

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council's Tews Lane Committee
held on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 11.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs R Cann, B Clifton, Mrs S Kingdom and B Sherborne
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs M Birchmore and Mr C French

1412/16 **Apologies for Absence**
None.

1412/17 **Declarations of interests**
There were no declarations.

1412/18 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the agenda as published.

1412/19 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman announced that he was dismayed by the comments that had been made in the informal meeting; he is very proud of what has been achieved at Tews Lane, however, he did have concerns that the football club's fencing had not yet been repaired and the shelter roof was draped over the fence. The Chairman also had concerns that a lot of orange peel was being left on the pitches following football games and asked that the club ensure they clear the area following use.

1412/20 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 8th October 2014 as a correct record**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2014 as a correct record. Cllr Cann duly signed the minutes.

The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed that item 8 on the Agenda be brought forward to this point.

1412/21 **To discuss site development following the meeting with the FA**

The Chairman was concerned that accusations had been made that the facility was not up to standard, lines had been burnt onto the pitch, which was not the Parish Council's contractor, and the Parish Council had been accused of bullying, the Chairman was upset and offended by these remarks.

Following the discussions with the FA it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to invite a representative from the Barnstaple Football Club and a representative from the Barnstaple Youth Football Club to sit on the Committee. It was further **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Mr French from the FA to sit on the Committee and attend quarterly meetings.

It was reported that Mr French had offered to commission a pitch report for Tews Lane in order for the Football Club to investigate the option of carrying out the maintenance of the pitches. It was **resolved**, with no votes the contrary, to accept the offer from Mr French and, in principle, agree to investigating the possibility of the football club taking over the maintenance of the pitches.

Mrs Birchmore reported that the Football Club would like to install a second dug out at the far end of Tews Lane. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree in principle but this would be subject to the existing dugout being maintained and the location being agreed on site.

1412/22 **To receive and consider quotations for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2015-2018**

Although several quotations had been sought only one had been received. In view of the discussions with the FA it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate negotiations to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman, this would include the terms of the contract as well as the price.

- 1412/23 **To review hire charges for 2015-2016**
 Mrs Birchmore confirmed that the BFC were very happy with the proposed hire charges. Following discussions with the FA and football clubs it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to increase Barnstaple Football Club's annual hire fee from £772.50 o £818.20 and the Barnstaple Youth Football Club's annual hire fee from £2,060 to £2,181.
- 1412/24 **To consider draft budget for 2015-2016**
 Members considered the budget and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the draft budget for 2015-2016.
- 1412/25 **Close 11.30am**

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