

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 10am in The Parish Council Offices, The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs, F Biederman (Chairman), S Haywood, S Kingdom and H Walker

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2510/12 **Apologies**
Cllr J Bridgeman.

2510/13 **Declarations of Interest**
None.

2510/14 **Public Participation**
None.

2510/15 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, that the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on the 23rd September 2025 be approved.

2510/16 **Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts for the period from the 20th September to 17th October 2025**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the payments totalling £22,076.94 and receipts totalling £159,904.10 copies of which are attached as Appendix One.

2510/17 **Budgets**
a) Budget Monitoring
The Budget Monitoring for quarter two 2025/2026 was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

b) Draft 2026/2027 Budgets
Members considered draft budgets for 2026/2027. Members noted that the initial draft budgets had been prepared on an inflationary rise which would result in an annual increase of £1.36 based on a Band D property and last year's tax base. Members discussed Parish Council receipts and agreed that the Parish Council should be looking to increase all hires and rents on the same inflationary rise. Members noted that IT equipment that had been purchased in 2019 would require replacement in 2026-2027 and it was agreed to include in the budgets.

Members discussed the Parish Council grants, it was noted that only two applications had been received and approved for Cllrs Grant Funding and members felt that Cllrs would need to be more proactive in promoting and finding groups to support. Members discussed the grant allocation for Clarity; it was noted that Let's Talk Fremington was no longer running and agreed to put the fund into the capital purchase EMR and rename enhancement of community buildings and to add a budget £4,000 for

2026-2027 for a grant to NDC for the Street Marshalls subject to agreement on the boundary changes.

It was noted that several contracts would be ending before 1st April 2026, and budgetary provisions would need to reflect likely increases in costs. Members acknowledged that budgets would go to each Committee and firm proposals considered at the November Finance and Personnel Committee. It was noted that several members of the Committee would be unable to attend the November Committee meeting when the budgets are usually finalised in draft before being presented to Full Council. It was agreed to cancel the November and December Committee meetings and schedule a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting for early November to finalise the budgets to present to the December Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.46am

Signed.......... Dated.....13th NOVEMBER 2025.....