

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Fremington Parish,
Held on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.00pm at the
Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Councillor S Kingdom, Chairman)
Mrs Eileen Badcock, Executive Officer (Maternity Cover)
Mrs Jude Wood, Projects & Administration Manager,
Mrs Liz Steer, Administration Manager
Miss Nieve Wuttke-Keary, Apprentice Administration Assistant

1 Welcome by the Chairman of Fremington Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th March 2021

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th March 2021 were circulated. It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes.

3 To receive the following reports:

- Fremington Parish Council, Cllr Sue Kingdom, Chairman
Attached as Appendix A.
- Fremington & District Community Group, Mr Frank Biederman,
Chairman
Attached as Appendix B.
- Fremington Parish Hall Management Committee, Mr Samuel Adams,
Chairman
Attached as Appendix C.
- Tomlin Hall Management Committee, Mr Marc Binns, Chairman
Attached as Appendix D.
- Roundswell Residents Association, Mr Ken Sharman, Chairman
Attached as Appendix E.
- Fremington Riverside Park and Waters Edge Residents Association,
Mr Jeff Bridgeman, Chairman
Attached as Appendix F.

4 To discuss matters raised by parishioners

Mr Biederman spoke as a parishioner. He wondered whether, given the current situation in Ukraine, a flag should be purchased by the Parish Council to fly on the Parish Council's flagpole. Cllr Kingdom thought it was a sound idea and all Cllrs agreed.

Mr Binns stated that although our Government's reaction at the moment is extremely niggardly, we are going to experience the largest population displacement in any of our lifetime but I expect the situation to change radically over the next weeks. Should we be considering village halls and other assets as

places that might have a creative response as to what is going to happen. Cllr Kingdom said that we will have to wait to see what happens. Generally, the Government contacts all councils in the country and asks how many people they can take and in the situation for Afghanistan I believe we took five families, so we may not have an influx but we may do. I think we have to wait until we hear more but North Devon Council, I believe at the moment, is on top of it. Mr Biederman, speaking as a County Councillor, advised that obviously Devon County Council as the lead authority takes the lead with District Councils as, certainly in the Afghanistan and Syrian situations, they know who in our community to ask what facilities are available and it will be interesting to see what happens.

5 Close

There being no further business Cllr Kingdom thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.04pm.

Signed

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