

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 21st May 2015 at 11.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), F Biederman, D Chalmers, B Sherborne and G Turner
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom and Ms M Scott,
Mr D Beechey, Treasurer of Muddlebridge Allotment Association, and 1 member of
the public.
- 1505/55 **To Elect a Committee Chairman for 2015-2016**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to elect Cllr Wood as Chairman of the
Committee for 2015-2016.
- 1505/56 **To Elect a Committee Vice-Chairman for 2015-2016**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to elect Cllr Chalmers as Vice-
Chairman of the Committee for 2015-2016.
- 1505/57 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs J Bell and K Groves.
- 1505/58 **Declarations of interests**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1505/66 as Chairman of the
Community Group and 1505/68 as a member of Devon County Council and the North
Devon Council.

Cllr Wood declared a Personal Interest in Item 1505/66 as a member of the North
Devon Council.
- 1505/59 **To agree the agenda as published**
Cllr Biederman proposed and it was unanimously agreed not to take Item 1505/63 in
Part B and to not discuss any finances or terms of the lease with this amendment. It
was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.
- 1505/60 **Chairman's Announcements**
None.
- 1505/61 **Public Participation Period**
Cllr Ms Scott reported that following the Full Council meeting on Monday 18th May
2015 she had spoken to the Allotment Association and tenants would be reminded to
park considerately; it was noted that people working at the factory and walking to
Fremington Quay also use the area by Combrew to park their cars.
- 1505/62 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 26th March 2015 as a
correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting
held on 26th March 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.

Cllr Biederman proposed and it was unanimously agreed to move item 16 on the
Agenda forward to this point.
- 1505/63 **To receive update on the renewal of the lease for the Muddlebridge Allotments**
Members were informed that verbal confirmation of the renewal of the lease had been
received from the Agents and written confirmation would follow in due course. It was
resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1505/64 **To discuss a request from 50th North Devon Scouts to use Eilerslie Road
Playing Field on Saturday 27th June 2015**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request subject to
appropriate Public Liability Insurance.

- 1505/65 **To consider if the Ellerslie Play Area should be fenced** (Item requested by Cllr Cann)
Members were informed that a fence was felt necessary due to the increase in dog fouling. The request was considered and members did not feel that a fence would resolve the problem; it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask North Devon Council's Dog Warden to carry out some spot checks within the area and to target those that are not following the law and picking up any dog faeces.
- 1505/66 **To consider request from the Fremington and District Community Group for use of the Village Green**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve request for the following events, subject to appropriate Public Liability Insurance and the Community Group applying for and necessary licences.
- 1) **Fremington Day** at Fremington Village Green on Saturday 20th June 2015, the event is still a work in progress but they would like a summer fete in the afternoon with local people showing and creating local crafts and a BBQ in the evening with live music the event will be finished at 9pm.
- The Village Green is not licensed for live music, recorded music or the sale of alcohol; it would be the Community Group's responsibility to apply for all appropriate licences for the event.
- 2) **Christmas Tree Light Switch On** at Fremington Village Green on Friday 4th December 2015 18:00 to 20:00 same format as previous years with music and singing.
- The Village Green is not licensed for live music, recorded music or the sale of alcohol; it would be the Community Group's responsibility to apply for all appropriate licences for the event.
- 1505/67 **To consider the refurbishment of the Babbages Play equipment**
Members considered the refurbishment of the Babbages Play equipment and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to arrange a site visit before the next Committee meeting. It was further **resolved**, to ask NDC to provide a list of all the Section 106 money that is available and coming into the Parish and report back to both the Finance and Parks and Playing Fields Committees.
- 1505/68 **To investigate options to undertake the Urban Grass Cutting within the Parish**
Members considered the options. Cllr Biederman agreed to contribute £3,501.96 from his DCC Locality Budget towards grass cutting for 2015-2016 and £250 from his NDC Community Councillor Budget if the other District Cllrs are willing to contribute; if they are not willing there is the possibility of veering money from the Dog Bags EMR towards grass cutting for 2015-2016. It was noted that there might be some areas in Roundswell which are not being cut and it was agreed to reduce the cuts to 7 if necessary and ensure all the areas are cut.
- Members considered ways in which the service could be sustained in future years and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate the possibility of buying equipment and using volunteers and to speak to neighbouring Town and Parish Councils.

1505/69

To receive update on the replacement of the Beechfield Centre

Members received an update following elections; it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to set up a working party with the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee, the Chairman of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee and Cllr Biederman and it was agreed to ask Cllr Bell if he would like to sit on the working party. It was further **resolved** to accept the lowest most appropriate quotation from a Quantity Surveyor to price up the build for funding purposes and to submit a planning application when appropriate.

1505/70

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Signed.....

Dated