

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,**  
**Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs B Clifton (Chairman), C Bell, J Bell, R Cann, B Hockin, Mrs S Kingdom, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, C Turner and T Wood  
 Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Steer, Deputy Services Officer

**In Attendance:** 42 Members of the public

- 1410/01      **Apologies**  
 Cllrs D Brailey, Mrs J Flynn and F Biederman.
- 1410/02      **Declarations of Interest**  
 Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal Interest in Item no. 1410/19 as a member of the CCG Board.
- 1410/03      **Chairman's Announcements**  
 The Chairman asked any members of the Council who had not already applied for a dispensation under Section 33 (2) (e) of the Localism Act 2011 to allow them to speak and vote on items relating to setting the precept to submit them as soon as possible.
- 1410/04      **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**

- 1410/05      **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.
- 1410/06      **Public Participation Period**  
 A member of the public asked if any County or District Councillors had offered their support to the lady who has won legal aid to try and stop the closure of the Devon County Care Homes. Cllr Cann confirmed that he had offered his support. It was agreed to write a letter of support from the Parish Council and to ask the County Councillor if he had given his support.
- Cllr Cann proposed, seconded by Cllr Turner and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to move item 19 57663 forward to this point on the Agenda.
- 1410/07      **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.*

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 (additional information received relating to landscaping, open space, highway matters and an addendum to the environmental statement)  
 Location: Land adjacent to the B3233, West Yelland, Barnstaple  
 Applicant/Agent: Ms C Robinson, Welbeck Strategic Land LLP

Members of the public expressed their concerns over traffic issues, and inaccuracies in the documentation submitted with the planning application.

One member of the public was a visitor from Norway who regularly visits the Fremington area and has done for the last 10 years; he loves the countryside around the area and felt it would be a shame to see this spoilt.

Members discussed the impact today's crash had, had on the road network in and around Fremington and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the North Devon Council to voice the Council's concerns and the views of the visitor, it was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the Police and ask Cllr Cann to submit to a HATOC meeting.

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

Several members of the public and Cllr Hockin left the meeting.

1410/08 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Clifton duly signed the minutes.

Cllr Hockin returned to the meeting.

1410/09 **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 held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

- Finance & Personnel Committee held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014
- Parks & Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
Cllr Cann was concerned at the format the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting had taken, it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions that the Clerk submits a report to the next Full Council meeting.  
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- Finance & Personnel Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014

1410/10 **Highway issues – update**

Cllr Cann reported that he had requested an item to be placed on the HATOC Committee relating to the Cedars roundabout.

Cllr Ms Scott reported that the signs along the road from Sainsbury's to Cedars require the vegetation to be cut back away from the sign. Cllr Ms Scott also reported that the drains along the new bridge are blocked on the approach and causing flooding; it was noted that this was a problem on the old bridge as well.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole reported that the signs along the A361 are dirty.

Cllr Mrs Kingdom asked who was carrying out the weed spraying in Park Avenue.

1410/11 **Matters to note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**

- Email from DCC re South West Heritage update (Copy enclosed)
- Barnstaple Local Police Newsletter – September 2014 (Copy enclosed)
- Letter from Torridge District Council re appeal APP/W1145/A/14/2224155 has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission for the mixed used development at Knapp House Activity Centre, Churchill Way, Northam, Bideford (Copy enclosed)
- South West Heritage Trust: Update on Implementation (Copy enclosed)
- Unauthorised Advertisements – reply from Enforcement Officer (Copy enclosed)

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

1410/12 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Biederman's report was circulated, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Appendix Two.

Cllr Cann noted the consultation from DCC on budget cuts and it was noted that this would be on the next agenda. Cllr Cann reported that a member of the public had tripped over a safety defect but DCC would not compensate.

Cllr J Bell was concerned about the trees that had been removed at Lagoon View and it was noted that an item would be placed on the next Parks and Playing Fields Agenda in relation to this piece of land.

Cllr Hockin reported that a site visit to Eastleigh had taken place to look at a possible wind turbine.

Cllr Turner reported that he had attended the Allenstyle consultation at the weekend as an information gathering exercise.

- 1410/13 **To consider introducing a pricing structure for Parish Council facilities** (item requested by Cllr Cann)  
Cllr Cann reported that there had been an increase in commercial operations using Parish Council land and facilities and suggested the introduction of a pricing structure. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Parish Clerk to investigate prices and submits a report to the next meeting.
- 1410/14 **To consider entering the Christmas Tree Festival 2014**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to enter the Christmas Tree Festival 2014, members were asked to start considering a theme for the tree.
- 1410/15 **To discuss parking issues at Woodville** (item requested by Cllr Sherborne)  
Cllr Sherborne reported that he would like to see yellow lines introduced outside the school and at the entrance to the Woodville estate, cars park both sides of the road and it is narrow; this is also a bus route. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to invite County Cllr Matthews to the next meeting to discuss.
- 1410/16 **To consider draft policy for memorial benches at Fremington Cemetery**  
Members considered the draft policy and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the policy for memorial benches at Fremington Cemetery.
- 1410/17 **To consider request for memorial benches at Fremington Cemetery**  
a) Higher side of grave 436  
b) In front of grave 572  
Members considered the requests, it was noted that the maps were not up-to-date and did not show the location of the existing benches, Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole offered to plot the maps if an up-to-date map was obtained and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve both requests subject to them meeting the terms of the adopted policy.
- 1410/18 **Issues that Fremington Parish Council might like to raise at a DALC meeting** (item requested by Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole)  
Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole reported that she would be attending a DALC meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> November and asked if any Councillor had any issues they would like her to raise. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Councillors to inform the Clerk if they have any issues.
- 1410/19 **To consider correspondence relating to Care Closer to Home**  
Members considered the information relating to the consultation for Care Closer to Home and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to invite a representative to the next meeting to give a presentation on the changes.
- 1410/20 **North Devon Council – Planning Applications**  
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- 58025 Proposal: Erection of a dwelling  
Location: 14 Oaklea Crescent, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Holdway  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the Parish Council has grave concerns that this would have an adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties and feel it is an unacceptable form of backland development.

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**North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

- 57750 Proposal: Conversion of loft space to form additional living accommodation (including front & rear dormer windows)  
Location: 4 Ballards Crescent, West Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr M & Mrs L Horrell
- 57807 Proposal: Conversion of loft space & installation of dormer windows to form additional living accommodation  
Location: 5 Two Trees Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs A Rowe
- 57877 Proposal: Extensions & alterations to dwelling  
Location: 48 Park Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Scott
- 57878 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 30 Aspen Grove, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Stapleton
- 57974 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling  
Location: 44 Heal Park Crescent, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: CWS Property Services
- 57947 Proposal: Conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation together with an extension over the garage with insertion of dormer windows to rear & velux windows  
Location: 50 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Adams

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

- 57571 Proposal: Erection of 17 residential dwellings including 5 affordable units, together with parking, access & landscaping  
Location: Land south of Barn Park Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr L Tanner

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

1410/22

**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Hockin asked how long it takes for the Police to clear an accident; it was noted that due to cut backs the appropriate officers come from Exeter. It was agreed to add to the letter to DCC and the Police to ask that a procedure for safe passage of traffic through Fremington is implemented following an incident on the A39.

1410/23

**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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