

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 9th March 2015 at 8.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs B Clifton (Chairman), C Bell, R Cann, D Harris, Mrs S Kingdom, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Steer, Deputy Services Officer,
PC N Daffern and PCSO Mrs J McEldon

In Attendance: 13 Members of the public

1503/07 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, B Hockin, C Turner, J Bell, F Biederman and D Brailey.

1503/08 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 58768 as the applicant is known to her.

1503/09 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman informed members that nomination forms for the 2015 Local Elections will be available in the Parish Council Offices from Monday 16th March 2015, anybody wishing to stand as a Councillor, including those who are currently a Councillor, must complete and hand deliver a nomination form to the Returning Officer at the District Council.

The Chairman provided an overview of the service the Parish Council had conducted for the Commonwealth Day and as part of the Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth initiative and hoped next year's event would build on this years.

The Chairman announced that on Monday 16th March Rev'd Goodbody, appointed incumbent of the Mission Community and United Benefice of Fremington, Instow and Westleigh, will be licensed by the Bishop of Crediton at 7.30pm, at St. Peter's Church, Fremington. The Church has extended an invitation to all members of the community to come to the special service of welcome for our new Vicar. There will be refreshments available in the Church Hall after the service.

1503/10 **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

1503/11 **To receive a report from the Police**
PCSO McEldon presented the Police report which is attached as Appendix A. Members asked about the car which had been recovered from the river, PCSO McEldon confirmed this is an ongoing investigation. Members of the public were concerned that the Police figures did not truly reflect the crime figures as people give up waiting for an answer on 101 and therefore crimes often go unreported. PC Daffern confirmed that members of the public can report crimes via 101, the website, or the desk at the Station during opening hours. Members were concerned about the abandoned vehicle at the end of Combrew Lane, PC Daffern confirmed that it had been reported to DVLA who would recover the vehicle in due course.

PC Daffern and PCSO McEldon left the meeting.

1503/12

Public Participation Period

Members of the public were concerned about the island at the end of Higher Road which is part of the Army Camp Development, they felt that it was dangerous and large vehicles will not be able to turn right out of Higher Road. It was agreed to write to the Highways Department and ask for confirmation on whether or not large vehicles will be able to negotiate the island and turn right out of Higher Road.

Members of the public were concerned with the capacity of the main road from Instow to Barnstaple (B3233) and how it would cope if the Link Road was closed again. Cllr Cann reported that he had raised the question at HATOC and DCC refused to answer the question. Members of the public discussed the access to the Army Camp Development and several concerns relating to the roads in and around Fremington.

It was agreed to write to Mr Pickles, MP, and ask him to visit the area at busy times for example 9am Monday – Friday and ask how the road will cope with all the extra traffic lights. It was further agreed to write to DCC and request that temporary signs and/or hatched areas are introduced whilst the road works are taking place to prevent people from blocking access in and out of side roads.

A member of the public raised concerns relating to a ransom strip for the Army Camp Development, members had no knowledge of a ransom strip.

A member of the public asked when the Parish Council would be meeting with the new Headteacher at Fremington Primary School; the Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the Headteacher and would be arranging the meeting in due course.

1503/13

To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th February 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 9th February 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Clifton duly signed the minutes.

1503/14

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

Copies had been circulated with the agenda.

- Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Burial Authority meeting held on Monday 9th February 2015.
- Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 26th February 2015.
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2015.
- Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 26th February 2015.
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2015.
- Tews Lane Committee held on Monday 2nd March 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015.

