

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 11am in the Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs H Walker (Chairman), J Bell (from Minute No.2302/37), J Cann, D Dixon and S Kingdom

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2302/32 **Apologies**  
Cllr S Haywood.

2302/33 **Declarations of Interests**  
None.

2302/34 **Public Participation**  
Cllr Dixon informed the Committee that he had invited the representative from the National Trust, however, he had not been able to attend.

2302/35 **Minutes**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2302/36 **Climate Emergency – Update**  
The Chairman informed members that NDC had given permission for the verges at Ellerslie Road to have wildflowers planted, the Maintenance and Amenities Operative is preparing the beds next week and the children from Sticklepath school will spread the seeds. It was agreed to place a post on Facebook and if possible, a sign on site.

The Committee considered how the Parish Council could contribute towards NDC's Climate Week. After discussion members felt that there is a lack of support and community spirit across the board, members discussed at length how the Parish Council could encourage the community to get involved with future events, however, it was felt at this time that people would not attend any events within the parish and therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to promote and support the events organised by NDC.

2302/37 **Coronation of the King**  
Members considered holding events for the Coronation of the King in May 2023. It was noted that Bickington WI were looking to organise an event and again felt that there is a lack of community support when the Parish Council organises events. After discussion it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask the Fremington & District Community Group if it is considering organising an event and



for the Parish Council to look to support and offer the Beechfield Playing Field and Centre as a venue.

Cllr Bell entered the meeting at 11.20am.

2302/38

**Tomlin Hall**

Cllr Walker informed members that the constitution for the Tomlin Hall has not been updated since agreed in 1930 and the Committee would be updating in the near future, the Parish Council will require input as the Trustee. The works on the car park will start on Monday and the Committee has spent a lot of time investigating how to upgrade the building. A structural survey was carried out which found the roof to be too heavy, one beam has gone and the flat roofs need repairing, therefore, the roof is due to be replaced using Section 106 funds, this has given the Committee the opportunity to reconfigure the inside of the building as most of the walls will no longer be structural, the Architect is producing plans for this work which will come to a future committee meeting.

2302/39

**Grit Bin**

Cllr Biederman had asked the Committee to consider the provision of a grit bin on Riverside Park for the path that runs adjacent to the storage building and to the public footpath, it was noted that Cllr Biederman had agreed to meet the cost of purchasing the bin from his locality budget. It was noted that the Parish Council only has a right of way over the path and the Committee was concerned about the liability of placing a grit bin and the ongoing filling of the bin. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the Management Company with reference to the provision of a grit bin.

2302/40

**Devon County Council Vision and Strategies**

The Committee had been asked to consider responses on behalf of the Parish Council to DCC's Adult Social Care Vision and Strategies (Living well in Devon, Ageing well in Devon and Caring well in Devon). Members felt there was a lot of information relating to the surveys and it was resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate a response to the Executive Officer in conjunction with Cllr Bell and for the Committee to send any comments to Cllr Bell.

2302/41

**Parish Paths**

a) To receive information on annual surveys and consider surveys for 2024.


Members were informed that the annual surveys and been completed and all paths had passed, members asked for their thanks to be conveyed to Mrs Steer for undertaking the surveys and considered the provision for the surveys for 2024 and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Mrs Steer to undertake the surveys for 2024 at a cost of £90.



b) To consider request to support the proposal diversion of footpath 41. A proposal to permanently reinstate footpath 41 following the recent development had been received from the Area Rights of Way Warden and circulated to members ahead of the meeting. Members were informed that the P3 Co-ordinator, County Cllr and Maintenance and Amenities Operative had met on site with the Area Rights of Way Warden to discuss the proposal and all supported the suggested route which in time would become the permanent footpath. This route would mean that the footpath would cross the estate in a diagonal line to meet up with the original footpath at point B on the lane leading to footpath 102.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the above suggestion for the reinstatement of footpath 41.

Meeting ended at 11.45am

Signed  Dated 30 MARCH 2025