

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Footpaths Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 10.00am at the
Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Adams, J Bell and I Crawford
Mr M Caddy, Public Rights of Way Warden, Devon County Council
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

1 member of the public

2002/26 **Appointment of Chairman for ensuing year**

It was **resolved** that Cllr Adams would be Chairman for the ensuing year.

2002/27 **Appointment of Vice Chairman for ensuing year**

It was **resolved** that Cllr Bell would be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

2002/28 **Appointment of P3 Co-ordinator for ensuing year**

It was **resolved** that the Administration Officer would be P3 Co-ordinator for the ensuing year.

2002/29 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs A Rennles and F Biederman. Mrs Davies, Public Rights of Way – Parish Paths Liaison Officer.

2002/30 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2002/31 **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2019 as a correct record**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2019 as a correct record. Cllr Adams duly signed the minutes.

2002/32 **To receive an update on the P3 Scheme from Mr Martin Caddy, Public Rights of Way Warden, Devon County Council**

Mr Caddy confirmed that he had completed his annual 3 yearly survey. FP41 had been reinstated along its original route, this was due to delays in the continuation of the Allenstyle development, and that DCC had refused to grant any further closures until the permeant diversion is in place. The final phase has not yet been developed and therefore the original line is available and can be used.

FP17 is subject to a long-term closure due to development, the Old Bideford Road end is overgrown and will be cleared once open, a new path has been created as part of the development, however, the middle section keeps being closed and re-opened without permission, the developer has now been informed that they must either put the footpath in place or apply for a closure.

Bridleway 27 has had some ditch works as standing water has been an issue.

FP8 the hedgerow needs cutting back, it was noted that this is the landowner's responsibility but if it is not carried out DCC will serve an order.

FP15 the fingerpost needs re-setting.

FP20 the step boards on the stile need replacing.

Mr Caddy explained that it is a well-used network which is working well, and any works required will be carried out after April. Mr Caddy reported on the flooding on the Tarka Trail at Instow which has been cleared and some surfacing works will take place. Further surfacing works between Fremington Quay and Sticklepath are booked in, however these are weather dependant. Next year Instow tunnel will have new piping work to prevent flooding and other areas for surfacing will be placed on a rolling programme. Mr Caddy has placed a notice in the overspill car park at Fremington Quay informing members of the public that an area will be closed for a short period of time to allow the surfacing works on the Tarka Trail and this will be carried out before the end of the financial year.

It was noted that works had been carried out on 24/22 as a result of the developer laying sewage pipes but it had not been restored correctly, Mr Caddy will follow up with the developer.

Mr Caddy confirmed that the BOAT Road leading to Fremington Quay is overseen by the Highways department because it is surfaced and relates more to a highway than a byway.

It was noted that the kissing gates on FP26 had been replaced to make the gap tighter due to the small horses in the field.

It was reported that Mrs Davies had confirmed that the P3 event on Ash dieback and trees in general is likely to be in June but will confirm a date, strimmer courses are available and the Council was thanked for its ongoing support.

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Financial Report

The Executive 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 2019/2020, the balance remaining being £117.48 with some minor works still to be completed.

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Footpath/Bridleway Surveying

a) To note completion of Footpaths Surveys for 2019/20.

All footpath/bridleway surveys in the parish have been completed by Mrs 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.

b) To confirm appointment of Mrs Steer to carry out surveys for 2020/21.

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 2020/21 in her own time.

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Close

The meeting closed at 10.45am.

Signed Date