

Notes from the Fremington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Thursday 19th October 2017 at 9am in the Parish Council Offices

Present: Cllr Alan Rennles (Chairman), Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Frank Biederman, Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Rodney Cann, Fremington Parish Council
Mrs Lorna Kimberly, Fremington Primary School
Mrs Carol McCormack-Hole
Mr David Jury
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Fremington Parish Council

1. Apologies

Mr John Gulliver, North Devon Public Transport Users
Mrs Dawn Eckhart, Devon Communities Together
Mr Martin Parks, Devon Communities Together
Cllr Mrs Sue Kingdom, Fremington Parish Council

2. To receive update on the distribution of the household questionnaire

Alan confirmed that all the surveys had now been delivered, however, it had taken longer than expected and he had witnessed a significant amount of apathy. It was noted that around a 3% response rate had been received so far and the group agreed that a big final push through social media was required. Rodney felt that there wasn't anything within the survey to draw people in, David explained that the group hadn't wanted to lead the public with the questions and it was difficult to encourage people to involve themselves.

It was noted there had been a lack of publicity for the survey, Alan confirmed that he had spoken to the local press. Lorna agreed to publicise at the forthcoming school exhibitions. It was agreed for Rodney and Frank to create a video with a pupil from the school in conjunction with Lorna that could be shared on social media to encourage people to think about the future and encourage responses.

3. To discuss collection logistics of household questionnaire

Due to the poor response rate the group felt that the deadline would need to be extended if possible. It was agreed that once the responses had been collected and analysed they should be circulated to provoke a response and provide another opportunity for the community to respond.

4. Any other Items raised

It was noted that the group would be meeting with Dawn on the 8th November 2017 at 11am in the Parish Council office to discuss initial responses and talk through any local terms that had been used to identify areas of land etc.