- 1503/15 **Highway issues – update**
 Cllr Ms Scott was concerned with vehicles blocking the entrance to the road leading to the Doctors Surgery and jumping the traffic lights whilst the road works are taking place. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to report this to DCC.
- 1503/16 **Matters to note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**
 - Letter from NHS re decision of CCG to terminate funding for WAND – 27th February 2015
 It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the above item.
- 1503/17 **County and District Councillors’ Reports-** To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
 Cllr Cann reported that the District Council has not increased its precept again this year and has frozen this along with car parking charges. Cllr Cann was asked to clarify why the District Council will no longer be collecting cardboard unless it is flattened and in the brown bags. Cllr Cann explained that in the past operators have used their discretion, they are no longer allowed to do this and must enforce the rules which means cardboard will only be collected if it is in the appropriate bag for collection.
- 1503/18 **To receive update on the purchase and siting of a defibrillator in Fremington**
 A report was circulated prior to the meeting, members were disappointed to learn that the project did not meet the criteria for TAP Funding. Members discussed the project and funding and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to set up a Working Party with the membership as follows to progress the item which will be brought back to the April Full Council meeting:-
 Cllr Wood, Chairman
 Cllr Mrs Kingdom
 Cllr Ms Scott
 Cllr C Bell
- 1503/19 **To receive and consider correspondence from Barnstaple Town Council with reference to the sponsorship/maintenance of Roundabouts/Planted Areas**
 Correspondence from Barnstaple Town Council was circulated prior to the meeting. Barnstaple Town Council would like to incorporate two roundabouts in Fremington Parish, the Cedars Roundabout and the Roundabout on the Old Bideford Road, into its scheme to improve green and planted highway areas in the town following cuts from DCC. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree for Barnstaple Town Council to include these areas subject to ensuring that Fremington Parish Council is not expected to make a financial contribution towards a project which is a Highways responsibility.
- 1503/20 **To receive and consider correspondence from Devon County Council in relation to proposed waiting restrictions in Woodville**
 Cllr Sherborne was concerned that the proposals did not reflect the areas he had highlighted, he would like to see yellow lines on the corner of Woodville Close and felt the lines shown on the circular area were not required. Cllr Cann reported that he had recently received complaints about the amount of cars parking on the entrance to Woodville and felt this was dangerous. Cllr Mrs Kingdom felt that double yellow lines were required on the side that has driveway access and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions from Cllrs Sherborne and Ms Scott, to support the proposals with the addition of no waiting on the corner of Woodville Close, as highlighted by Cllr Sherborne, and double yellow lines on the side that has driveway access.

1503/21 **To consider nominating Cllr Harris for the Community Road Warden Scheme**

Members considered the request to nominate Cllr Harris for the Community Road Warden Scheme. There were concerns about the involvement required and the risks associated with the scheme and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer any decision until the Parish Council has been able to observe other volunteers taking part in the scheme.

1503/22 **Devon County Council – Planning Application**

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

Ref: DCC/3736/2015

Proposal: To install a two classroom prefabricated unit (with WCs and cloak space) to the rear of the school, remodel the existing grass playing field and resurface and mark the entire car park

Location: Sticklepath Primary School, Woodville, Barnstaple

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

1503/23 **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

58715 Proposal: Erection of a 4.5mw solar photovoltaic power plant, together with inverters, transformers, substation & other ancillary equipment

Location: Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr I Stagg

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle subject to no visual intrusion into the open countryside.

58751 Proposal: Erection of detached single garage

Location: 11 Cross Meadows, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Stacey

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.

58768 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling

Location: 44 Heal Park Crescent, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs P May

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.

58820 Proposal: Erection of a dwelling

Location: Summers, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Rozenberg

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

58824 Proposal: Erection of 8 dwellings together with parking, access and landscaping
Location: Land off Barn Park Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr L Tanner

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. This is outside of the development boundary and not included in the emerging local plan. The Parish Council has concerns that the access is not acceptable and the loss of woodland that would result from this development. It would be over-intensification of the site and there are problems with surface water.

58825 Proposal: Conversion of conservatory to form extension to dwelling
Location: 18 Hele Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Jarvis

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.

58831 Proposal: Siting of 9mw capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid
Location: Land at West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Sheppard, GF Energy Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. The Parish Council would like the need for this facility to be demonstrated. If the facility is required, the Parish Council believes it would be better sited on the original power substation site to reduce the visual impact and noise ambience for residents.

58855 Proposal: Change of use of floorspace from class A1 (retail) to class D1 (dental surgery)
Location: Sainsbury's Supermarkets, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: The Centre for Dentistry

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

58869 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling with associated works
Location: Garden of 11 Thornlea Avenue, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Sandwell

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL. The size, scale and design of the proposal is out of character and over-intensive, it will negatively impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and the access is inadequate.

58922 Proposal: Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of a Monterey Cypress (T3) & Pine (T4)
Location: West Brookfield, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Dr N Burge

The Parish Council feels the trees are of valuable visual amenity and would only support works if they are in the interest of good tree management.

1503/24

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

- 58620 Proposal: First floor extension to dwelling
Location: 7 Meadowsweet Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J Architectural Services
- 58635 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & side extension & erection of two new extensions
Location: 12 Merrythorn Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services
- 58639 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 33 Bramble Walk, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: PWH Associates (Barnstaple) Ltd

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

- 52842 Proposal: Erection of a building measuring 5,398 sq m (class A1), creation of new access and associated car parking, petrol filling station, servicing provision & landscaping (further amended plans & additional information)
Location: Evans Transport, Braunton Road, Barnstaple
- 58531 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 12 (materials) attached to planning permission 53147 (APP/X1118/A/12/2188898)
Location: Fremington Training Camp, Hill Top, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Bovis Homes Ltd
- 58568 Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to form domestic curtilage
Location: Orchard House, Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

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

1503/25

Councillors Questions

None

1503/26

Close

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

Signed Dated