

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Extraordinary Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 10am in the Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs H Walker (Chairman), J Bell, J Bridgeman, J Cann,  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2404/18 **Apologies**  
Cllrs R Jones, D Dixon, and S Kingdom

2404/19 **Declarations of Interests**  
None.

2404/20 **Public Participation**  
None.

2404/21 **Minutes**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2404/22 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**

2404/23 **Execution and sealing of a legal deed**  
a) To receive update on the lease for Muddlebridge Allotment Site  
Members were informed that the lease paperwork had still not been received from the Landowner's Agent despite staff chasing daily. It was noted that the current lease ends on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the allotment tenant's licences in line with the Parish Council's lease.

Members considered the Parish Council's position and that of the tenants with no legal framework in place, it was noted that the landowner's agent had been asked to clarify what the landowner expects the allotment tenants to do during the period with no lease/licences. After discussion it was agreed to seek legal advice from the Parish Council's solicitor and advise the allotment tenants to seek legal advice and check with their insurance company for the interim period.

Members were disappointed and frustrated at the way in which the renewal had been dealt with by the agents and the financial implications for the Parish Council and allotment tenants. It was further agreed to seek compensation for additional costs incurred and financial losses once the paperwork has been completed.

b) To agree the Execution and sealing of a legal deed for the lease of the Muddlebridge Allotment Site.



Given the lack of paperwork It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adjourn the meeting until 10.45am on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 10.45am.

The meeting was reconvened at 10.45am on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Present: Cllrs Walker (Chairman), J Bell, J Bridgeman, R Jones and S Kingdom.

It was noted that the paperwork had still not been received, members were informed that the Parish Council's solicitor had confirmed that it is for the landlord to renew the lease and it is not an issue if the Council remains in occupation, the allotment representative will inform the Association and it was agreed to seek further legal advice on the rentals.

Meeting ended at 10.55am.

Signed.......... Dated.....25/4/24.....