

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Footpaths Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 9.00am at the
Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present: Councillors F Biederman, D Chalmers, 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)
Mrs M Cooper, Mr D Jury, Mr P Mullen, Mr B Slade and Mrs C Smy
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer
- 1701/22 **Appointment of Chairman for ensuing year**
It was **resolved** that Cllr Biederman would be Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1701/23 **Appointment of Vice Chairman for ensuing year**
It was **resolved** that Cllr Chalmers would be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1701/24 **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.
- 1701/25 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman welcomed Mrs Ros Davies and Mr Martin Caddy to the meeting and thanked all volunteers for their efforts on behalf of the P3 scheme.
- 1701/26 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr K Groves.
- 1701/27 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 1701/28 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.
- 1701/29 **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2015 as a correct record**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2015 as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.
- 1701/30 **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 and advised that it was hoped to re-introduce P3 Workshops and stated that all areas of DCC Public Rights of Way are working in a positive way. She also confirmed that strimmer courses will be held later in the year, details to follow.
Mrs Davies thanked the Committee and volunteers for all the hard work carried out on behalf of the P3 Scheme.
- 1701/31 **Financial Report – Grant 2016/17**
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. It was noted that the current balance is £168.43 and most of this money is earmarked for paths already identified as requiring general maintenance in the next month or two.
- 1701/32 **Update on Footpath/Bridleway Surveying 2016/17**
All footpath/bridleway surveys in the parish have been completed by Mrs Liz Steer this year with only minor issues being reported.
Members requested that thanks be relayed to Mrs Steer.

- 1701/33 **Footpath Surveying 2017/18**
Members were advised that Mrs Steer has again agreed to carry out the footpath/bridleway surveys on behalf of the P3 scheme. It was noted that due to the full workload in the Parish Council Office it would not be possible for Mrs Steer to carry out surveys within her working hours. It was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that a sum of £80.00 be paid to Mrs Steer to carry out all footpath/bridleway surveys for 2017/18 in her own time.
- 1701/34 **Vegetation clearance – works completed and ongoing**
The Services Officer advised that vegetation clearance has been carried out on Footpaths 14, 17, 30, 31, 33, 39, and 101 by local contractors. Vegetation clearance is also required to be carried out as advised in minute 1701/31.
- 1701/35 **To discuss any ongoing issues with Mr Martin Caddy, Public Rights of Way Warden**
Mr Caddy advised that the First Season's cut had been carried out in 2016 and will be carried out in July/August this year, also his 3 year survey of Fremington Parish has been completed and will be carried out again in 3 years' time.
- Cllr Biederman raised concerns regarding Footpath 33, running adjacent to the Fremington Army Camp development and leading down to the Tarka Trail, and felt that the slope is not safe. It was proposed that the Parish Council should write to the Devon County Council Design Team, which is responsible for approving any scheme, to establish what the developers are proposing for the design of the footpath to include the slope. Mr Caddy also undertook to contact the DCC Design Team.
- Mrs Cooper left the meeting at 9.50am.
- 1701/36 **Close**
The meeting closed at 10.00am.

Signed *Bia* Date *2.2.18*