

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Footpaths Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 11th February 2021 at 10.00am via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs S Adams, J Bell, F Biederman, I Crawford and H Walker
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Mrs L Steer, Administration Officer

2 members of the public

2102/22 **Appointment of P3 Co-ordinator for ensuing year**
It was **resolved** that the Administration Officer would be P3 Co-ordinator for the ensuing year.

2102/23 **Apologies for Absence**
None.

2102/24 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

2102/25 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2020 as a correct record.

2102/26 **Footpaths Update Report**
Mrs Steer reported that all of the surveys had been completed and all Public Rights of Way had passed. An issue had been raised with motor vehicles using Bridleway 22 and this would be pursued with the Rights of Way Officer. Mrs Steer further reported that the Rights of Way Officer is investigating funding for repairs to the boardwalks and all of the rights of way have been well used throughout the pandemic.

Cllr Crawford asked what maintenance/best method is recommended for the surfacing of footpaths, it was noted that footpaths, unless an urban footpath, are usually of a natural surface.

2102/27 **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 2020/2021, the balance remaining being £75.48 but there might be some further minor works still to be completed before the end of the financial year.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and note the financial report.

2102/28 **Footpath/Bridleway Surveying**
a) To note completion of Footpaths Surveys for 2020/21.
All footpath/bridleway surveys in the parish had been completed by Mrs Steer.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the completion.

b) To confirm appointment of Mrs Steer to carry out surveys for 2021/22. 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 2021/22 in her own time.

Cllr Biederman proposed a vote of thanks to the Public Rights of Way Officer for all of the assistance and work he undertakes for the Public Rights of Way.

The Executive Officer informed those present that the Parish Council had agreed to change the Committee structure from May 2021 and in the future Public Rights of Way and the P3 scheme would be the remit of the Environment and Community Committee. It was hoped that this approach would provide an ongoing dialog about the Rights of Way throughout the year rather although the P3 surveys, financial reports etc will still be received and approved annually. The volunteers were encouraged to continue to attend and participate in these meetings.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

Signed Date