

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11am in the Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs H Walker (Chairman), J Bell, J Cann, D Dixon and S Kingdom

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2304/30 **Apologies**

Cllr S Haywood.

2304/31 **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr S Haywood, C McCormack-Hole.

2304/32 **Public Participation**

None.

2304/33 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2304/34 **Flagpoles**

Members were informed that Planning Permission had been granted to replace the existing flagpoles adjacent to the War Memorial with higher poles and the poles were due to be replaced in May 2023. Members asked if the existing poles could be donated/sold/recycled, and it was agreed to investigate.

2304/35 **Climate Emergency Action Plan**

Members reviewed the Action Plan. It was agreed to update the actions which had been actioned and/or investigated the following action points and to re-word some of the action points to reflect the Committee's direction and to progress:

Installation of EV Charging points.

Provide bike racks for Parish Council properties.

Conduct parish hydrological survey to identify action needed to improve water quality.

Assist residents to set up a community renewable energy company.

A strategy/policy on heat pumps.

It was agreed to contact DCC for up-to-date figures on the street lighting and to review the provision in the action plan, it was felt that there would need to be a balance between energy saving and people's safety.

It was agreed to place a statement in the Beechfield Hire Agreement to encourage hirers to use paper, plates, cups, straws etc wherever




possible and not single use plastic and to place an article in the next Parish Council newsletter.

It was also agreed to include the support of the Taw and Torridge Estuary Forum and commitment to annually appoint a representative in the Action Plan along with the support of an aspiration to create a unitary authority to manage and protect the Estuary.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to update the Action Plan accordingly, to circulate a draft copy of the updated plan for comment and place an item on the next Agenda to approve the updated plan in due course.

Cllr Dixon suggested investigating the possibility of offering the unused football pitch at Riverside Park to the Trail Blazers and creating a grass running track. It was noted that this would be subject to the terms of the Section 106 agreement, and it was agreed for Cllr Walker to investigate with the Officer at NDC and place an Item on the next Agenda for consideration.

Meeting ended at 12pm.

Signed  Dated 25/5/2023