to the Minister of Health and to support others in a combined response.



1606/20

**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*

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

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to deal with planning application 61133 immediately prior to 61078.

61078 Proposal: Erection of garden store/yoga studio  
Location: Longmead, Bickington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Huxtable

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

61133 Proposal: Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building to one dwelling  
Location: Barn at Hillside Farm, Bickleton, Lydacott, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Huxtable

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

Cllr Rennles returned to the meeting.

61125 Proposal: raising of roof & conversion of loft space to form additional living accommodation  
Location: 2 Allenstyle View, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Mclellan

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

61142 Proposal: First floor extension over garage  
Location: 43 Lower Cross Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs N Bond

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

61166 Proposal: Outline application for erection of two dwellings (all matters reserved)  
Location: Land at Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Manor Farms (Yelland) Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to make representations.

A member of the public raised concerns about the development which included the loss of agricultural land and the lack of facilities in Yelland.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to reinstate Standing Orders.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal is outside of the development boundary and would be an intrusion into the countryside. The land is high grade agricultural land and would have a visual impact on the Biosphere and the Estuary setting. There is no community benefit such as affordable housing.

1606/21

**North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

60280 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Conditions 15 (drainage) & 24 (highways) attached to planning permission 58335 – residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units) and associated infrastructure  
Location: Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Greenfield

60388 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Oak tree (T1)  
Location: 80 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs B O'Carroll

61004 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 57519 in respect of amended design for house types C (Plot 276 only) & S (Plots 272 and 273 only) to ensure meets disabled adapted requirements (amended description)  
Location: Former Fremington Army Training Camp, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Bovis Homes Ltd

The following applications have been WITHDRAWN and will no longer be considered:

60759 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & erection of new garage with storage above  
Location: 4 Springfield Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: N Adams

60959 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling with parking area  
Location: Garden of Pixie Croft, Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Evans

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

1606/22

**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Mrs Kingdom asked if it was true that the Local Plan had been submitted and returned. Cllr Mrs Flynn was not aware that it had been returned but would investigate.

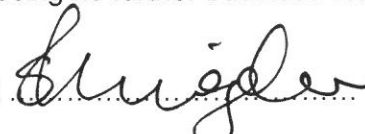
Cllr Ms Scott asked why there is a National Speed Limit sign on the edge of Gypsy Lane. Cllr Biederman confirmed that he would pursue.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole asked if an item could be placed on the next Agenda to discuss the significant increase in car parking charges in Bickington car park.

1606/23

**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed  Dated 4.7.16