

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs J Biederman (Chairman), J Bell, D Brailey, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

In Attendance: 7 Members of the public

- 1510/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom, A Rennles, K Groves, G Turner and Mrs C McCormack-Hole.
- 1510/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Mrs Flynn declared a Personal Interest in Item 1510/18 application 59788 as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1510/18 application 59788 as the applicant is known to him.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a DPI in Item 1510/21 and 1510/22 as an allotment tenant; it was noted that, as the Parish Council's Allotment Representative, she had received a dispensation to discuss allotment matters but excluded financial matters.
- 1510/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman informed members that the Parish Council's application for neighbourhood designation had now gone live and the date for receipt of comments is the 30th October 2015.
- 1510/04 **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**
- 1510/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
The District Crime Report, which is attached to these minutes as Appendix One, was circulated prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to note the report.
- 1510/06 **Public Participation Period**
Members of the public raised further concerns in relation to the former Army Camp Development and the road layout along Military Road.
- 1510/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 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 7th September 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.
- 1510/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Minutes of Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Tuesday 8th September 2015
- It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Tuesday 8th September 2015

- Minutes of Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 24th September 2015

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 24th September 2015

- Minutes of Parks & Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 24th September 2015

Cllr Cann raised a query in relation to minute no.1509/56 and how many people within the parish benefit from the club, members were unclear on the figure. He suggested that any agreement should be in principle and subject to negotiations to explore the possibilities of utilising areas of land to enhance them for the community. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to amend the resolution to state that the Parish Council is in agreement in principle but would like to negotiate to utilise underused areas of land at the site for community benefit and to receive and ratify the decisions therein, subject to this alteration, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 24th September 2015.

1510/09 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Biederman reported that he had, had a meeting with DCC and NDC officers to discuss the development and the points discussed and answers given are attached as Appendix B.

1510/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- Letter from Mr D Black, DCC, re former Fremington Army Camp development (Copy enclosed for Cllrs only)
- Email from Cllr Mrs Flynn re farewell to 22 A Sqdn, Chivenor (Copy enclosed for Cllrs only)
- Email from SWH re surfacing works at Mead Park, Bickington, 7th and 8th October 2015
- Email from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner re Police volunteer roles (Copy enclosed for Cllrs only)
- Notice from DCC Rights of Way Service re Temporary closure of Footpath 41 from 1st October 2015 to 1st April 2016 to permit development works to be undertaken
- Devon Association of Local Councils – Annual Report 2014-2015
- Email from NDC Planning re Removal of Condition 45 & 46 & Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 55809 (amended plans), land at Anchorwood Bank, Taw Wharf, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
- Letter from Post Office Ltd re closure of Yelland Post Office (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- Letter of reply from Mr J Hart, DCC, re Local Bus Services to Park School (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- Letter from Ms C Dawe, Northern Locality NHS re Community Services in North Devon (Copy attached for Cllrs only)
- Email from Local Government Boundary Commission re Electoral Review of Devon: Further Limited Consultation for North Devon (Copy attached for Cllrs only)

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

1510/11 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Brailey reported that the paperwork for the transfer of ownership for the land at Maple Grove has been sent back to the Solicitor at NDC and this matter should be finalised in the near future. Cllr Brailey further reported that he had attended a farewell ceremony, along with Cllr Mrs Flynn, for Flight 22 Squadron Chivenor.

Cllr Cann reported that the land at the underpass should be cleared on Friday.

Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that she had been very busy representing NDC at several events and occasions including the recent visit from the Earl of Wessex. Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that she had lobbied the MP for a Senior Citizen ID Card which, if agreed, would be nationwide and would prevent Senior Citizens from having to renew their passports for identification purposes.

Cllr Biederman reported that the independent Stage 3 Safety Audit would take place for Military Road, Higher Road and Church Hill and not just Military Road.

