

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Fremington Parish,  
Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman) 13 local electors, Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs Eileen Badcock, Services Officer, Mrs Elizabeth Steer, Deputy Services Officer and Mrs Dawn Eckhart, Devon Communities Together

**1 Welcome by the Chairman of Fremington Parish Council**

The Chairman, Mrs Kingdom, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were circulated. It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

**3 To receive the following reports:**

- Fremington Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Sue Kingdom, Chairman – the report was received at the meeting and is attached as Appendix A.
- Fremington & District Community Group, Mr Frank Biederman, Chairman – Mr Frank Biederman reported that it had been another successful year for the group in fact he thought it was the most successful year so far. The five community events held throughout the year were the best yet and well attended and this was mainly due to the weather. Party at the Manor had once again sold out prior to the event, the Christmas Lights' Switch On event had also been well attended. Mr Biederman reported that all the funds, around £25,000, had now been raised through funding raising events to carry out the enhancement of the Village Green project and work was due to commence today, however, due to the recent weather conditions this had been postponed. He explained that there would be a Lych gate to celebrate Armistice Day 2018 and one hundred years since World War One, a performance area and a circular path around the Green with benches.
- Fremington Parish Hall Management Committee, Mr Frank Biederman, Chairman Mr Frank Biederman reported that the hall is a huge success and a local hub of activity for all ages. The usage level of the hall is high and booked most days and evenings, the weekend usage has also increased and Mr Biederman believed this was due to the recent improvements including the refurbishment of the kitchen for which they had gained Lottery funding and other smaller grant funding to undertake. As a final part of the works there would be a mural on the wall reflecting the life in Fremington. Mr Biederman explained that the Committee works hard to manage the hall especially the Treasurer and Secretary and he thanked them for all their hard work. It was noted that there would be a change of Booking Clerk at the end of the month and details will be provided in due course.
- Tomlin Hall Management Committee, Mr Graham Prosser, Treasurer – the report was received at the meeting and is attached as Appendix A.

**4 To receive presentation on the Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey Report from Devon Communities Together**

The Chairman introduced Mrs Dawn Eckhart from Devon Communities Together to the meeting. Mrs Eckhart explained the background to the setup of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the process that is undertaken to create a Neighbourhood Plan. Mrs Eckhart explained the consultation process and the processes that had already been completed by the Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. She explained that the group wanted to give everyone who lives within the Parish the opportunity to respond to the consultation and for this reason a householder survey was delivered to households and distributed throughout the parish. Previous consultation events were used to inform the questions on the survey using issues and themes that members of the parish had already identified as being important.

The paper survey allowed for up to five individuals from each household to compete with an online version also available for convenience, further people and/or further comments. Mrs Eckhart presented the responses and issues identified to the Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that whilst in the main people like living in the parish, concerns were raised about the amount of development, traffic and lack of community and sporting facilities. Respondents felt the parish was a safe place to live and loved the open space and setting of the parish and this was something that people wanted to protect. The responses collected will be used to write the policies for the Neighbourhood Plan and the Steering Group is currently looking at a Visions Statement for the parish and aims, objectives and themes for the plan. A full copy of the presentation and/or report is available from the Parish Council Offices.

**5 To discuss matters raised by parishioners**

None.

**6 Close**

There being no further business Cllr Mrs Kingdom thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.58pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....

