

Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 10am in The Parish Council Offices, The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington

Present: Cllrs S Haywood (Chairman), J Bridgeman, N Tamlin and H Walker

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
1 Member of the public

2609/21 **Apologies**

Cllr F Biederman and S Kingdom.

2609/22 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

2609/23 **Public Participation**

None.

2609/24 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, that the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on the 21st July 2026 be approved.

2609/25 **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 August & September 2026.

2609/26 **Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts for the period from the 18th July 2026 to 18th September 2026**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the payments totalling £58,029.76 and receipts totalling £3,895.14 copies of which are attached as Appendix One.

2609/27 **Parish Council Insurance**

Members were informed that the Parish Council's insurance was due for renewal on the 1st October 2026 a recommendation from the Council's broker had been circulated prior to the meeting along with the quotation and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to renew the Parish Council's insurance with Hiscox through Gallagher.

2609/28 **Budgets**

The Committee considered priorities for the 2027-2028 budgets as part of the discussion it was agreed to prepare the draft budgets on support for the Tomlin Hall Refurbishment project, funding towards the Street Marshalls in Barnstaple as long as the project is still working to the benefit of the town, it was noted that crime rates had reduced, and to keep the precept increase as low as possible and in line with inflation at around 3%.

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2609/29 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

2609/30 **Local Government Pension Scheme**

a) To confirm appointment of the Parish Council's nominated Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure (IDRP) Stage 1 Appeal's Officer as required by the Parish Council's pension provider.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Bridgeman as the Parish Council's nominated IDRP Stage 1 Appeal's Officer.

b) To confirm posts eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme as required by the scheme administrators.

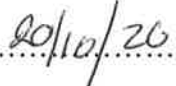
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to update the records held by the Pension Administrators to confirm that the Parish Council allows all employees to join the scheme which currently consists of the following roles:

- Executive Officer
- Administration and Projects Manager
- Maintenance and Amenities Operative
- Administration Officer
- Administration Assistant.

2609/31 **National Pay Award 2026**

Members were informed that the National Pay Award for 2026 had been agreed and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

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