- 1510/12 **To consider taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival 2015**
Members considered the information and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to take part in the 2016 Christmas Tree Festival to promote the Council and its services.
- 1510/13 **To consider public consultation to expand day provision at Marland School**
Members considered the proposed increase in places and decrease in age accepted and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the proposals. It was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to invite the Headmaster to report on progress/issues at the Annual meeting if he so wishes.
- 1510/14 **To highlight topics of concern for the Devon Association of Local Council's AGM**
Cllr Chalmers reported that the AGM would take place next week and asked if there were any issues relating to the main areas of discussion: Police, devolution to Parish Councils and housing that the Parish Council would like to raise. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask Cllr Chalmers to raise the lack of Police presence at Parish Council meetings.
- 1510/15 **To consider attendance at Devon County Council's Parish & Town Council Conference**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllrs Chalmers and Biederman to attend the event on the 14th October 2015 and highlight the concerns and obstacles for taking over highway grass cutting and other highway services.
- 1510/16 **To discuss future use of the Devon County Council closed Lay-Bys** (item requested by Cllr Chalmers)
Cllr Chalmers was concerned to read the recent reports in the paper that the closed lay-bys could become land for travellers. Cllr Cann reported that the Parish's views would be represented but no plans had been put forward. Cllr Biederman asked Cllr Brailey if it was the intention of the District Council to obtain the lay-bys at Roundswell, for use as traveller sites in the emerging local plan? Cllr Brailey responded that they had not considered them.
- 1510/17 **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
- 59777 Proposal: Extension & alteration to dwelling (including raising of roof to create a first floor)
Location: 4 Dracaena Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Sturm
- 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 neighbours.

The Parish Council is commenting on the following application as a neighbouring property owner.

59784 Proposal: Prior approval for change of use from shop (use Class A1) to one flat (use Class C3) (Class M(A))
Location: 14 Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs B Dennis

As a neighbouring property owner the Parish Council has no objections to the change of use.

59853 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of crown reduction and selective
Location: Fremington Manor, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Bix Developments Ltd

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

59870 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 30 Home Farm Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P G Grant

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 neighbours.

59884 Proposal: Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building to three dwellings (Class A(A))
Location: Barn at Collacott Farm, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr I Stagg

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend, subject to the building no longer being required for agricultural use and it is carried out inline with the conversion policy, APPROVAL.

59897 Proposal: Erection of two bedroom dwelling
Location: 51 Bickington Lodge, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Duncan

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 neighbours.

The Parish Council has a direct interest in the following application.

59921 Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use of land to domestic curtilage
Location: Home Farm Lodge, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr E Hanly

Due to the Parish Council's Interest in the land it was resolved, to pass no comment, however, any approval should maintain the Parish Council's Right of Way across the land.

59984 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 19 Swallow Field, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Cresswell

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 neighbours.

59992 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to planning permission 57947 to allow installation of additional dormer window
Location: 50 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Varley

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design, no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbours and no visual intrusion on neighbours.

1510/18

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

59665 Proposal: Proposed extension to rear of bungalow
Location: 6 Magdala Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Scott

59721 Proposal: Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) & 3 (design restrictions) attached to planning permission 58455 to enable amended design & repositioning of dwelling
Location: Land off Beards Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

59788 Proposal: Advertisement application for siting of illuminated & non illuminated fascia & hoarding signs
Location: Old Barn Inn, Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: SR Signs Ltd
SPLIT DECISION

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

58960 Proposal: Installation and operation of a single 500kw wind turbine & access track on agricultural land at Woolmers Farm with overall maximum tip height of 74M
Location: Land at Woolmers Farm, North Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mosscliff Environmental Ltd

59583 Proposal: Extension to dwelling to create dependant relatives annexe
Location: 36 Juniper Court, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs N Busby

59788 Proposal: Advertisement application for siting of illuminated & non illuminated fascia & hoarding signs
Location: Old Barn Inn, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: SR Signs Ltd
SPLIT DECISION

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

1510/19

Councillors Questions

Cllr Mrs Dyson asked for an update on the graffiti the Parish had experienced. Cllr Mrs Dyson was informed that the Police were aware and carrying out investigations and the Parish Council had removed the graffiti from Parish Council furniture.

PART B

1510/20 It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

All members of the public left. Cllrs Ms Scott declared a DPI and left the meeting.

1510/21 **To consider renewal of lease for the Muddlebridge Allotments**
Members considered the renewal of the lease and the terms and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to the renewal in principle and to delegate negotiation of terms to the Clerk. If negotiation is not possible the Council will have no choice but to increase the allotment rents to cover the costs of the site.

Cllr Ms Scott returned to the meeting.

1510/22 **To consider draft Tenancy Agreements for the Muddlebridge Allotments**
Members considered the draft tenancy agreements and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to implement a temporary licence to cover the period of 1st March (when the Notices to quit end) and the new lease, licences will then be issued with a clause making reference to the Parish Council's lease for the site.

1510/23 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed Dated