

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, J Cann, D Dixon, S Haywood, E Smlatic (from 2511/04), N Tamlin and H Walker

Cllr C Norman, North Devon Council

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
3 Members of the public
Oscar Kelly, Co-option Candidate
PC L Lloyd

2511/01

Apologies

Cllrs N Denton, B Sherborne and J Bridgeman.

2511/02

Declarations of Interest

None.

2511/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reminded members about the upcoming Remembrance Service and confirmed that a pew had been saved for the Parish Council.

2511/04

Public Participation Period

PC Lloyd was welcomed to the meeting, Cllr Walker expressed concern that Police issues appear to be being "pushed" in the direction of Cllrs.

Cllr Smlatic entered the meeting.

It was agreed to confirm any specific cases with PC Lloyd who will investigate the issue.

Cllr Biederman informed PC Lloyd that two weeks ago there were groups at Fremington Quay setting fires and asked if more patrols could be incorporated especially during darker hours.

PC Lloyd informed members that she had a large unit which would show up vehicle speeds and although it cannot be used for enforcement, but it can be used to identify problem areas which can then be fed back to the speed detection team, it is also a good visual aid for drivers. PC Lloyd stated that if anyone would like to go out with an officer to see how the unit works they would be welcome.

Cllr Biederman explained that he had received several complaints about speeding around estates, he thought it was more the way in which delivery drivers drive around estates as it can be quite difficult to speed around most of the estates.

Cllr Cann explained that, along with Cllr Walker, she had been on the community speed watch training and was prepared to be the co-ordinator,

however, there were so many restrictions and although she was willing to do it, it was not made easy or achievable.

A member of the public informed members that there is a consultation in the Beechfield Centre tomorrow which will show the plans Pearce have for developing the land next to the community orchard in Lagoon View and using the orchard as an access point.

2511/05 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025 as a correct record.

2511/06 **Committees**

To receive, and adopt the minutes, and note the decisions therein, of the following Committee meetings:

- Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 25th September 2025.

- Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee Meeting held on 25th September 2025.

- Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on 21st October 2025.

2511/07 **County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Norman – Roundswell Ward

Cllr Norman reminded members that the Parish Forum was being held on Wednesday 5th November 2025 and there is an item on the Agenda to discuss clustering. The Port Marine Safety Consultation is open to comments until 5th January 2026 and the traffic cameras agreed at HATOC will be installed by the bus gates on Old Torrington Road. Cllr Norman concluded by informing members that there will be a review on how well the fair went on the new site with a view to signing at 25-year agreement.

Cllr Haywood declared a Personal Interest as her husband is an honorary showman.

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Walker informed members that the Agenda for the Governance Meeting on the 11th November and encouraged members to view the papers ahead of the meeting, there had been a peer review meeting and NDC is awaiting the report.

Cllr Biederman - Fremington Ward and Devon County Council

Cllr Biederman informed members that there is a large vessel which is actually in Instow Parish, where it is has a licence to be a breakers yard/salvager so not much can be done about it unless there is an environmental issue.

Devon County Council has seen an increase in of 52% in Education Health and Care Plans in the last five years and over 15% of pupils are receiving Special Educational Needs and Disabilities support, unfortunately the scale is not financially sustainable.

2511/08

Co-option

An application for Co-option for Fremington/Bickington had been received and circulated to members ahead of the meeting, Mr Kelly presented to members and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to Co-opt Mr Oscar Kelly to the Parish Council.

2511/09

Community Governance and Boundary Review

Cllr Norman explained the process going forward. Cllr Kingdom confirmed that several Cllrs from Fremington Parish Council had met with the Clerk and Mayor of Barnstaple Town Council to express their concerns over the proposals submitted by Barnstaple Town Council and it was agreed to await the recommendations from North Devon Council's Governance Meeting.

2511/10

Councillors Questions

Cllr Adams asked if there was any information on what is happening with the shed at Fremington Quay. It was noted that no planning applications had been submitted.

Cllr Tamlin asked if the Parish Council could push DCC to replace rural signage when they are broken.

Cllr Dixon explained that he had attended the peer review with North Devon Council and had raised issue with the public consultation process. Cllr Dixon also noted that signs on the main roads (not in the parish) do not get any maintenance and are dirty.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.01pm.

Signed

Dated