

## **Parish News**

It is with regret that we announce that Ian, our Maintenance and Amenities Operative, has now left Fremington Parish Council for pastures new - we would like to thank Ian for the positive contribution he has made to the Parish during his time with Fremington Parish Council and wish him well in his new role! We are currently recruiting and will update you when we have a new member of the team.

Recently the Parish Council has focused on improvements to existing facilities within the Parish and we hope that you will agree that the following have made a real difference to our community.

The Boat at Fremington Quay – this piece of equipment has had a drastic facelift, which has given it a new lease of life!



The "Fremington" sign at Broady Strap, once looked after by volunteers, the Parish Council worked with volunteers from Perrigo to reinstate the bed which is now low maintenance, we have received positive feedback and compliments about its new look!





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Upgrades to street furniture – the old bus shelter at Ellerslie Road has been replaced with a new shiny edition, the Parish Council has also replaced some of the old worn-out benches around the parish including the one at the end of Ballards Crescent and Ellerslie play area.



The Maintenance and Amenities Operative worked hard in conjunction with the Fremington & District Community Group to improve the area around the Dinger Bell memorial at Fremington Quay clearing vegetation and laying new concrete bases to install the new bench and picnic bench on, everyone was devastated to see the new bench vandalised and we hope that following its repair we wont see any further attempts to damage the area.

# Are you Climate Positive?

If you are Climate Positive you can create an environmental benefit which goes beyond just achieving net zero carbon emissions this in turn will remove additional carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. We would encourage everyone to consider how they can be Climate Positive in their everyday lives which might also save you money on your energy and living costs. For more information and tips, you can google Climate Positive or speak to a member of the Environment and Community Committee.

Find us on Facebook—search Fremington Parish Council to keep up to date with the latest Parish Council and community news or to see what's going on in the Beechfield Centre search The Beechfield Centre, Fremington.

#### Grants

The Parish Council has recently amended its Grant Aid Policy and procedure. Fremington Parish Council recognises the importance of local voluntary,

charitable and community groups and the aim of providing grant funding is to assist these community and voluntary groups with one-off costs, grants should be used towards project costs rather than running costs (although running costs will be considered if imperative to the group) and can be used as matchfunding to attract funding from other external sources.

The Parish Council will budget a total figure of £3,000 a year (the figure will be reviewed annually) for grant aid. There will be two funding streams which groups can apply to, the Parish Councillor Grant and the Central Fund. Each Parish Councillor will be allocated £150 to fund project led grant applications. The remainder of the agreed budget will be placed into a Central Fund which groups can apply to for additional funds or larger grants. For more information a copy of the new policy and application forms can be found on the Parish Council's website.





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