Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 8th June 2026 at 7pm at the Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, D Dixon, D Harris, S Haywood, O Kelly, C McCormack-Hole, B Sherborne, E Smlatic

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2606/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs J Bridgeman, S Adams, J Cann and N Tamlin.

2606/02 **Declarations of Interest**
None.

2606/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman informed members that due to the replacement of the mains gas work pipes in Bickington and the closure of the main road she had suggested that the Committee meetings in June and July be cancelled unless there is any necessary business to conduct and this would be carried out in conjunction with Committee Chairman.

2606/04 **Public Participation Period**
None.

2606/05 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 as a correct record.

2606/06 **Committees**
To receive, and adopt the minutes, and note the decisions therein, of the following Committee meetings:

- Finance and Personnel Committee held on 12th May 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 12th May 2026.

- Finance and Personnel Committee held on 19th May 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 19th May 2026.

- Planning Committee held on 21st May 2026
  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 21st May 2026.

- Environment and Community held on 21st May 2026
  It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the minutes and note the decisions therein of the minutes of the Environment and Community Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2026.

2606/07 **County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Biederman – Fremington Ward

Cllr Biderman informed members that a Cllr from South Hams has produced a book on the Road Warden Scheme which he will pass to the Clerk and perhaps the Community Group and the Environment and Community Group could investigate further.

Cllr Biederman explained that he had spent a lot of time dealing with the up coming gas works in Bickington which are due to start on Monday 15th June at 10am as there is one further GCSE exam and therefore, they have agreed to commence after rush hour. Wales and West have made provisions for carer workers and have also held a multi-agency meeting. It has been confirmed that the bus gate will not be open for the duration of the works and this has been a request from the Emergency Services as it might be their only route through in an emergency. The opening of the Bus Lane is still being considered. Cllr Biederman has asked DCC to investigate the option of an informal one-way-system around Old School Lane, however, they are reluctant for various reasons. Cllr Biederman, along with other NDC Cllrs, have organised a volunteer help group for residents that need assistance during the period of the road closure and gas works and have requested that people avoid travelling in peak hours if it is at all possible.

2606/08 **Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the Annual Governance Statement detailed in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26.

2606/09 **Accounting Statements 2025/2026**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to agree the Accounting Statements contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/2026 along with the Internal Auditor's Report 2025/2026.

2606/10 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/2026**

It was resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the Annual Governance Accountability Return for 2025/2026.

2606/11 **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Biederman asked if the timetable for the shuttle bus could be displayed on the bus shelters within the closure. Cllr Biederman also asked if the Maintenance and Amenities Operative could cut back the overgrown bushes on a footpath link between the industrial estate and Old Bideford Road in Roundswell.

Cllr Smlatic asked if the Maintenance and Amenities Operative could cut back the overgrown bushes along the walkway by Sticklepath School to Oakland Park.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.18pm.

Signed ..... Dated ..... 7 Sept 2026