

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm at the Beechfield Centre,  
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bell, F Biederman, J Cann, C Connell, D Dixon, S Haywood, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, M Scott, T Steer and H Walker

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer  
1 Member of the public

2301/01 **Apologies**  
Cllrs A Rennles, S Adams, L Goodger.

2301/02 **Declarations of Interest**  
None.

2301/03 **Chairman's Announcements**  
The Chairman reported that the agreement to the precept for 2023/2024 at the last meeting had been agreed with an estimated increase of £1.22 or 0.02p per week (based on a Band D property), the tax base for this year had now been confirmed and the actual annual impact will be 0.39p (based on a Band D property).

2301/04 **Public Participation Period**  
The Chairman of the Riverside Park and Water's Edge Residents' Association asked for clarification on the progress of the transfer with the MUGA especially since it was announced that works on the Tews Lane MUGA were about to commence. It was noted that the delay was understood to lie with the developer, the Chairman of the Residents' Association confirmed that he would encourage all residents to write to the developer to try and progress the matter. The Chairman also asked if the developers could be requested to start the MOT works to the MUGA so as to ensure little delay in opening the facility once transferred.

The Parish Council agreed to write to the MP in relation to the matter and send a copy to the Chief Executive of the North Devon Council.

2301/05 **Minutes**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as a correct record.

2301/06 **Committees**  
To receive, and adopt the minutes, and note the decisions therein, of the following Committee meetings:

- Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

- Parks and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to adopt the minutes and not the decisions therein of the minutes of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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### **County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Mackie had submitted a report she explained that she had attended a meeting for Climate Action and was asked to cast the Parish Council's mind back to early 2020 when a Climate Action Week had been organised by the NDC and then abruptly cancelled due to lockdowns. The Parish had put together a worthwhile contribution to this event and the Lead member for Environment has requested that you hold on to the plans as she would like to hold a similar week in 2023.

Cllr Biederman reminded members to report potholes and highway issues via DCC's website.

Cllr Cann/Walker

Cllr Walker reported that they had submitted a motion to outlaw parking on pavements, DCC has confirmed it cannot enforce until legislation is changed. Cllr Walker explained that everyone will need approved photographic ID to vote in the May 2023 elections. Cllr Walker is chasing further payments of the Section 106 funds from Anchorwood View and had called in the proposed development of 450 house at Brynsworthy as it is outside of the Local Plan area and against policy. North Devon Council's customer service is moving away from email enquiries and has a contact form on NDC's website. Cllr Walker was pleased that work had started on the MUGA at Tews Lane.

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### **Police**

The report, as attached as Appendix A, was circulated.

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### **Warm Spaces Initiative**

The Chairman reported that three sessions had been held and unfortunately nobody had attended. Cllrs considered possible reasons and discussed alternative formats/solutions. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to change the format to tea, cake and meet your Cllr sessions with light snacks for children on Wednesdays during February between 3pm and 4.30pm and to purchase an A-board for outside of the building. It was further agreed that if no response the tins of soup will be donated to a foodbank.

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### **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Bell asked if it could be made clear that the housing crisis declared by Fremington Parish Council was in relation to social housing and asked for clarification on the HELAA panel.

Cllr Sherborne left the meeting at 7.45pm.

Cllr Steer confirmed that the Village Green is in a Conservation Area and as such siting of the sign would require planning permission the Executive Officer had stated that it was unlikely to be seen as in keeping so it was still looking for a home.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked for information on the recent road closure in Bickington it was noted that it appeared works had been undertaken.

Cllr Scott was concerned that the control centre for the emergency services did not understand locations within North Devon when reporting incidents evening using what3words.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed .....  ..... Dated ..... 6.7.23 .....