

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

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

**In Attendance:** 13 Members of the public

1504/01      **Apologies**  
Cllrs D Brailey and B Hockin. It was announced that Cllr Hockin had not attended a Council meeting or Committee meeting since 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014, therefore disqualifying himself from position of Parish Councillor. It was **resolved** to receive and note the information.

1504/02      **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Items 58799 & 58960 as the applicants are known to him.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal Interest in Items 58735 & 58960 as the applicants are neighbours and known to her.

1504/03      **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman announced that he was coming to the end of his term as Chairman and reported that he had enjoyed the public interaction over the last year which he felt to be important; he passed on his good wishes and thanked everyone for their support.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr Clifton for his role of Chairman over the last year.

1504/04      **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**

1504/05      **To receive a report from the Police**  
PC Daffern presented the Police report which is attached as Appendix A. Members of the public were concerned with drugs and behaviour in Aspen Grove, PC Daffern assured the public that it was being dealt with by the Police. The Police were congratulated on the success of catching and dealing with drivers using the one way system the wrong way.

PC Daffern left the meeting.

1504/06      **Public Participation Period**  
Members of the public raised further concerns regarding the island at the end of Higher Road which is part of the Army Camp Development and the need for the traffic lights to be erected as soon as possible.

1504/07      **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Clifton duly signed the minutes.

1504/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

Copies had been circulated with the agenda.

- Reconvened Tews Lane Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the reconvened Tews Lane Committee meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

1504/09 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Cann reported that he had received complaints about the condition of the road at Hopperstyle, and asked when DCC's safety improvements along the BOAT Road would be taking place.

Cllr Ms Scott reported that there is a pothole on the highway just before the BOAT Road.

County Cllr Biederman reported that there is now a reporting page on DCC's website.

1504/10 **Matters to note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**

- Letter from BT Payphones re "Adopt a Kiosk for as little as a £1"
- Email from Planning Progress re Neighbourhood Development Plans (Copy enclosed)
- Notice from DCC re temporary 10mph Speed Limit on B3233 – from Taw Meadow Crescent junction and heading in an easterly direction for 310 metres – on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April for a maximum of 5 days (Copy enclosed)
- Notice from DCC re temporary 10mph Speed Limit on B3233 – from a point 90 metres west of St Peters Road in a westerly direction for a distance of 600 metres on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (changed dates) together with Notice of Road Closure for one night only on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Copies enclosed)
- Notice from DCC re temporary prohibition of through traffic & parking affecting Wester-Moor Way, Roundswell, Old Bideford Road to Lark Rise – from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Copy enclosed)
- Notice from DCC re temporary prohibition of through traffic & parking – road affected Tews Lane, Bickington – from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015 (Copy enclosed)
- Veterans World issue 34 – March 2015
- Letter from NDC to DCC re observations on planning application 58959 - under Regulation 3 of the T&CP General Regulations 1992 notification by Devon County Council in respect of installation of a two classroom pre-fabricated unit (with WCs & cloak space), remodel the existing grass playing field & resurface & mark the entire car park at Sticklepath School, Woodville, Barnstaple
- Healthwatch Voices – Issue 8 Spring 2015
- DCC Parish Paths Partnership – Spring Update 2015

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

1504/11 **County and District Councillors' Reports-** To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.  
 Cllr Biederman reported that DCC is investigating the possibility of residents' parking along Higher Road which would be charged at £30 a year per permit, along with double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road to the play area and between nos. 54-57 Beechfield Road, and a consultation should be coming to the Parish Council in the near future. Cllr Biederman also reported on the work being undertaken to provide 16-25 with appropriate careers advice and getting them into employment and also the importance of reporting an suspicions of child exploitation. Lastly, Cllr Biederman informed members that the Police will be undertaking speed awareness with the children from the primary school at the end of April.

Cllr Cann asked what the criteria for residents' parking is and Cllr Biederman was unsure but it is being investigated.

Cllr Turner commended Cllr Biederman for the work he had undertaken with regards to the residents' parking and yellow lines.

1504/12 **To receive recommendations from the Defibrillator Working Party**  
 The following recommendations were received: -

1. That the Parish Council purchases a Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 CPRD Defibrillator Unit at a cost of £1,045 + VAT, the cost of which to be met from General Reserves.
2. That the Parish Council purchases a Rotaid Solid Plus with alarm (outdoor cabinet) at a cost of £295 + VAT, the cost of which to be met from General Reserves.
3. That the cabinet and defibrillator are installed in the foyer below the Parish Council Offices. The Parish Clerk has written to all the interested parties and no one has raised any objections to this location, the Handyperson should be able to install the cabinet as this cabinet does not require an electricity supply.
4. That the Parish Council meets the annual cost of £300 for training of six Councillors who can then cascade the information down to members of the public.
5. That the Parish Council purchases a training unit at the cost of £350 + VAT, the cost of which to be met from General Reserves, that Councillors can use within the community to help with cascading the information from training down to members of the public.
- 6 That the Unit meets the requirements to be placed on the South West Ambulances data base, this includes the annual training and monthly inspections of the equipment which could be carried out by the Handyperson.

Members were concerned that the foyer is supposed to be locked at night and therefore members of the public would not be able to access the defibrillator. It was **resolved**, with two votes to the contrary from Cllrs C Bell and Wood, to refer the item back to the Working Party which is given delegated powers to purchase a defibrillator, cabinet, training unit and appropriate training all to be installed in a location that is available 24hours a day.

