

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community
Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 10.30am in the
Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Cann, J Bell, S Haywood, and C McCormack-Hole

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2209/25 **Apologies**
Cllrs D Dixon and H Walker

2209/26 **Declarations of Interests**
None

2209/27 **Public Participation**
None

2209/28 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th June 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2209/29 **Climate Emergency - Update**
Members were informed that Cllr Dixon had collated energy consumptions statistics which had shown that total energy consumption is on the upward trend and if this continues then there is little chance of the Parish Council reducing its energy consumption by 2030. Members noted that energy consumption would be on the increase, the Beechfield Centre was open for less than six months when everything closed for Covid, since fully reopening the Centre has regular hirers and is well used with usage increasing each month. Members were pleased that the usage of the centre had increased significantly which has also seen an increase in income. Members felt that due to Covid there was not really a comparison for energy consumption within the Centre yet. Tews Lane had also been closed due to Covid with a slow re-entry as restrictions allowed, there are more teams and players at the site. It was noted that the Community Building at Riverside Park is leased and the tenant responsible for energy bills/consumption. The usage at the Pumping Station at Fremington Quay is also outside of the Parish Council's control.

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

2209/30 **Emergency Plan**
The Emergency Plan was circulated prior to the meeting, members were informed that is a working document which should be reviewed regularly, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the plan.



2209/31 It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

PART B

2209/32 **Riverside Park MUGA**
The report on title for the MUGA was circulated prior to the meeting Members raised concerns about paragraph 6.4.2 and the former tank which is directly under the MUGA, it was noted that the Parish Council's solicitor had stated that they would be making enquiries on this and the information would be referred to Committee when available.

Members considered paragraph 6.4.6 where the report questions the nearby infilled and affecting stability, members noted that this is defined as being St Peters Graveyard and noted the advice from the solicitor is to arrange a survey if the Parish Council has concerns. Members were not concerned and felt that the Graveyard is far enough away not to affect the stability it was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to arrange a survey.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to investigate a penalty clause for the delay in transferring the facility to the Parish Council.

Meeting ended at 10.55am

Signed  Dated 20.10.22