

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2026 at 11am in the Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs H Walker (Chairman), D Dixon, J Cann, N Tamlin, E Smlatic & S Kingdom

Mrs J Wood, Administration & Projects Manager

2609/38 **Apologies**
Cllr S Haywood.

2609/39 **Declarations of Interests**
None.

2609/40 **Public Participation**
None.

2609/41 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 30th April 2026, be approved and signed as a correct record.

2609/42 **Climate Emergency**
Cllr Dixon stated that it was felt that a climate emergency has been accepted by everyone, but it is occurring quicker than expected. He felt that the Parish Council should continue with its efforts to reduce emissions.

Cllr Walker reported that a building in York Minster had installed lightweight, flexible Solar PV modules that were wrapped around building. She felt that now could be a good time to look into flexible solar panels for several of the councils buildings that may not have the correct roof structure for standard panels. Cllr Dixon said he would be happy to investigate this.

Cllr Dixon asked that the Emergency Plan be reviewed at the next Environment & Community Meeting.

Cllr Cann updated on the recycling of soft plastics trial. The UK government has delayed the mandatory kerbside collection of soft plastics from households under the [Simpler Recycling](#) policy to April 1, 2030. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs stated the delay is necessary because domestic sorting and processing infrastructure is not yet ready to handle the volume.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Administration & Projects Manager to add a review of the Emergency Plan on the next Agenda and for Cllr Dixon to investigate the flexible solar panels.

2609/43

Litchardon Cross Solar Park Community Fund

The Administration & Projects Manager gave a quick overview of the funding. The Fund is open to any community project which is for the benefit of residents within the Benefit Area.

Grants will be available for both capital and revenue projects. Revenue projects can be delivered over a 2-year period.

- Community buildings and facilities
- Energy conservation and renewable energy
- Community activities and services
- Environmental and public open space projects
- Sports, recreation and play
- Educational grants

Members discussed a few projects which included:

Tomlin Hall
Wildlife Pond
Forest School
Scouts Hut

Cllr Walker asked if the funding could be used towards costs, such as fees, for any potential projects.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Administration & Projects Manager to investigate funding for these projects and reach out to the schools and community groups to make them aware of this funding, whilst also looking into funding towards costs.

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Budgets

The draft budgets for 2027-2028 were circulated prior to the meeting. Members were informed that the draft budgets reflected any expected running costs

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the budgets for 2027-2028.

Meeting ended at 11.32am.

Signed..... Dated.....