

**Minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting
held on Monday 16th June 2025 at 6.00pm at The Beechfield
Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Adams (Chairman), J Bridgeman and D Dixon
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Mrs J Wood, Administration and Projects Manager

2506/01 Election of Chairman

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Adams as Chairman.

2506/02 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Bridgeman as Vice-Chairman.

2506/03 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs E Smlatic and N Denton.

2506/04 Declarations of Interest

None.

2506/05 Public Participation Period

None.

2506/06 Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2506/07 Lagoon View Community Orchard

Members were informed that the Parish Council had written to Pearce as the landowner of the area of land known as the Lagoon View Community Orchard to request that the freehold is transferred to the Parish Council as per the offer made in 2014. Pearce's Agent has responded to confirm that they will not transfer the ownership of the land which they intend to incorporate in future development and stated that they have provided notice to the Lagoon View Community Orchard that their lease on the land will not be renewed.

The open space is not in the current local plan as an open space; the Lagoon View Community Orchard Group is currently investigating the option of registering the land as a Village Green.

Members were disappointed with the lack of community spirit from Pearce as they are a well-known local company.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to:

- Support the community group in registering the land as a Village Green.
- Undertake independent surveys on the wildlife on the land.
- Investigate the possibility of purchasing the woodland which is currently maintained alongside the Lagoon View community Orchard.

2506/08

Fremington Village Green

Members were informed that the Community Group had submitted proposals to undertake repairs and upgrade the stage area on the Village Green, the plans include block work and rendering so the stage resembles a ship as per the village theme. It was noted that contractors and the Maintenance and Amenities Operative would be involved in completing the works and the proposal was to apply for Section 106 funding which is available for upgrades to the Village Green to fund the works.

Members agreed with repairing and upgrading the stage area and applying for Section 106 funds to cover the cost and would like to include further upgrades to the Village Green in the project including repairs and upgrades to the Lych Gate, a memorial bench and wrought iron railings along the top of the wall if possible. Members would like the stage to be painted with a good quality paint and a colour in keeping with the Village Green and it was also agreed to investigate the possibility of electrics on the stage.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to proceed with the project and to use Section 106 funding to fund the project.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Signed: Dated: