

**Minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held
on Thursday 30th October 2025 in the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington at 12pm**

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

Mrs J Wood, Administration & Projects Manager
4 Members of the public

2510/29 **Apologies**

Cllrs N Denton, J Bridgeman

2510/30 **Declaration of interests**

None.

2510/31 **Public Participation Period**

Four members of the public attended; 3 addressed the Council.

The first speaker raised concerns about a section of fencing in one of the passing bays along the road down to Fremington Quay, the fence is in a poor state he was unsure if this was the responsibility of the Parish Council or Devon County Council. He also mentioned that there were two camper vans that were parking in the laybys at night and then moving down to the Quay during the day, a second speaker confirmed this and also mentioned that sometimes there is a car with them. They don't leave any litter but there were concerns that they may be a welfare check required. It was also mentioned that some of the DCC passing signs were missing.

The member of the public also inquired if there was still a grant available for the public toilets at Fremington Quay towards cleaning and maintenance, they have been tiled to help with keeping clean, but he felt that they could do with some repairs. He also felt that the disabled toilet could do with some repairs and updating as the aids that were in place, although safe, were looking a little worn.

He also asked about the future of the Quay, he was aware that surveys were being carried out across the district. Cllr Walker responded saying that North Devon Council is carrying out a consultation as a new Port and Marine Facility Safety Code was introduced. Rolle Quay, Fremington Quay and Castle Quay have been identified as full marine facilities in accordance with the code. Two out of the three sites are unused, and one is not used often, if they were to remain as marine facilities/ports these areas would need to be kept up to code. The survey seeks to gain an understanding of the use of the three areas in question in order to ascertain if they should remain.

The second speaker raised concerns about the speed and amount of traffic coming down the main road. He said that there is a lot more traffic coming down the road now, more than 20 years ago when the houses were first built. People drive down there at excessive speeds and don't

use the passing laybys correctly causing issues with reversing and jamming up other cars. He asked if there was anything that could be done about the speed and the number of cars. Cllr Walker advised that although the speed of the road is 40 miles per hour there is no traffic order so is not enforced, she said that she shared the residents' concerns, and that the Parish Council will write to DCC and ask that the speed limit be lowered.

The third speaker spoke about the small gravel 'path' alongside the road and wondered if perhaps, given that some of the hedges were overgrown, that the area could be cleared/cut back in order to make the gravel area slightly wider for walkers or bike users. Cllr Walker asked that this be included in the letter to DCC. The speaker asked that if it was possible to get the materials etc and get a working party together, could they potentially cut the hedges and lay more gravel. Cllr Walker advised that this need to be checked with DCC and that the working party would need all the relevant insurance with guidance provided from DCC.

2510/32 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held 24th July 2025 as a correct record.

2510/33 **Additional CCTV – Fremington Quay**

Cllr Walker asked for this item to be placed on the agenda as there have been a couple of incidents at Fremington Quay with youths setting fire to items which had created quite a large fire. The additional CCTV would be placed on the existing Heritage Centre set up but would not be viewable footage would be recorded onto a hard drive that would only be viewed by the Police if there was an incident, because of this there would be no issues with GDPR.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Administration & Projects Manager to look in to additional CCTV cameras on the existing system.

2510/34 **Draft Budget**

Members were advised that the grass cutting contract ends on 31st March 2026, quotations will be sought for a three-year contract and therefore an increase of 5% has been incorporated into the budgets. Members considered the Draft Budgets for 2026/2027 and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to the Draft Budget.

2510/35 **Fremington Quay Store**

Cllr Walker updated everyone on the store - some works have been undertaken to clear the site and ownership is being investigated on the land around the site because some of the land is owned by Devon County Council, some of it has been sold and the rest of it belongs to North Devon Council and is leased to Fremington Parish Council. The future of the store is unknown, it was noted that there was no drainage for the store and that a septic tank would need planning permission, as

would the use of the store for anything other than a store. Once planning permission had been sought Fremington Parish Council would be consulted as a Neighbour.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to contrary, to note the comments from Cllr Walker.

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
2510/36

Fremington Quay

The Administration & Projects Officer advised Members that there was a rent review shortly due for the café in line with the lease. A quote had been obtained to undertake the review. Members discussed the quote and the rent increase. Cllr Walker advised that the Finance & Personnel Committee discussed the rent review and agreed to a 2% increase on the rent, member discussed this. Members discussed the rent review and if the rent should be increase. Members felt that there should be an increase as Fremington Parish Council costs have increased and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to undertake a formal rent review and to increase the rent at the café by 1%.

Meeting ended at 12.27pm.

Signed:.....Dated: