

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Footpaths Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 9.00am at the
Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present: Cllrs S Adams, R Cann and D Chalmers
Mr M Caddy, Public Rights of Way Warden, Devon County Council
Cllr A Rennles
Mr D Jury and Mr B Slade
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer
- 1901/35 **Appointment of Chairman for ensuing year**
It was **resolved** that Cllr Adams would be Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1901/36 **Appointment of Vice Chairman for ensuing year**
It was **resolved** that Cllr Chalmers would be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1901/37 **Appointment of P3 Co-ordinator for ensuing year**
Cllr Adams and the Services Officer agreed to share the role of P3 Co-ordinator for the ensuing year.
- 1901/38 **Chairman's Announcements**
None
- 1901/39 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr K Groves
- 1901/40 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 1901/41 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.
- 1901/42 **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd February 2018 as a correct record**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd February 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Adams duly signed the minutes.

Mr Caddy arrived at the meeting
- 1901/43 **To receive an update on the P3 Scheme from Mr Martin Caddy, Public Rights of Way Warden, Devon County Council**
Mr Caddy reported on items raised by the Parish Council following the P3 surveys recently carried out on the footpaths/bridleways. Following a report to Mr Caddy on various issues, he advised that FP 41 will have no more temporary signage orders. Subject to costing DCC will be carrying out improvements to the steps gate and boardwalk on FP 86 junction with the Tarka Trail this year.
The question of the access for cyclists from the former MOD site on to the Tarka Trail was raised. Mr Caddy advised that following investigations of a number of solutions to resolve this issue DCC have agreed to allow cycles to be pushed along the route of FP 33 up/down the ramp. Signs will be erected at both ends of the ramp requesting cyclists to dismount and the two kissing gates will remain insitu. Half way down the ramp a chicane will be erected and DCC will also fence the slope on the trail side to improve overall safety. Mr Caddy thanked the Parish Council for being a good and active part of the P3 scheme.
- 1901/44 **Financial Report – Grant 2018/9**
The Services Officer reported that a grant of £450.00 had been received from Devon County Council for the maintenance and upkeep of the footpaths/bridleways network in the parish for 2018/19, the balance remaining being £4.78.

- 1901/45 **Footpath/Bridleway Surveying 2018/19 – update on progress**
All footpath/bridleway surveys in the parish have been completed by Mrs Liz Steer this year with minor issues being identified which have been reported to Mr Caddy who confirmed that he was dealing with the issues raised.
- 1901/46 **Footpath Surveying 2019/20**
Members were advised that Mrs Steer has again agreed to carry out the footpath/bridleway surveys on behalf of the P3 scheme subject to the Committee's agreement. It was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the sum of £80.00 be paid to Mrs Steer, subject to Devon County Council funding, to carry out all footpath/bridleway surveys for 2019/20 in her own time.
- 1901/47 **Vegetation clearance – works completed and ongoing**
The Services Officer advised that vegetation clearance had been undertaken on Footpaths 9, 14, 25, 30, 39, 44, 86,101 and the Permissive Footpath at Chilpark by local contractors. It was noted that FP14 is cleared at least twice per year in order to ensure that the footpath is accessible to members of the public walking from Bickington Road to Hollamoor View, it was agreed to write to North Devon Homes to seek funding toward this expense.
- 1901/48 **To discuss any ongoing issues with Mr Martin Caddy, Public Rights of Way Warden**
Cllr Chalmers queried whether more access points could be made to the Tarka Trail, particularly in Bickington, as a means of encouraging members of the public to cycle or walk. Cllr Cann advised that a trail had been identified some years ago and he and Cllr Chalmers agreed to look at a possible new access point to the Tarka Trail.
- 1901/49 **Close**
The meeting closed at 9.35am.

Signed Date