

**Minutes of the Annual Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 8th June 2015 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, K Groves, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer and Mrs E Steer, Deputy Services Officer

In Attendance: 4 Members of the public, Mr G Sables, Mr A Rennles and Mrs C McCormack-Hole (candidates for co-option)

- 1506/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs D Brailey, J Bell, G Turner and T Wood.
- 1506/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 59295 as the proposed application is next to his property.

Cllr Groves declared a Personal Interest in Item 55433 as the owner of the property.
- 1506/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman announced that there would be an informal workshop for Councillors to express issues of concern on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 7pm in the Annexe. District Councillors submitted their apologies for the meeting as it clashes with NDC's Full Council meeting.

The Chairman reported on the meeting that had taken place with other authorities, the MP and residents regarding Military Road and congratulated Cllr Mrs Flynn on her appointment as Chairman of the District Council.
- 1506/04 **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**
- 1506/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
A report was not received.
- 1506/06 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public informed the Council that his wife was highly qualified in the medical field and would be willing to help in training for the AE. The Council thanked the gentleman for his kind offer.
- 1506/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th May 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 18th May as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.
- 1506/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
Copies had been circulated with the agenda.
- Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 21st May 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 21st May 2015
 - Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 21st May 2015
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 21st May 2015

- 1506/09 **To receive and consider Applications for Co-option for Fremington Roundswell and Woodville Wards**
Four applications for co-option were received and circulated to members before the meeting and as follows:
- Roundswell Ward
Mrs McCormack-Hole
- Woodville Ward
Mr Alan Rennles
Mr Gerard Sables
Richard Jones
- The Chairman proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Chalmers that voting on this item should be undertaken by a Secret Ballot. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to vote by Secret Ballot.
- Each candidate was asked to speak in support of their application and answer questions, unfortunately Mr Richard Jones was out of the country on annual leave and unable to attend the meeting; members considered the absence and **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary, to consider the application.
- Voting slips were issued to all Councillors and following a vote it was **resolved** to co-opt Mrs McCormack-Hole to Roundswell Ward and Mr Alan Rennles to Woodville Ward. Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed and delivered.
- 1506/10 **To receive resignation from Cllr Mrs Kingdom as the Parish Council's representative on the Tomlin Hall Management Committee and appoint a replacement representative**
Cllr Mrs Kingdom's resignation was received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole as the representative on the Tomlin Hall Management Committee.
- 1506/11 **To consider plans for residents' parking and double yellow lines (Item requested by Cllr Biederman)**
Cllr Biederman circulated proposals for proposed parking restrictions along Higher Road and Beechfield Road. Cllr Biederman felt the yellow lines proposed for Beechfield Road should continue along past the play area. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the proposals in principle with the addition of the extended yellow lines along Beechfield Road and subject to a public consultation.
- 1506/12 **To appoint six Councillors to undertake training on the use of the Defibrillator**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllrs Ms Scott, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Kingdom, Biederman, Chalmers and Mrs Dyson to attend the training. It was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask Cllr Wood if he would like to undertake the training.
- 1506/13 **To consider receiving Agendas and associated paperwork via e-mail**
Members considered receiving Agendas and associated paperwork via e-mail and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to send all Full Council Agendas to Councillors via post. All Committee Agendas will be sent to Councillors, with the exception of Cllrs Mrs McCormack-Hole and Sherborne, via e-mail.
- 1506/14 **To receive and consider Electoral Review of Devon: Draft Recommendations**
The information was circulated to members prior to the meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

- 1506/15 **To receive correspondence relating to the Parish Council's Right of Way**
Proposals to fence the area were received and circulated to members. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the proposals subject to the Parish Council's Right of Way being a minimum width of 3m and the Parish Council being supplied with keys to the gates at either end.
- 1506/16 **To consider funds from Dog Bags Ear Marked Reserve to be veered towards grass cutting within the Parish**
Members were informed that due to DCC's cuts the Parish Council was investigating ways in which the funding gap to undertake this year's highways grass cutting could be met. There was an Earmarked Reserve of £1,600 for the purchase of dog bags it was felt this money could be veered towards to the grass cutting for this year, the reserve could then be built up again before the next purchase. Ways in which the highways grass cutting could be sustained for future years would need to be investigated. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to veer £1,600 from the dog bags EMR to highways grass cutting.
- 1506/17 **Highway issues – update**
Cllr Ms Scott reported that the 40mph sign as you are entering Muddlebridge from Bickington is very dirty and facing the hedge. Members were concerned at the state of the signs throughout the parish and felt this should be drawn to the attention of DCC as a lot of the signs are unreadable.

