

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Footpaths Committee Meeting  
held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 10.00am at the  
Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present: Councillors F Biederman, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, A Rennles and T Wood  
Mrs R Davies, Devon County Council Rights of Way, and Mr M Caddy, Public  
Rights of Way Warden, Devon County Council (from Minute No.1802/09)  
Mrs M Cooper, Mr D Jury, Mr P Mullen and Mr B Slade  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer
- 1802/01      **Appointment of Chairman for ensuing year**  
It was **resolved** that Cllr Biederman would be Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1802/02      **Appointment of Vice Chairman for ensuing year**  
It was **resolved** that Cllr Chalmers would be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1802/03      **Appointment of P3 Co-ordinator for ensuing year**  
Cllr Chalmers and the Services Officer agreed to share the role of P3 Co-ordinator  
for the ensuing year.
- 1802/04      **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman welcomed Mrs Ros Davies and in his absence thanked Mr Martin  
Caddy for his commitment as Public Rights of Way Officer. He also thanked the  
Committee and all volunteers for their efforts on behalf of the P3 scheme.
- 1802/05      **Apologies for Absence**  
None.
- 1802/06      **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 1802/07      **To agree the agenda as published**  
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.
- 1802/08      **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2017 as a correct record**  
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2017 as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.
- 1802/09      **To receive an update on the P3 Scheme from Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County  
Council**  
Mrs Davies gave a brief outline of the P3 scheme over the past year and advised  
that DCC Public Rights of Way is working in a positive way, also that finances do  
not appear to have been affected. She advised that contact should be made with  
Mr Caddy and North Devon Council Planning regarding any diversions to  
footpaths and bridleways that may be affected by housing developments now and  
in the future. Mrs Davies thanked the Committee and volunteers for all the hard  
work carried out on behalf of the P3 Scheme.

Mr M Caddy arrived at the meeting

The question was raised regarding temporary diversions on Footpath 41 at  
Allenstyle and when the permanent diversion would be in place. Mr Caddy advised  
that the permanent diversion will almost follow the original line of the footpath and  
undertook to contact North Devon Council Planning regarding time scales in  
relation to confirmation of the permanent diversion.

Damage to the verges on BW 22 and reduced width at the access at Mead Park was also raised. Mr Caddy advised that damage could be due to large farm vehicles accessing the bridleway but this would have no bearing on the access to the public right of way and would be something the landowner would need to take up with the developer.

Mr Caddy undertook to look into works required on Bridleways 22 and 25, in association with land owners, and to investigate Section 106 funding from other local development schemes to cover these works

1802/10

**Financial Report – Grant 2017/8**

The Services Officer reported that a grant of £400.00 had been received from Devon County Council for the maintenance and upkeep of the footpaths/bridleways network in the parish for 2017/18. It was noted that the current balance is £99.43.

1802/11

**Update on Footpath/Bridleway Surveying 2017/18**

All footpath/bridleway surveys in the parish have been completed by Mrs Liz Steer this year with only minor issues being identified which will be reported to Mr Caddy. Members requested that thanks be relayed to Mrs Steer.

1802/12

**Footpath Surveying 2018/19**

Members were advised that Mrs Steer has again agreed to carry out the footpath/bridleway surveys on behalf of the P3 scheme subject to the Committee's agreement. It was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the sum of £80.00 be paid to Mrs Steer to carry out all footpath/bridleway surveys for 2018/19 in her own time.

1802/13

**Vegetation clearance – works completed and ongoing**

The Services Officer advised that vegetation clearance had been undertaken on Footpaths 14, 26, 30, 39, 101 and Bridleway 24 by local contractors. Vegetation clearance is earmarked to be carried out again on Footpaths 14 and 30 as soon as the weather improves, the cost of which will be covered by the remaining grant for 2017/18.

1802/14

**To discuss any ongoing issues with Mr Martin Caddy, Public Rights of Way Warden**

Cllr Biederman again raised concerns regarding Footpath 33, running adjacent to the Fremington Army Camp development and the slope leading down to the Tarka Trail. It was noted that a letter had been sent to DCC last year regarding this matter but no response had been received. Mr Caddy undertook to investigate the developer's plans for the footpath leading to the slope and pointed out that any improvement or urbanisation of the footpath from the new army camp development by the developers would then become the responsibility of the developers. The location of a kissing gate at the bottom of the slope leading on to the Tarka Trail was discussed and Mr Caddy undertook to investigate this matter.

1802/15

**Close**

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

Signed ..... Date .....