

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs R Cann (Chairman), Mrs Flynn, C Bell, J Bell, F Biederman, B Hockin, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, C Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

In Attendance: 6 Members of the public

1403/16 **Apologies**

As recorded on the attendance sheet, apologies were received from Cllrs D Brailey, B Clifton, D Harris, Mrs S Kingdom and the Police.

1403/17 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Biederman declared personal interests in Agenda items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18 as a member of Devon County Council and item 21 as the applicant is known to him. Cllr Biederman declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 20 as he is an employee of the Royal Mail.

1403/18 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were not any Chairman's Announcements.

1403/19 **To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)

PART A

1403/20 **To Receive a Report from the Police**

The Police sent their apologies. The District Crime Report was circulated, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Appendix One. It was **resolved** to note the report.

1403/21 **Public Participation Period**

The Chairman of the Roundswell Residents' Association addressed the Committee with concerns from the Association about Health and Safety surrounding the Claypits. The Residents' Association is concerned that the proposed development does not provide a secure boundary, it is an area where children would like to play and could prove very dangerous, the water is contaminated and there are several places where the water can get quite deep amongst other H&S issues. The Residents' Association is also concerned at the possibility of fly tipping along the road. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the North Devon Council expressing the concerns of the Residents' Association; it was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to place an item for discussion on the next Full Council Agenda.

The Chairman of the Residents' Association left the meeting and did not return.

A resident was concerned about the amount of potholes in the area and the poor quality of patching leading to a bigger pothole requiring repairing. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to Devon County Council on behalf of residents with a courtesy copy to Cllr Biederman.

A resident raised concerns about the health service and DCC's budget cuts, and another resident asked Cllr Biederman if he had obtained a copy of the licensing minutes and the minute number where illegal taxis was discussed, Cllr Biederman confirmed this would be in his report.

The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed that item 20 **To consider public reaction to new Post Office layout in Fremington** (Item requested by Cllr Wood) be brought forward to this point in the meeting.

Cllr Biederman declared a DPI and left the meeting for the following item.

1403/22 **To consider public reaction to new Post Office layout in Fremington** (Item requested by Cllr Wood)

Cllr Wood explained that he had been approached by residents who did not agree with the new layout and positioning of the Post Office in Fremington and raised privacy and safety concerns with the new layout. It was **resolved**, with one vote to the contrary and two abstentions, to write to the Post Office raising the public's concerns.

Cllr Biederman returned to the meeting.

Cllr Wood left the meeting at 8.30pm and did not return.

A member of the public entered the meeting.

1403/23 **To approve and sign the following:**

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th February 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 held on Monday 10th February 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Cann duly signed the minutes.

Minutes of the Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 4th February 2013 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 held on Monday 4th February 2013 as a correct record. Cllr Cann duly signed the minutes.

1403/24 **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 10th February 2014
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 10th February 2014.
- Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 20th February 2014
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on 20th February 2014.

1403/25 **Highways issues – update**

None reported.

1403/26 **Matters to Note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)**

- Devon County Council – Parish Paths Partnership Spring Newsletter 2014 (Copy enclosed)

It was **resolved** to note the above matter.

1403/27 **County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Biederman reported on Licensing reference illegal taxis, parking in Beechfield Road and DCC budget cuts.

Cllr Mrs Flynn reported on new additions and developments at the Crematorium.

Cllr Cann updated members on the progress to move NDC staff out of the Civic Centre and was concerned at the latest costs DCC has paid on work at the Civic Centre. Cllr Cann expressed his annoyance at DCC removing its skip services from Lynmouth and suggesting that residents take advantage of NDC's bulky goods collection; this would place added pressure on the service.

1403/28

To ratify decisions taken under Delegated Powers – North Devon Council - Planning Applications

56768 Proposal: Demolition of attached garage & erection of detached garage
Location: 32 Chilpark, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P McNeil

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

56797 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 127 Meadow Brook, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Turner

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

56810 Proposal: Extension to loading area canopy & alterations within service yard including new external door, loading area platform and scissor lift
Location: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd

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

56850 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: 31 Merrythorn Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr S Miller

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

56900 Proposal: Retrospective application for extension to dwelling
Location: 44 Lynhurst Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs M J Symonds

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

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to adopt the above decisions taken under delegated powers.

1403/29

To receive and consider Devon County Council's consultation on proposals for the future of youth services in Devon (the information can be viewed at www.devon.gov.uk/youthreview)

Members considered the consultation and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to express the Parish Council's concern about the impact this will have on Youth Services and in particular the Beechfield Youth Club in Fremington which may have to close.

1403/30 **To receive and consider Devon County Council's consultation on Day Services Review** (the information can be viewed at <http://new.devon.gov.uk/dayservices/>)
Members considered the consultation and Cllr Cann's proposed letter and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to submit a letter from the Parish Council resisting the closure of the services, expressing the views in Cllr Cann's letter which are also relevant to all of the planned closures, along with the Parish Council's concerns about other facilities/services being in place before these are closed.

Cllr C Bell left the meeting and did not return, the meeting became inquorate and the Chairman closed the meeting. An informal discussion took place and the notes are attached.

1403/31 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed Dated

**Notes from an Informal Meeting of Fremington Parish Council
held on Monday 10th March 2014 at 9.05pm at the Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs R Cann (Chairman), Mrs Flynn, J Bell, F Biederman, B Hockin,
Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, C Turner and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

In Attendance: 6 Members of the public

North Devon Council – Planning Applications

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

56905 Proposal: Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation
Location: 17 Ley Meadow Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Howlett

It was agreed to recommend APPROVAL subject to design and amenity.

56762 Proposal: Erection of four holiday lodges (amended plans)
Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Day

It was agreed to recommend APPROVAL.

57002 Proposal: Demolition of conservatory & erection of extension to dwelling
Location: 28 Becklake Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Cleverly

It was agreed to recommend APPROVAL subject to design and amenity.