

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, D Brailey, R Cann (from Min No.1611/07), D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, A Rennles, B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood
 Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer, and Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer

In Attendance: 2 Members of the public

1611/01 **Apologies**
 Cllrs Mrs J Flynn and F Biederman.

1611/02 **Declarations of Interest**
 Cllr Brailey declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1611/20 application 61794.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal Interest in Item 1611/12.

1611/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
 The Chairman informed Councillors that the Parish Forum would take place on Tuesday 15th November 2016 and to let the Parish Clerk know if any member would like to attend.

The Chairman reported that the Developer was investigating the possibility of installing services in the storage building on the former Army Camp Development site.

The Chairman informed members that, although not illegal, the use of abstentions when voting should be reserved for those with an interest, Councillors are there to represent the community and should do so by casting their vote for or against a motion, she asked members to consider this when voting.

1611/04 **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

1611/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
 The Police report was circulated and is attached as Appendix One. Members asked for clarification on the amount of assaults in Roundswell and whether or not they are linked.

1611/06 **Public Participation Period**
 A member of the public asked why there is a delay on the redesign of the islands on Church Hill, it was agreed to ask DCC as to the reason for the delay. The member of the public was still concerned about their house flooding on Church Hill and it was agreed to contact DCC.

Cllr Cann entered the meeting at 7.15pm.

A member of the public left the meeting.



- 1611/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2016**
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 3rd October as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.
- 1611/08 **To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**
- Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016.
 - Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016
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 - Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016
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 - Tews Lane Meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2016
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- Cllr Cann raised concerns about the surface water drainage at Tews Lane. Cllr Ms Scott reported that a lady's dog had run into a puddle on Tews Lane and thought it was sewage. It was noted that it was a natural stream and no sewage runs across the site in this area as shown by a recent CCTV survey of the drainage on site.
- 1611/09 **Highway issues – update**
None
- 1611/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- Smokefree Alliance Devon, newsletter September 2016 issue 19
 - Letter from NDC – Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of re-coppicing two groups of Sycamore trees at Penny Cottage, Old School Lane, Fremington
 - Devon Minerals Plan – Details of issue of Final Report (information enclosed for Cllrs only)
 - Email from DCC re Bus Services 8/8A and 12 (information enclosed for Cllrs only)
 - Email from DCC re extension notice for the continued closure of Footpath 41 – alternative route is available
 - Email from CCG – 'Your Future Care' consultation – public events (information enclosed for Cllrs only)

- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking – Barnstaple Bypass (A39) Barnstaple – from the junction with the B3233 to the junction with the B3125 – 6th February 2017 to 10th July 2017 – construction of new cycle bridge
- Email from DCC re Question and Answer Briefing on Refugees in North Devon (information enclosed for Cllrs only)
- Healthwatch Voices Magazine – Autumn 2016
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Newsletter
- Came and Company Autumn Newsletter

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

1611/11

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

Cllr Cann reported that RAF Chivenor is due to close and NDC is investigating areas for trialling the changes to the waste and recycling service.

Cllr Brailey reported that Chivenor is due to close in 2027 and was asked for by RMB Chivenor so logistics can be moved back to Plymouth. Cllr Brailey informed members that the ASDA store in Barnstaple had opened today.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

1611/12

To consider quotations to create visibility splays and turning circle at the Cemetery

Members considered the quotations received to create the visibility splays at the entrance to the Cemetery and as per the planning approval for the Cemetery Extension. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to accept the lowest quotation from Dan Perrin Landscapes at a cost of £375 + VAT. It was noted that this cost could rise depending on the re-planting works that are required which will not be known until after the works have been undertaken.

Members considered the quotations received to create the turning circle around the cemetery shed and as per the planning approval for the Cemetery Extension and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to accept the lowest quotation from M.R. Yeo & Son Ltd at a cost of £4,450 + VAT. It was noted that there is £13,124 in the EMR for the Cemetery Extension and members considered the quotations received to re-tarmac the car park at the Cemetery at the same time as creating the turning circle and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to accept the lowest quotation from M.R. Yeo & Son Ltd at a cost of £3,250 + VAT. This would leave approximately £5,000 to plant a hedge around the perimeter of the Cemetery Extension.

1611/13

To consider specification for bus shelter and adoption of the bus shelter on the Bickington Road

Members considered the request and whilst the Parish Council welcomes the addition of a bus shelter in this location concerns were raised about the financial liability of maintaining a bus shelter.

Cllr Ms Scott and a member of the public left the meeting at 7.35pm and did not return.

It was **resolved**, with one vote against, that whilst the Parish Council welcomes the provision of the shelter it would not be prepared to accept adoption of the bus shelter unless it comes with a significant dowry to cover maintenance for at least ten years.

