

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community
Committee meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 11am in the Beechfield
Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

- Present: Cllrs H Walker (Chairman), J Bell, J Bridgeman, J Cann, D Dixon, R Jones and S Kingdom
- Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Mrs J Wood, Administration and Projects Manager
1 Member of the Public
- 2406/29 **Apologies**
None.
- 2406/30 **Declarations of Interests**
None.
- 2406/31 **Public Participation**
None.
- 2406/32 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd May 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.
- 2406/33 **Climate Emergency – Update**
Cllr Dixon reported that The Copernicus Clime Change Service (EU) stated that April 2024 had the worst ever global average surface air temperature 1.58 degrees warmer than the April average of 1850 to 1900 and at the UK Climate Change Committee in March 2024 Baroness Brown, Chair of the Adaptation Committee stated that the “UKs current approach to adaptation is not working”.
- It was agreed that more needs to be done to tackle climate change which should come from the top down, however, the only way to achieve change might be by placing pressure from the bottom up and it was agreed to place an article in the newsletter and on Facebook.
- 2406/34 **Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and E-bikes and Scooters**
Members had received a request to support a campaign to improve the safety of Lithium-ion batters and their use in e-bikes and scooters. Cllr Walker expressed that there had been some heartbreaking stories in the news, and they should be disposed of safely to prevent fires and the injuries and fatalities that have happened as a result of unregulated batteries. It was noted that there is a disposal facility for them at the Brynsworthy Environment Centre, but loose batteries should not be placed in the recycling boxes, however, they can be left in a small electronic device which can be bagged and placed on top of the recycling box, it was agreed to place an article in the newsletter and on Facebook. Members considered the request, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the campaign.



2406/35 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

2406/36 **Execution and sealing of a legal deed**
a) To receive update on the lease for Muddlebridge Allotment Site
Members were informed that there was nothing further to report.

2406/37 **Tarka Ridge Allotment Site**
Members were informed that the report on title had been received from the Parish Council's solicitors. There were some concerns raised from the information and clarification had been sought. Members were informed that some completion certificates in relation to the buildings had not yet been provided and it was agreed to note the information received so far and not proceed with the transfer until the appropriate certificates and information has been provided.

Meeting ended at 11.45am.

Signed *R. Walker* Dated *25/7/24*