

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 1st December 2025 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs J Cann (Chairman), S Adams, F Biederman, D Dixon, S Haywood, O Kelly, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, E Smlatic, N Tamlin and H Walker

Cllr C Leaver, Devon County Council

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2512/01

Apologies

Cllrs N Denton and S Kingdom.

Cllr McCormack-Hole apologised for missing the last Full Council meeting.

2512/02

Declarations of Interest

None.

2512/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed members that the Environment and Community Committee had agreed that the Emergency Plan should be reviewed annually at Full Council and six monthly at Committee level and the Committee had asked for volunteers to be added to the telephone tree list and to please let the office know if you can volunteer. Cllrs Biederman and McCormack-Hole agreed to being added to the telephone tree list.

2512/04

Public Participation Period

None.

2512/05

Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025 as a correct record.

2512/06

Committees

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

- Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday
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 30th October 2025.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 30th 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 Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on 30th October 2025.

- Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 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 13th November 2025.

2512/07

County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Leaver – County Councillor

Cllr Leaver confirmed that she had been undertaking case work within the parish, a lot of County Council focus has been on the reorganisation of local government. Cllr Leaver has reported the state of some of the roads within her ward in the parish and will try her best to pursue.

Cllr Sherborne asked if it would be possible to investigate double yellow lines especially on the corner of roads as people are parking dangerously. Cllr Leaver confirmed that she would organise a site meeting with Cllr Sherborne.

Cllr Leaver confirmed there would be further budget cuts and children services is being overhauled and they are looking at ways to provide early intervention to reduce costs and provide a better service. Cllr McCormack-Hole felt strongly that there needs to be better support for fostering. Cllr Kelly was concerned about the way in which people with mental health problems are dealt with as a statistic and not as individuals.

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Walker confirmed that the Christmas dates for waste and recycling have now been published. NDC had an extraordinary council meeting last week and it was agreed to support the 1-4-5 model for local government reorganisation.

Cllr Leaver left the meeting.

2512/08

Budgets and Precept

The recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee along with the draft budgets and precept for 2026-2027 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Biederman thanked the Executive Officer for putting the draft budgets together and the Committee's for reviewing their budget. The recommendation was to increase the precept by £1.36 for a Band D property based on last year's tax base to £323,564.10. The Finance and Personnel Committee felt this would meet the financial forecast of the Parish Council over the next twelve months whilst also offering value for money.

Cllr Walker thanked the staff and was proud of the team and the parish and it was resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the draft budgets for 2026-2027 and set the precept at £323,564.10.

- 2512/09 **Community Governance and Boundary Review**
 Members were informed that several of the proposals had not been pursued and those that were being taken forward were now out for the second round of consultation. Members were pleased with the results and noted that Parish Cllrs had worked extremely hard and it was a positive outcome. The proposals being taken forward in relation to the parish are to make the boundary lines neater and reinstate the correct wards, the Parish Council supports these proposals, and it was agreed that members should do some promotion on the second round of consultations.
- 2512/10 **Port Marine Safety Code**
 Members considered the Port Marine Safety Code Consultation and noted that Fremington Quay is not still in use, it was noted that the consultation on refers to (motorised) vessels and leisure use for Gigg boats and canoes etc will still be available. It was resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to note the consultation.
- 2512/11 **People and Place Projects**
 The Parish Council had been asked by NDC to complete the surveys relating to facilities within the parish it was noted that the Environment and Community Committee had considered the consultation and agreed for the Administration and Projects Manager to review and complete the surveys, members requested that once complete the surveys are circulated to members for comments.
- 2512/12 **Councillors Questions**
 Cllr Biederman informed members that the Christmas Light Switch on event would take place on Friday at the Village Green and Beat the Fox would take place on Boxing Day.
- Cllr McCormack-Hole asked if the Tesco's in Bickington had been built to the correct layout and raised highway concerns, Cllr Walker confirmed that it is as per the planning permission and highways had no objections.
- Cllr Kelly asked how he would join Committees it was agreed for details to be emailed to Cllr Kelly and Cllr Kelly was encouraged to attend Committee meetings to observe.
- Cllr Tamlin had been approached about the possibility of installing a litter bin at the end of Beechfield Road by the display boat due to litter. It was noted that litter bins are the responsibility of NDC, however the Parish Council's Maintenance and Amenities Operative would be asked to monitor the volume of litter in this location.
- Cllr Dixon explained that he had been on NDC's system to try and renew his green waste permit, however, the new system did not work and so he phoned NDC and it was renewed promptly over the phone. Cllr Walker confirmed she would feed this back to NDC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12pm.

Signed Dated

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