

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 5th December 2016 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs F Biederman (Chairman), R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott (from Min No. 1612/07), A Rennles, B Sherborne and T Wood
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer, and Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer
County Councillor J Matthews

In Attendance: 3 Members of the public

1612/01 **Apologies**

Cllrs Mrs J Flynn, Mrs S Kingdom, D Brailey and J Bell.

1612/02 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Biederman declared an interest in Item 1612/03 as Chairman of the Community Group.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 1612/14 the Muddlebridge Allotment Association Grant Application as an Association Member.

1612/03 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman informed members that the street naming and numbering for the new street off of Old Bideford Road would incorporate the historic names as suggested by the Parish Council and would be:

1-23 (odds) and 2-32 (evens) Rookabear Avenue, Roundswell, BARNSTAPLE
1-11 Barton Cleave, Roundswell, BARNSTAPLE
1-21 Rooksbridge View, Roundswell, BARNSTAPLE
1-9 Rookwood Court, Roundswell, BARNSTAPLE
1-4 Old Rook Court, Roundswell, BARNSTAPLE

Councillor Brailey has passed on his Christmas greetings to everyone, the Chairman also wished everyone a Happy Christmas and thanked the staff for their support over the last year.

Cllr Wood congratulated the Community Group on the Christmas Tree Light Switch on event that had taken place at the weekend and congratulated the staff on the tree which had been entered into the Christmas Tree Festival.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in the Community Group but informed members that the Fremington and District Community Group had been shortlisted and had won the North Devon Journal's Community Group of the Year Award, the Council congratulated the Community Group on winning the award.

1612/04 **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).

1612/05 **To receive a report from the Police**

It was noted that the Community Speed Watch had caught seven vehicles travelling at 37mph or over in a 30mph speed limit. The Council thanked the Community Speed Watch volunteers, it was noted that the group was seeking more volunteers. It was further noted that the District Council had been informed that Inspector Davis would be encouraging Police Officers to attend larger Town and Parish Council meetings once or twice a year.

1612/06

Public Participation Period

A member of the public explained that there was a video of water outside his house which had been passed to Cllr Biederman and he asked what Cllr Biederman had done with the video. Cllr Biederman confirmed that the video had been forwarded onto DCC. Cllr Biederman further confirmed that he cannot be on site every time it rains but he did visit when we had the recent deluge of water and witnessed that everything was working as it should.

A member of the public asked for clarification on why there is a sewage smell coming from the former Army Camp Development site especially when there is heavy rain. It was agreed to speak to Environmental Health. The member of the public stated that the Church is 10inches short of land which the developer has pinched to create the road. It was noted that this is a civil matter between the Church and the developer and DCC will not be adopting the road until the matter of ownership is resolved. It was agreed to seek confirmation of the legal position from DCC.

A member of the public asked if, when the distance for the traffic lights was measured, was it taken from the properties boundary or from the wall, if it was taken from the wall this is not correct, the property boundary is further out.

Cllr Ms Scott entered the meeting at 7.15pm.

1612/07

To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th November 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 24th November 2016 as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.

1612/08

To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings

- Parks & Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016.
- Finance & Personnel Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016.

1612/09

Highway issues – update

None

1612/10

Matters to Note (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- DCC Notice – Temporary Prohibition of Traffic – Bridleway No.22, Fremington from Mead Park to the first north west turn – Monday 9th January to Monday 3rd July 2017
 - Devon Senior Voice – Issue 31 Autumn/Winter 2016
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1612/11

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

Cllr Matthews reported that, at the request of residents, traffic orders had been submitted for yellow lines in Woodville and Bickington. The orders were now being advertised and any objections should be submitted before January 2017.

Cllr Matthews confirmed that the Cedars roundabout is within his County Ward and explained that a meeting with the three County Councillors for the immediate area would take place before the next HATOC meeting, he explained that the main problem is with the roundabout near the college and a traffic assessment is currently being completed from the garage to the Crematorium. Work is starting on the bridge across the A39 in January 2017 and the school at Larkbear is going ahead, however, the Tews Lane School is more advanced. Cllr Matthews briefly outlined the changes to the bus services and confirmed there would be a service through Oakland Park South.

Cllr Biederman explained that traffic orders for Fremington had also been included and were now being advertised, again comments should be made by January 2017. The trial areas for the changes to the waste and recycling services had now been agreed and would take place in June 2017 none of the trial areas are within the parish.

Cllr Chalmers asked if Cllr Biederman was aware that DCC would no longer be maintaining its bus shelters. Cllr Biederman confirmed that he had not had any official notification.

