

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 10am in The Parish Council Offices, The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs, S Haywood (Chairman), J Bridgeman, S Kingdom and H Walker  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2603/12 **Apologies**  
Cllr F Biederman.

2603/13 **Declarations of Interest**  
None.

2603/14 **Public Participation**  
None.

2603/15 **Minutes**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, that the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January & 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved.

2603/16 **Staff Salaries**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the staff salaries, expenses, PAYE/NI and pension payments for the months of February & March 2026.

2603/17 **Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts for the period from the 24<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the payments totalling £65,230.14 and receipts totalling £44,560.51 copies of which are attached as Appendix One.

2603/18 **Budget Monitoring**  
The Budget Monitoring for quarter three 2025/2026 was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

2603/19 **Local Government Reorganisation**  
Members discussed the Parish Council's response to the Consultation on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to submit the following response:

Although the Parish Council believes this is a complete waste of time and money and is taking democracy further away from people it is keen to ensure and feels it is vital that the end model is economically viable so that no area is left economically behind. The Parish Council strongly believes that the only way to achieve this is to include Exeter within the model and it notes that Exeter is not a special case and does not meet

any of the criteria to become a special case. The Parish Council believes that the best outcome would be the 451+ model and would stress the importance of area committees and strong local representation to ensure local democracy is strengthened. It needs to be a cost-effective service at a local level, town and parish councils should be able to participate meaningfully in the new model of local government and not overlooked as they have been throughout the current process and proposals.

The meeting closed at 10.20am

Signed.......... Dated.....28.4.26.....