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- 1611/14 **To consider street naming and numbering for development off of Old Bideford Road**
Members considered the street naming and numbering. It was felt that the proposed names did not reflect the history and character of the area and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate to the Parish Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Cann to suggest some alternative names which do reflect the history and character of the area.
- 1611/15 **To consider consultation on community services - Your Future Care**
Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole outlined the consultation and explained that it was mostly looking at closing community hospital beds in the east; the ones in this area had already been closed 18 months ago due to a lack of use and were now being used to provide other treatment closer to where people live. The consultation is not about closing services but looking at how services can be delivered better, members were urged to read and respond to the consultation document.
- 1611/16 **To consider consultation on the removal of public phone boxes**
Members considered the consultation and agreed that the phone box in Yelland Road, Fremington, should be removed. Members also felt that if the telephone box near Mulberry Way has little usage this should also be removed due to constant damage. It was **resolved**, with one vote against, to forward the comments onto BT.
- 1611/17 **To consider attendance at Resilience Events**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1611/18 **To consider attendance at Devon Highways Parish and Town Conference 2016**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllrs Chalmers and Turner to attend the event.
- 1611/19 **To receive report from DALC AGM and Conference 2016** (Cllr Chalmers to report)
Cllr Chalmers reported that he had attended the recent AGM and Conference of DALC. There was a presentation from the leader of DCC on the devolution bid and it was noted that it has not been shown in the autumn statement. Cllr Chalmers reported that DALC may ask the Council to give a presentation on the adoption of the open space on the former Army Camp Development Site. The Government's policy of capping Town and Parish Councils from increasing the precept over 2% without a referendum was also discussed.
- 1611/20 **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
- 61482 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 58335 (residential development for 70 dwellings (including 21 affordable units) & associated infrastructure) to allow additional two open market and one affordable dwelling (73 units in total) (amended description)
Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent:

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the original application was for 53 it is now 70 which is already over development of

the site and the Parish Council would resist any further development which would be over-intensification of the site and have a negative impact on the general design of the estate. The Parish Council has also noted that the working hours are not being adhered to on site.

61630 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 16 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Sturley

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to recommend REFSUAL, the Parish Council has grave concerns at the adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties, the design is not in keeping and the size and scale of the proposed is over intensification.

61721 Proposal: Closure of existing & creation of new vehicular access
Location: Shobrook, 22 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Spencer

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the views of the Highway Authority and safety of the new vehicular access.

Cllr Brailey declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting for the following item.

61794 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: 31 Maple Grove, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs D Brailey

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make no observations on this application.

Cllr Brailey returned to the meeting.

61797 Proposal: Erection of porch
Location: 7 Allenstyle Drive, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Harris

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to an appropriate design which respects the character of the area.

61821 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 5992 (conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation) to raise height of roof on south-east elevation
Location: 50 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D Varley

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

61822 Proposal: Erection of two dwellings
Location: Land adj Glenwood Farm, Brynsworthy Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Cargo Homes Ltd

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 adjoining properties, the Parish Council would also like to see a constraint on any further development in this area.

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61851 Proposal: Raising of roof & conversion of loft space to form additional living accommodation, erection of porch, erection of extension & relocation of attached garage
Location: 15 Home Farm Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr L Karniewicz

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the proposal is an inappropriate design, would adversely impact on the amenity of adjoining properties and is over-intensification of the site.

61863 Proposal: Extensions & alterations to dwelling
Location: 20 Hele Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr A Down

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 adjoining properties.

61874 Proposal: Application for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of various pruning & removal works
Location: The Red House, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr G Hall

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Parish Council would only recommend APPROVAL in the interest of good tree management.

61913 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 75 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs C Mills

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 adjoining properties.

61945 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Oak tree
Location: 12 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr R Wilson

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL as the tree appears to be in good health.

61948 Proposal: Replacement of dormer window
Location: 71 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mrs M Sharman

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

61995 Proposal: Demolition of garage and single storey extensions
Location: 47 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr L Manley

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



62002 Proposal: Extension to & sub-division of one dwelling to form one dwelling & one B&B property
 Location: Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr P Day

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL, the Parish Council does not feel it would be appropriate to set up a separate unit of accommodation in this area.

1611/21

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

- 60854 Proposal: Erection of 73 dwellings, creation of open space, landscaping, infrastructure & all associated development (amended layout, detailed design & drainage information)
 Location: Glenwood Farm, Roundswell, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Jillings Heynes Planning Ltd
- 61202 Proposal: Retrospective siting of double skinned oil tanks
 Location: Certas Energy Ltd, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Trident Engineering Consultants
- 61282 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 10 (public open space facilities) attached to planning permission 58335
 Location: Land at Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Guy Greenfield Architects
- 61539 Proposal: Development of a new culvert over an existing open watercourse
 Location: Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Boyer
- 61541 Proposal: Reserved matters application for 86 dwellings (outline planning permission 53881)
 Location: Land west of Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Boyer
- 61683 Proposal: Erection of one building to provide staff facilities, farm office & garage (shed 1)
 Location: Woolmers Farm, North Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Nigel Polkinghorne, NPAS Devon Ltd
- 61764 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
 Location: 126 Lower Cross Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates
- 61990 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 60291 in respect of repositioning windows to ground floor, first floor & second floor on the rear elevation
 Location: Land at Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Focus on Design

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

1611/22

Councillors Questions

Cllr Mrs Kingdom reminded members that the Remembrance Service would take place on Sunday 13th November at the War Memorial. Cllrs Brailey and Rennles gave their apologies.

Cllr Chalmers informed members that a public inquiry will be held for the land west of Mead Park development on 6th & 7th December.

Cllr Bell asked if there had been any response on the questions raised about the Ash Beds.

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Close

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

Signed  Dated 24.11.16