Cllr Ms Scott raised concerns at the change in bus fare policy which means you can no longer buy a return ticket. This change in policy has significantly increased the charges. It was agreed to invite Stagecoach to address the Council at the January meeting.

Cllr Matthews left the meeting at 7.30pm.

1612/12

To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Rennles reported that the Steering Group has been working closely with Devon Communities Together to move this project forward. The group has appointed Mr Martin Parkes from Devon Communities Together as Project Manager for the Group, the cost of which will be met by funding.

The group has agreed a budget which involves applying to both the Neighbourhood Plan Funding Grant and also Awards for All. The first funding application has been submitted and we have provisionally been informed that the application has been successful. This will pay for the Project Manager's time until 31st March 2017 after which another application will be submitted to the Neighbourhood Planning Grant.

It was noted by the group that the younger generation of the parish had not involved themselves in the consultations and was an area that was not represented. It was agreed to budget and obtain funding for a youth worker to undertake consultations with the youth of the Parish. The youth worker, who has also been appointed through Devon Communities Together, will engage with young adults and senior and primary school aged children. It was noted that the school would be willing to hold a consultation event for families.

Health and Wellbeing has been a strong theme through the consultation process and whilst the plan is a strategic document and can only deal with items that require planning permission we feel it is an important area to explore. Devon Communities Together has kindly given us free of charge some officer time to explore this theme.

1612/13

To consider, amend or agree the draft budgets and set the precept for the Financial Year 2017/2018

Members considered the draft budgets and the recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the draft budgets and to increase the precept by 2% (it was noted that based on last year's tax base this would be annual increase of 69p based per Band D property) and set the precept at £130,967.67 for the financial year 2017-2018. Cllr Rennles commended staff for the comprehensive budgets and for the financial management throughout the year.

1612/14

To receive a recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding the Grant Applications received for the financial year 2017/2018

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in the Muddlebridge Allotment Association Grant Application.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee and award the grants as follows:

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| 1 | Barnstaple Disabled Fellowship Club | £100 |
| 2 | Barnstaple Town Youth Marching Band | 0 |
| 3 | Bickington Brownies | £100 |
| 4 | Citizens Advice Bureau | £200 |
| 5 | Elmfield Boat Project | £100 |
| 6 | 1 st Fremington Air Scouts, Beaver Colony | £100 |
| 7 | 1 st Fremington Air Scouts, Cub Section | £100 |
| 8 | 1 st Fremington Air Scouts | £100 |
| 9 | 1 st Fremington Brownies | £100 |
| 10 | 1 st Fremington District Rainbows | £100 |
| 11 | 2 nd Fremington Rainbows | £100 |
| 12 | Fremington Football Club | £100 |
| 13 | Fremington Gardening Club | £100 |
| 14 | 1 st Fremington Guides | £100 |
| 15 | Fremington Parish Hall Management Committee | £200 |
| 16 | Fremington Senior Citizen | £100 |
| 17 | Instow, Westleigh and West Yelland Parish News | £60 |
| 18 | Lady Linscott Club | £100 |
| 19 | Muddlebridge Allotment Association | 0 |
| 20 | 50 th North Devon Scouts | £100 |
| 21 | Roundswell Parent and Toddler Group | £100 |
| 22 | The Instow & District Social & Friendship Club | £100 |
| 23 | The Tomlin Hall | £200 |
| | Total | £2,360 |

1612/15

To receive and consider expression of interest in the community building on the former army camp development site from the 1st Fremington Air Scouts

Members were informed that the land which currently houses the scout hut in Fremington is owned by DCC and the lease expires in July 2017. DCC has indicated that it will not be renewing the lease for the land which is required to expand the school and the Scout group is looking for new premises and has shown an interest in the community building on the former Army Camp development site. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Working Party to enter into negotiations with the Scouts and investigate the options for leasing the building and report back to Full Council.

1612/16

To receive and consider DCC (Various Roads, North Devon) (Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order

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

1612/17

To receive and consider representations made by Braunton Parish Council in relation to the proposed closure of Chivenor

Members considered the information. Cllr Rennles felt that it would be better to wait until further information is received from the Government or Ministry of Defence. After discussion it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the minister and the MP to express the Parish Council's deep concerns at the loss of this site as a military base and the impact this would have on the economy and environment if this site was to be developed for housing. It was agreed that any developments should be reported to Council.

Cllrs Ms Scott and Rennles left the meeting at 7.45pm and did not return.

