

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), J Bridgeman, D Harris, C McCormack-Hole, S Haywood, B Sherborne, E Smlatic, N Tamlin and H Walker

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2602/01

Apologies

Cllrs F Biederman and J Cann.

2602/02

Declarations of Interest

None.

2602/03

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman provided details for the funerals of Neil Denton and Chris Turner.

The Chairman informed members that the Police had confirmed patrols had been carried out at Fremington Quay and speed detection has been tested and they will look to carry out a day a month covering two locations, Beechfield Road has been raised but other locations can be requested. A parking issue had been raised by a Cllr but they have not yet contacted PC Lloyd to pursue, and the Police are looking to hold a "coffee with cops" morning and are looking for suitable locations. Members agreed the Beechfield Centre should be offered to support this initiative.

2602/04

Public Participation Period

None.

2602/05

Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 as a correct record.

2602/06

Committees

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

- Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting held on 27th January 2026.

2602/07

County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Walker/Cann - Bickington Ward

Cllr Walker reported that since NDC had announced the end of the trade

waste a petition had been received, an extraordinary meeting was arranged to discuss the petition and it was agreed to reinstate the trade waste collection only, there will still be no trade recycling collection, but this will be at a significant cost increase. NDC has approved the budget and with careful management has been able to set a balanced budget, however, the Government settlement means that there will be around a 10% cut to core spending over the next three years.

2602/08 **Devon’s Library Consultation**

Members considered the Devon’s Library Consultation which proposes to introduce a standardised approach to opening hours. Libraries will be grouped into eight geographical areas, and each band will have the same opening hours. This will see a reduction in opening hours (the availability of a Librarian on site).

Members felt that it was positive that the libraries are being kept open the same hours and as hubs but were saddened that the “Library” service is being diminished and that it is sad to see that the profession is being devalued.

2602/09 **Strategic Plan**

It was noted that the discussion(s) from the Committee meetings had not yet been fed back and agreed to defer this item.

2602/10 **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Harris reported the amount of speeding in Beechfield Road it was noted this was one of the locations the Police would be carrying out speed detection as announced earlier in the meeting.

Cllr Walker asked if the parking situation could be monitored around schools especially Sticklepath and Roundswell where “car abandonment and obstructions” are increasing and appear to be worse in the afternoons.

Cllr Sherborne had asked about double yellow lines around Woodville and the school but had been informed there is not a budget.

Cllr McCormack-Hole asked about the possibility of a ramp being installed for Bickington car park to help aid access.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.16pm.

Signed

Dated