

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee
held on Thursday 25th February 2016 at 10.00am
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), J Bell, D Chalmers, K Groves, G Turner and B Sherborne
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
- 1602/33 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr F Biederman.
- 1602/34 **Declarations of interests**
None.
- 1602/35 **To agree the agenda as published**
Agreed.
- 1602/36 **Chairman's Announcements**
It was reported that the litter bin had been replaced in the Beechfield Play Area and the self-closing spring in the gate was to be replaced. The repairs had been carried out to the play equipment in the Babbages Play Area, the Fence had been erected around the equipment in the Ellerslie Play Area and the new equipment had been installed in the Mulberry Way Play Area.
- 1602/37 **Public Participation Period**
None.
- 1602/38 **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 25th November 2015 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.
- 1602/39 **To receive Biodiversity Monitoring Framework: County Wildlife Site Survey for Mill Leat, Fremington**
Members received the report and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the report and pass to the Management Committee for information. Cllr Groves showed an interest in becoming a volunteer for the Nature Reserve and it was agreed to forward his details to the Management Committee.
- 1602/40 **To receive and consider plans from the Fremington & District Community Group for Phase 2 of the Enhancement of the Village Green**
Members received the plans from the Fremington & District Community Group for the final phase of the enhancement of the Village Green project. Members considered and discussed the plans in detail.
- Entrance Way
The proposals included the installation of a Lych Gate on the access from Han Court. It was noted that the installation of a Lych Gate would prevent vehicular access to the Village Green. It had been suggested that the Parish Council could access the Village Green through the informal access at the back of the Green and through the Nature Reserve. This option was felt to be inadequate as the road is a private road, the Nature Reserve is owned by NDC and the gate is padlocked, therefore it does not provide guaranteed access or emergency access and for this reason it was agreed to refuse the installation of a Lych Gate in this location.
- Pathway
Members were informed that the material for the proposed pathway was yet to be agreed but the options being considered were brick paving or tarmac. Members would prefer to see brick paving which would have a better appearance and be in keeping with the area; however, concerns were raised about liability should the bricks start to become uneven and it was agreed to highlight this to the Community Group.

Performance Area

It was noted that the stage would be raised and accessed via steps. The need for disability access was highlighted and it was agreed to stipulate that the stage must provide for disability access, preferably without visually impacting on the design of the stage.

Benches

The two existing benches would be removed and the plaques fixed to two of the five new benches which would be sited around the pathway. It was agreed to try and contact the original owners of the benches to inform them of the proposed alterations.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the plans, subject to the Lych Gate being removed and the existing vehicular access to the Village Green being maintained and to highlight the concerns highlighted above.

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Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.26am.

Signed.....

Dated