- 1612/18 **To receive Cllr Bell's resignation from the Parks and Playing Fields Committee and the Fremington Quay Management Committee**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept Cllr Bell's resignation from the Committees.
- 1612/19 **To appoint a Cllr to the Parks and Playing Fields Committee**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Mrs Dyson to the Parks and Playing Fields Committee.
- 1612/20 **To appoint a Cllr to the Fremington Quay Management Committee**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Mrs Dyson to the Fremington Quay Management Committee.
- 1612/21 **To receive a report from the recent Highways Conference**
Cllr Chalmers reported that the conference had provided a useful update and outlined the changes to the maintenance of bus shelters and the scope for the Road Wardens. Town and Parish Councils were still concerned about the insurance aspect of the scheme and DALC was investigating. DCC's Planning Officers were in attendance and highlighted some useful documents which could be accessed online. It was noted that DCC would be awarding a new contract for highway maintenance that was a different format and DALC was seeking reassurance.
- 1612/22 **To consider DCC's consultation on Waste Management**
It was noted that the changes relating to community composting would cut the credits received in half and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to express opposition to these cuts which will prohibit new schemes.
- 1612/23 **To receive update on Community Road Warden Scheme**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1612/24 **North Devon Council – Planning Appeals**
North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has advised that a Planning Appeal Inquiry relating to the following planning appeal will be held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at the Main Hall, The Castle Centre, Castle Street, Barnstaple, commencing at 9.30am:
- Site address: Land west of Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple
Description of development: Outline Application for the erection of up to 61 dwellings, including affordable housing, areas of open space & landscaping, new vehicular access & associated site infrastructure
Application Reference: 60985
Appellant's name: Cavanna Homes (South West) Limited
Appeal reference: APP/X1118/W/16/3154193
- North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for any further comments from this Parish Council to be forwarded to The Planning Inspectorate, on the following planning appeal:
- Site address: Land west of Oakland Park South, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Description of development: Outline application for 34 dwellings (amended plans & description)
Application reference: 57310
Appellant's name: Mr John Evans
Appeal reference: APP/X1118/W/16/3157373
Appeal start date: 10th November 2016

1612/25

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

61994 Proposal: Conversion of garage & office space to form a holiday cottage
Location: 2 Bickleton Cottages, Bickleton, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Beer

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties, the design reflecting the character of the area and adequate parking provision.

62076 Proposal: Extension to an existing industrial building for B8 storage and distribution area
Location: Global House, Yelland Quay, West Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Potter

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

62093 Proposal: Outline application for demolition of garage & erection of one dwelling together with garage for existing dwelling
Location: 1 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr D & Mrs H Wilson

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention from Cllr Mrs Dyson whose property is not impacted by the development but does live nearby, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties, an appropriate design and safe access from the highway.

62101 Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of extension
Location: 23 Lyddicleave, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Thomas

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend that the Parish Council supports the application in principle but is concerned at the close proximity to the boundary and the size of the extension.

62112 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling together with enlargement of off-road parking area
Location: 52 Beards Road, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Storkey

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining properties, the design is in keeping and the surface of the off-road parking area being of a permeable material.

62161 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of 1 Oak tree
Location: 10 Brake Wood Close, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr E Nobes

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

62179 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: Haslemere, Pottery Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Russ

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

1612/26

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

61602 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 23 (construction management plan), 26 (noise assessment), 36 (tree protection plan), 37 (scheme for the protection of trees) and 42 (construction method statement) attached to planning permission 53881 (amended description)
Location: Land west of Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr E Jones, Boyer

61658 Proposal: Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 60291 in respect of change of manufacturer for the block paving & gravel pathway together with addition of back garden patio
Location: Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Phillips

61894 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 60291 in respect of change of rear door type for house types 402, 403 & TL4
Location: Land at Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Phillips

61995 Proposal: Demolition of garage and single storey extension
Location: 47 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

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

1612/27

Councillors Questions

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole reported that there is a proposal to close stroke beds in Bideford Hospital but there has not been any consultation.

Cllr Chalmers reported that there is a Rail-users consultation online. The Clerk was asked to circulate the details again.

It was agreed to circulate information relating to Emergency Planning.

Cllr Biederman asked why the engine on the BOAT Road had not yet been removed. Cllr Cann confirmed he would chase with NDC.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

The member of the public asked if Cllr Biederman would circulate the video of the water problems relating to his property on Church Hill.

1611/28

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed  Dated 9.1.17