

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at 11am in the Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs D Dixon, J Cann, N Tamlin, S Haywood & S Kingdom

Mrs J Wood, Administration & Projects Manager

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Dixon as Chairman for the meeting.

2511/27 **Apologies**
Cllr J Bridgeman (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr H Walker (Chairman).

2511/28 **Declarations of Interests**
None.

2511/29 **Public Participation**
None.

2511/30 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th October 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2511/31 **Climate Emergency – Update**
Cllr Dixon provided an update:
Overall, scientific consensus reinforces the urgency of rapid and deep emissions cuts to avoid irreversible damage, while political action continues to face significant challenges and divisions. This was exemplified at the conclusion of the recent COP 30 meeting when it failed to produce a clear plan to phase out the use of fossil fuels.

It seems inevitable that the effects of climate change will continue to worsen, and the best course of action at a local level is to prepare to mitigate those effects. Individual households should be aware of local emergency plans on an annual basis to ensure that they are still relevant and adequate for dealing with local climate change disasters.

The lack of leadership at an international level on this issue is very disappointing and with the pace of climate change apparently accelerating, local action seems to be the only realistic course remaining.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note Cllr Dixon's report and the information therein.

2511/32 **Emergency Plan**
The Administration & Projects Manager had been working on the Emergency Plan prior to this she has had a meeting with some of the Committee to discuss what should be included on the plan. Cllr Tamlin had kindly provided a draft of his own. The Administration & Projects



Manager used Cllr Tamlin's draft, amended accordingly and provided a copy to the Committee for discussion. The Administration & Projects Manager advised that she had contacted those listed as 'shelters' to seek their permission and to ask for their contact details so that they could be added to a contacts list in case of an emergency. Some had responded. A discussion of helping to evacuate and contact vulnerable people was had and although there were a few numbers that could be called, such as the local nursing homes and their management office, anyone involved with implementing the Emergency Plan would have to rely on local people in knowing their vulnerable neighbours, family or friends. It would be impossible to know everyone's details.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to the plan and for the Administration & Projects Manger to implement any changes that were discussed. It was also agreed that the plan would be reviewed every 6 months at the Environment & Community Committee and yearly at Full Council. Cllr Cann agreed to raise the plan at the Full Council meeting to be held on the 1st December and to ask for volunteers to be added to the telephone tree list in case of an emergency.

2511/33

Town and Parish Settlement Surveys.

The Administration & Projects Manager advised the Committee that North Devon & Torridge Council were undertaking settlement surveys and asked that the Parish Council look at the information that they have on record and amend accordingly. Members discussed the surveys, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to contrary, for the Administration & Projects Manager to look at the surveys and provide the updates as necessary.

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
2511/34

Beechfield Changing Rooms

The Administration & Projects Manager advised the Committee that the Football Club is continuing to keep the changing rooms clean and tidy. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to note the Administration & Project Manager's update

Meeting ended at 11.25am

Signed... *Rebecca Walker* ... Dated... *26/2/2025* ...