1504/13 **To receive and consider response from Pearce Construction relating to the Community Orchard at Lagoon View**  
 Members were informed that Pearce would not transfer the ownership of the land but would look to licence the orchard use. Mr John Wilson, Secretary of the Lagoon View Community Orchard, thanked the Council for its offer to take the title and informed members that the Association would be looking to lease the land from Pearce.

Members were concerned that as part of a planning condition this land is supposed to be designated as amenity land and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate the future of the land and its designation with planning enforcement.

1504/14 **To consider response to consultation on the proposed main changes to the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan**

Members considered the proposed main changes and it was **resolved**, with one vote from Cllr J Bell against, to express the Council's grave reservations and opposition to any residential development at Yelland Quay to facilitate economic development. The Parish Council welcomes the removal of the Ashbed site from the Plan.

1504/15 **North Devon Council – Planning Appeal**

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for any further comments from this Parish Council to be forwarded to The Planning Inspectorate on the following planning appeal:

57663 Proposal: Outline application for up to 135 dwellings plus infrastructure including the creation of a vehicular access to B3233, provision of open space, landscaping, allotments, ponds & other associated development – all matters reserved except access (amended details received relating to a revised position for the access, associated drawings and a further addendum to the environmental statement)

Location: Land adjacent to the B3233 West Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Welbeck Strategic Land LLP

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to reiterate the Parish Council's previous recommendation of REFUSAL. The proposed development would be a visual intrusion on the landscape and would have a significant adverse impact on the internationally important Taw Estuary, Biosphere and Tarka Trail. This area has some of the very best agricultural land in North Devon and much of the area is grade 2 or 3 agricultural land which we cannot afford to lose if we are to maintain any semblance of sufficiency in sourcing local food. Much of the area falls within flood zone 3. The development would perpetuate and add to the notorious example of Ribbon Development along the B3233 between Fremington and Yelland and would be contrary to good planning guidance. The development would be visually intrusive in the Taw landscape and would be contrary to the long held policy of not permitting development to the north of the B3233 in order to protect and maintain the open vista of the Estuary and Biosphere. The site is not well related to services or local centres. The increase in traffic would add to existing congestion at the Cedars Junction. The application is a major departure from the Local Plan. This green field site is not in the emerging North Devon Local Plan. There is already adequate land allocated nearby for over 1200 dwellings at Larkbear, Tews Lane, Allenstyle, Fremington Army Camp and Glenwood Farm. The site is outside of the Development Boundary for this locality as shown in the emerging North Devon Local Plan. The site is divorced from any substantial settlement and development needs could be met in a better location. The proposal does not provide identified infrastructure and community needs. There are recent approvals and sites identified and supported in the emerging Local Plan that would more than meet the 5 year housing land supply. The emerging Local Plan already identifies sufficient sites to meet the 20 year land supply in better locations. Given the availability of alternatives this site is not required.

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**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*

58735 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: Police House, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Surridge

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL as this would have an adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties given its close proximity.

58799 Proposal: Installation of underground electricity cable between the wind turbine & point of connection to grid network

Location: Lower Litchardon Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr J Pearson, RSJ 2 Energy Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention from Cllr Biederman, to pass the following comments to the planning authority, If the North Devon Council is mindful to approve this application the Parish Council would like assurance that minimal damage is caused and all hedgerows are reinstated and fields made good following any works.

58872 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 2A Chilpark, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr G Price

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the extension not being used as a separate dwelling and no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

58906 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 59 Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Ms N Davie

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL as the proposed extension is right on the boundary line and would have an adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbouring properties.

58926 Proposal: Extension to dwelling to create dependant relatives annexe

Location: 36 Juniper Court, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mrs N Busby

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

Cllr Biederman left the meeting and did not return.

A member of the public raised concerns relating to native and protected species of wildlife that would be effected by the following proposal.

58960 Proposal: Installation and operation of a single 500KW wind turbine & access track on agricultural land at Woolmers Farm with an overall maximum tip height of 74m

Location: Land at Woolmers Farm, North Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr P Tucker

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, that the Parish Council feels there is insufficient information to be able to consider the application.

Cllrs Turner and C Bell left the meeting and did not return.

58994 Proposal: Extension to dwelling & conversion of attached garage  
Location: 55 Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs M & J Walker

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.

58995 Proposal: Erection of garage with a bedroom above attached to the side of existing house  
Location: 7 Higher Westlake Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Knowles

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

59059 Proposal: Formation of school bus drop off point & associated landscaping/parking at bus shelter No 294-007  
Location: Woodville, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Snooks, North Devon Homes

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

The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed to take the following application as a matter of urgency as the Planning Authority is unable to extend the deadline for consultation.

59047 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling  
Location: 15 Mead Park Close, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Snooks

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

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

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

58298 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of re-pollarding of various trees (1,2,3,4,5,17 & 18) & removal of 2 stems from Ash tree (17)  
Location: 48 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Canavan

58768 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling  
Location: 44 Heal Park Crescent, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: CWS Property Services

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

58855 Proposal: Change of used of floorspace from Class A1 (retail) to Class D1 (dental surgery)  
Location: Sainsbury's Supermarkets, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Simply Planning Limited

58924 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown lifting & removal of basal and epicormic growth of 1 Lime tree (T2)  
Location: West Brookfield, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Dr N Burge

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

58421 Proposal: Erection of one dwelling  
Location: Land rear of Home Farm, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Goodwin

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

1504/18 **Councillors Questions**  
None

1504/19 **Close**  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....