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Office & Hall Closures

Please note that following the government's guidelines the Parish Council Offices, the Beechfield Centre and Fremington Parish Hall are now closed until further notice. The Parish Council can still be contacted via phone and email during our normal opening times: Monday-Friday; 9am-1pm.

Meetings

Following Government guidelines, Council meetings are not taking place in the usual physical form, however the legislation has been changed to allow virtual meetings and our meetings are now being held virtually through Zoom, a link to the meeting will be shown on the agenda. Please note that committee meetings may not be taking place as regularly as they would normally, please check the website for details. All agendas are available on Fremington Parish Council's website.

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Newsletter Spring 2020



Babbages Allotments– Bees!

Babbages Allotments can now house Bees!

The Parks and Playing Fields Committee, at its last meeting resolved to adopt a Bee Policy for the Babbages Allotment site. We will be consulting all tenants shortly but this is a positive step forward for our environment. Please contact the Parish Council for further details.



Community Support

Thank you to all the people in our community that have volunteered to help! To request help with shopping or collection of prescriptions, visit the North Devon Council's website and access the 'Community and Voluntary Sector Support' page www.northdevon.gov.uk, or call 01271 388280. If you need a prescription collected from Boots Chemist in Fremington, please call us on 01271 321063.

Open Spaces

We would like to thank those of our community that are abiding by the Government's social distancing rules when using our open spaces, such as Griggs Field, Tews Lane and Fremington Quay. Please continue to do this and walk to these places, if you can.

Please note that all play areas and play equipment are still closed, and Inspections are not being carried out at this time.



COVID-19 Update

Essential workers, keyworkers, people over 65 and anyone with symptoms can now apply for a Coronavirus test. Tests can be booked via the Government's online system. Employers can register and refer self-isolating staff, and employees can book a test directly for themselves or members of their household. You can apply for a Coronavirus (COVID-19) test at the link below.

www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Work from home if you can
- Limit contact with other people
- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly

Do not go out if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

More Government guidelines and further information are available on the gov.uk website.

Thank you NHS!

Join the nation in saying thank you to all our NHS workers every Thursday at 8pm!

Thank you to all NHS workers, carers, volunteers and keyworkers during this difficult time, what you do is amazing and we cannot thank you enough!



Message from the Chairman

The last few months have been a challenging time for us all. Like the rest of the country we are trying to adapt to a new way of working, which for many includes juggling working from home, home-schooling/childcare and virtual meetings. All of this really does show how resilient the people of our country are. I would like you to know that you are not alone but if you do need some extra support, especially mentally or emotionally, there is support available and I would encourage you to have a look at the Parish Council's website and Facebook page for more information.



The Parish Council held its first virtual meeting in May, which I'm pleased to say appeared to run relatively smoothly and I look forward to returning to normal when it is safe to do so.

I am so pleased to live in such a spirited community. At the time when it is needed the most the community of Fremington Parish has pulled together and truly shown its support for one another. I am pleased to report that so far we have around 100 volunteers available and willing to help with numerous tasks such as shopping, dog walking and prescription collections. I would like to thank all those involved including our local businesses that have adapted and changed procedures to enable assistance to those that are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you would like to volunteer please visit the Fremington Support website <http://fremingtonsupport.org/>
Cllr Sue Kingdom, Chairman