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## Parish Council Officers

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## Parish Council Receives Further Award in National Scheme

Fremington Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has received a prestigious award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. The Parish Council, which already held the Foundation level of the Local Council Award Scheme, has recently been awarded the Quality Level. This achievement recognises that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover, Fremington Parish Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Award Scheme report highlighted the council's particular areas of strength, including the strength of the Health & Safety policy and the comprehensive and detailed agendas, minutes and council meeting papers. Fremington Parish Council's own Chairman was quoted as being delighted at the success of the Parish Council and thanked the staff and councillors for their continued dedication to ensuring the Council meets a high standard for the community it serves.



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# Autumn Newsletter 2017



## Neighbourhood Plan

A key part of the evidence base to inform the Plan are the views, priorities and aspirations of local residents and we are keen to hear from you. Households within the Parish should have received a Community Survey. If you have not yet received yours please contact the Parish Council. We would really appreciate it if you, and each member of your household, could complete the Survey by Monday 23rd October 2017. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the Parish Council Offices or at the Collection points throughout the parish (Midway Motors, Fremington Quay Café, Costcutters, Fremington Primary School, Bickington Stores, Sticklebricks Nursery and Sainsburys). The questionnaire can also be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parishoffremington>. We would encourage replies online if possible as it provides more space for answers. If you are completing the paper survey and require more space please do attach an additional sheet.

The Plan will outline a vision and planning policies for Fremington Parish up to 2033 and, once complete, will carry legal weight in the planning process. This really is "the local residents Plan" and your comments are vital.

You can keep up-to-date with the progress of the Plan via the Parish Council's Website and the Facebook Page 

<https://www.facebook.com/fremingtonparishnp/>



## Message from the Chairman

Dear Parishioners,

Roald Dahl once said that he considers kindness as the greatest human attribute



and I have to agree. Quite recently residents of Fremington Parish showed the greatest kindness in their reaction to two residents who wanted to get married because one of them had terminal cancer. In less than one month the community came together and organized the wedding and reception with contributions from so many individuals and businesses within and surrounding this parish. As anyone who has been involved in any sort of wedding organization most take a year or more to arrange.

This kindness showed the greatest community spirit of which we should all be proud regardless of whether you took part or not. The fact that this community was able and more importantly wanted to do whatever was needed is the most important fact.

Just how exceptional this community spirit is, is highlighted in how this story made the national press.

I also want to send my congratulations to Fremington & District Community Group on their successful 10<sup>th</sup> Party at the Manor .

Cllr Sue Kingdom, Chairman of the Council



## Update on Open Spaces

### Beechfield Centre & Play Area

Unfortunately due to the condition of the current building the Parish Council has taken the decision to close the Beechfield Centre to all members of the public. The Parish Council is working hard to provide a replacement permanent building and has submitted an amended planning application which incorporates changing facilities, a meeting room and Parish Council Offices.

### Ellerslie Play Area

Some of the equipment in the play area has been the subject of vandalism and graffiti lately. Damage to the play areas/equipment is both costly and can prevent the equipment from being used. If anyone has any information please do let us know.

### Allotment Plots Available

The Parish Council has Allotment Plots available at the Babbages Allotment Site in Bickington. If you would like to give growing your own produce a go please contact the Parish Council. Please note the Babbages Allotments site is a walk-to only site.

### Queen Elizabeth II Sports Facility, Tews Lane

The Parish Council is looking to secure Section 106 funding from the nearby developments to complete the pavilion. The Council is currently reviewing the approved design to ensure the building meets future requirements.