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

A member of the public was concerned at the large vehicles coming out of Military Road and turning into Higher Road, continuing along Beechfield Road as they are unable to turn right out of Military Road. The member of the public was informed that at the recent meeting it was agreed that the islands would be trimmed so the vehicles can turn right out of Military Road.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to reinstate Standing Orders.
- 1506/18 **Matters to note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**
- Email from DCC re Grant of Conditional Planning Permission for Retention of two existing modular classrooms, Block 06 & 07, for a further five years at Fremington Community Primary School, Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple (Copy enclosed)
- Email from NDC Enforcement Officer re amenity land at Lagoon View, Yelland (Copy enclosed)
- Letter from NDC re approval of details in respect of discharge of Conditions 12 (external decoration details), 13 (boundary treatment finish/material details) & 34 (show house off-street parking provision) attached to Planning Permission 57519 at Former Fremington Army Training Camp, Hill Top, Fremington, Barnstaple
- Letter from NDC re Decision on acceptance of application for a non-material amendment to Planning Permission 55433 – 10 Merrythorn Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
- NDC – Refusal of Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed use or development – Land south of Home Farm Lodge, Fremington, Barnstaple

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the above item.
- 1506/19 **County and District Councillors' Reports-** To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that she was honoured to have been elected to the role of Chairman of NDC and reported that NDC's first Planning Meeting would be held on Wednesday.

Cllr Cann reported that he was still the Executive member for Environment and NDC is hoping to rush through the Local Plan. He was concerned at how dismissive the Inspector had been of the impact on the Estuary when determining the Mead Park development and would be organising a public consultation to ascertain how members of the public view the Estuary.

Cllr Biederman congratulated Cllr Mrs Flynn on her appointment as Chairman of NDC and reported that the Allenstyle application would be discussed at Wednesday's NDC Planning Meeting.

1506/20

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

59273 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 20 Ley Meadow Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs J Stewart

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

59295 Proposal: Householder application for extended garage, kitchen, conservatory and new porch roof
Location: 12 Broady Strap, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Metcalfe

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

59304 Conversion of former telephone exchange building, currently used as a private workshop, into a 2 bedroom 1.5 storey dwelling
Location: Old Telephone Station, Yelland, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Rees

The Parish Council expressed its concerns over whether the site is large enough to accommodate this development and if it is suitable for the site. If NDC is mindful to approve, it should be subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties.

59327 Proposal: Erection of boundary fence to front of property
Location: Gamlyn House, Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Gammon

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design, no adverse impact on the adjoining properties or the street scene.

1506/21

Devon County Council – Planning Decision

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

Ref: DCC/3755/2015

Proposal: Retention of two existing modular classrooms, Block 06 & 07, for a further five years

Location: Fremington Community Primary School, Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

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

1506/22

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

50083 Proposal: Outline application for erection of 2 dwellings with garages

Location: Lands to the rear of 33-35 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mrs A Mussell

58996 Proposal: Demolition of utility room, erection of conservatory & construction of roof gable

Location: The Mill House, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr M Ash

59047 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling

Location: 15 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Trewin Design Architects

59059 Proposal: Formation of school bus drop off point & associated landscaping/parking

Location: Bus Shelter No.294-007, Woodville, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Trewin Design Architects

59112 Proposal: Erection of commercial van hire facility

Location: Land adjacent Woodside Court, Fishleigh Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: RGP Architects – Mr R Cocker

59128 Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 5 Higher Westlake Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

59175 Proposal: Listed building application for demolition of utility room, erection of conservatory & construction of roof gable

Location: The Mill House, Mill Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr M Ash

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

59076 Proposal: Erection of new barn for storage

Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr A Moore

Cllr Cann welcomed the decision for application 59076 and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1506/23

Councillors Questions

Cllr Groves was upset with the comment made by Mr Black at the recent meeting regarding the Army Camp Development in relation to disabilities; he asked if the Council would be willing to write to Mr Black. The members that were present at the meeting felt that the comment had been taken out of context and as most Councillors were not present at the meeting and felt it would be inappropriate for the Council to support such a letter.

1506/24

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed Dated