

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs B Clifton (Chairman), C Bell, J Bell, F Biederman, D Brailey, R Cann, D Harris, Mrs S Kingdom, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer and
PC N Daffern

In Attendance: 6 Members of the public

- 1502/10 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, B Hockin, C Turner and Mrs C McCormack-Hole.
- 1502/11 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 58356
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 58635
- 1502/12 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman informed members that DCC's transport review was now out for consultation and the Devon CCG had amended several proposals.
- 1502/13 **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

- 1502/14 **To receive a report from the Police**
PC Daffern presented the Police report. He gave details of the safe haven stickers and updated members on the question with reference to illegal taxis from the last Full Council meeting. He explained that an operation had been carried out in Bideford which had the full backing of the Council but unfortunately that had not been replicated in Barnstaple. It was reported that action from NDC was ongoing.

PC Daffern left the meeting and did not return.
- 1502/15 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public asked if there were plans for a footbridge or underpass to allow those who live in Roundswell and work at Brynsworthy to walk to work. Cllr Cann confirmed that there were plans for a footbridge.

A resident was concerned at the amended planning application which she felt had not changed and was still an eyesore and had concerns that there were unanswered questions. Other members of the public also raised concerns over the application.

A member of the public was concerned with the road works in Instow.
- 1502/16 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015 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 12th January 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Clifton duly signed the minutes.

- 1502/17 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
Copies had been circulated with the agenda.
- Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee held on Tuesday 20th January 2015.
 - Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Tuesday 27th January 2015.
 - Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th January 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th January 2015.
 - Parks & Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th January 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th January 2015.
- 1502/18 **Highway issues – update**
None.
- 1502/19 **Matters to note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**
- Healthwatch Voices – Issue 7 Winter 2015
 - Devon Senior Voice – Issue 25 Winter 2014/15
 - DCC – Temporary prohibition of through traffic & parking – road from Bickleton Cross to Lydacott Cross – length of on Friday 10th April 2015
 - NHS Clinical Commissioning Group – Update for Public and Stakeholders on Urgent and Necessary Measures (Copy enclosed)
 - DCC Parish Paths Partnership Newsletter – Winter 2014/15
 - Reply from DCC, Works to Bickington Road (Copy enclosed)
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the above items.
- 1502/20 **County and District Councillors' Reports-** To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Brailey reported that Sticklepath School has received funding for two extra classrooms, it is a very busy school and will become even busier.
- 1502/21 **To consider Street Naming and Numbering for new development, Glenwood Farm, Roundswell**
Members considered the proposals and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suggest historic names for the area.
- 1502/22 **To consider Devon County Council's Public Transport Review** (information can be found at <http://new.devon.gov.uk/publictransportbudget/>)
Members considered the proposals. Members were concerned at the proposals to cut the services to the hospital and felt these should remain especially with the parking problems at the hospital. Due to the rural nature of North Devon the proposed cuts would negatively impact on communities and the economy.
- Cllr Ms Scott left the meeting at 7.37pm and did not return.

There are proposals to withdraw the 8E bus this route is not near a secondary bus route and proposals to cut the 8 service from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes, however it already runs every 30 minutes. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write a strong letter of objection to DCC expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

Cllr C Bell left the meeting at 7.40pm and did not return.

1502/23

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

58192 Proposal: Erection of 10 bungalows including landscaping, provision of parking & a vehicular & pedestrian access (amended plans & description)
Location: The Green, Chilpark, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Strongvox

It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to adequate access, no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties and works to the Cedars Roundabout being undertaken before any development on this site takes place.

58356 Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use of land to allow for car sales business & siting of portacabin (amended plans)
Location: Former Petrol Filling Station, West Yelland
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Saye

Cllr Clifton left the meeting, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Wood, took the Chair.

The Parish Council has concerns that the amount of cars is over-intensification and it is a nonconforming use. If NDC is mindful to approve it should be a temporary approval for 12 months given the temporary building to establish the impact on adjoining properties.

Cllr Clifton returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair and called for a vote it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to submit the above observations.

58620 Proposal: First floor extension to dwelling
Location: 7 Meadowsweet Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Marshall

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 adjoining properties.

58635 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & side extension & erection of two new extensions
Location: 12 Merrythorn Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs J Thompson

Members were informed that the above application had already been determined. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the Chief Executive at NDC.

58639 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
 Location: 33 Bramble Walk, Roundswell, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mrs A Ware

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 adjoining properties.

1502/24

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

58315 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown lifting of 2 Oak and 1 Sycamore tree
 Location: Aviemore, 13 Byeways Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: The Tree People

58362 Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition in respect of discharging of Conditions 3 (phasing), 4 (construction management plan), 6 (ground investigation), 21 (lap & leap), 23 (lighting strategy), 25 (engineering works), 26 (construction details) attached to planning permission 57519 (amended cross sections & construction management plan)
 Location: Former Fremington Training Camp, Fremington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr B Howells, Barratt David Wilson Homes

58372 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Ash & pollarding 2 Ash
 Location: 1 Beech Park, Fremington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Wessex Tree Surgeons

58374 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 6 (construction management plan) attached to planning permission 57252, 56589, 56590, 56591
 Location: Woodville, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Trewin Design Architects

58433 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling
 Location: 98 Lower Cross Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

58455 Proposal: Erection of dwelling
 Location: Land off Beards Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

58459 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Oak tree (T1) & one Ash tree (T3)
 Location: 73 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr Martin Ivall
 SPLIT DECISION

58475 Proposal: Demolition of partially collapsed farm building & formation of new vehicle parking area together with associated tree & boundary hedge planting
 Location: Browns Engineering, Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr Steven Sherry

58476 Proposal: Erection of a 2 storey modular building for additional office space
Location: Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Jenkins, North Devon Council

58537 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 30 Bickington Lodge, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

58552 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 6 Brookside, Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Stapleton

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following application:

58459 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of two Oak trees (T2 & T5) & one Ash tree (T4)
Location: 73 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Martin Ivall
SPLIT DECISION

The following application has been WITHDRAWN and will no longer be considered:

58414 Proposal: Erection of dwelling with associated works
Location: 11 Thornlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Daniel Lobato

It was **resolved** to note the information.

1502/25

Councillors Questions

Cllr Cann explained that, although the item was not on the Agenda, he would like to raise the adoption of the land at Lagoon View as a matter of urgency. He was initially against the proposal, however, further information and funding had been obtained which had changed the position. The Lagoon View Orchard Community Group had been offered a conditional grant which was time limited and would require the Parish Council's involvement to secure the grant.

The Chairman allowed the item to proceed and it was **resolved** to suspend Standing Order no.11 to allow the Parish Council to reconsider the item. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that as the District Council has made a commitment of £1,000 towards any future maintenance costs of the land, the Parish Council would agree to take ownership of the land at Lagoon View subject to the land being free of charge, the land would then be leased back to the Community Group who would manage the land and pay all expenses.

1502/26

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed Dated