Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 10.00am at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), F Biederman, Mrs J Dyson, Miss L Goodger and

Cllr A Rennles

Cllr Mrs Kingdom (from Minute No.1801/25) Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk

1801/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Chalmers and G Turner.

1801/22 **Declarations of interests**

None.

1801/23 To agree the agenda as published

Agreed.

1801/24 Chairman's Announcements

Members were informed that the Chairman of the Council, Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee and the Clerk had met with the Gazette to publicise the replacement of the Beechfield Centre Project. Members thanked the Clerk on the work that she had undertaken for the project which was appreciated.

Cllr Mrs Kingdom entered the meeting at 10.10am.

1801/25 **Public Participation Period**

None.

To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 23rd November 2017 as a

correct record

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.

1801/27 To consider replacement of one self-closing gate at the Beechfield Play Area

Members were informed that the mechanism on the self-closing gate that opens out onto the road on the Beechfield Play Area had been replaced three times during 2017 at a cost of nearly £800. Replacement options for a more robust design of gate had been investigated and were presented to the Committee for consideration. It was felt that replacing the gate would be cheaper in the long run. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate the expenditure of up to £1,200 to the Clerk to replace the gate with a more robust design.

To consider request from the Byeways Bowling Club to create an area to play Petangue (also known as Boules)

Members considered the correspondence and the request and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the creation of an area to play Petanque at the Byeways Bowling Club.

To consider the pathway at Griggs Field and standing water in the gateway

(item requested by Cllr Biederman)

Cllr Biederman reported that there had been exceptional wet weather lately which was damaging the pathway around the field and rendering the dog bin at the Aspen Grove entrance inaccessible, Cllr Biederman asked if the drainage ditches could be cleared out on the Aspen Grove side of the field and the pathways repaired with more

scalpings and he would be happy to commit funds from his Devon County Locality Budget towards the pathway. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Clerk to obtain costings for the above works and report back to the next meeting.

1801/30 **Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.27am.

