

Notes from the Fremington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Thursday 8th February 2018 at 11am in the Parish Council Offices

Present:

Cllr David Chalmers, Fremington Parish Council
Mr David Jury
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Fremington Parish Council
Mr John Gulliver, North Devon Public Transport Users
Mrs Dawn Eckhart, Devon Communities Together

1. Apologies

Cllr Alan Rennles (Chairman), Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Mrs Sue Kingdom, Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Frank Biederman, Fremington Parish Council
Mrs Lorna Kimberly, Fremington Primary School

The group discussed the responses from the Householder Survey. Dawn explained that the response rate was lower than we had hoped, however, the confidence level in the sample was a confidence rate of 95% which meant that further responses would have been unlikely to have changed the results. Dawn asked if there were any amendments/clarification required from the draft document.

The group felt the report was a clear document and thanked Dawn. It was agreed that any final comments should be submitted to Dawn within the next week so amendments can be made prior to the report being completed.

Dawn explained that now the group has gathered the evidence it would need to pull out the themes, aims and objectives as the next step of the plan. Dawn explained that the vision, formed from the aims and objectives, should encapsulate why people love the area and be a short positive paragraph such as "Fremington Parish aims to be....." Dawn felt that the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan was a good example.

John felt that the responses in relation to public transport did not agree with the work his group had been undertaking and asked for a little more detail on the responses relating to bus stops, he felt that those he had spoken to at the bus stops did not feel they were adequate. It was noted that 646 responses related to bus stops and John asked if Dawn could separate the comments from those who regularly use the buses. Dawn explained that people's views could also be different depending on where you get on and off the bus and the quality of the stops they use.

John left the meeting.

It was agreed to feedback the comments on the Halls to the Management Committees, it appeared that currently the halls are inadequate. The group agreed that the comments raised showed a need for a community facilities strategy, residents were clearly concerned about the lack of facilities and larger spaces were required for indoor recreation/leisure facilities.

Dawn asked if Alan had progressed with his annotated map, it was noted that this had been chased.

It was noted that an extension on the Awards for All grant had been awarded due to the delays and agreed to confirm with Dawn completion of the work once approved by Full Council.

The group discussed how it was going to feedback findings to the community and it was agreed for Dawn to present the report and findings to the Annual Parish Meeting in March.

Dawn explained that the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan journey would be to look at the evidence base and the strategic documents already available such as the SHLAA, NDC Sports Analysis, Coastal Communities Economic Plan and other documents available to determine the themes of the report. Dawn provided a blank template for the Steering Group to start listing the themes, aims and objectives and it was agreed to involve the Parish Council in the task. It was agreed that a workshop should be held to undertake some background work.

It was agreed to update Full Council with progress so far.

The meeting closed at 1pm.