

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Footpaths Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 11.00pm at the
Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present: Councillors F Biederman, Ms M Scott and T Wood
Ms R Davies (Devon County Council Rights of Way) and Mr J Baker (Public Rights of Way Warden, Devon County Council)
Mrs M Cooper, Mr D Jury, Mr P Mullen, Mr B Slade, Mrs C Smy, Ms C Chick and Mr P Smith
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer
- 1412/01 **Appointment of Chairman for ensuing year**
It was **resolved** that Cllr Wood would be Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1412/02 **Appointment of Vice Chairman for ensuing year**
It was **resolved** that Cllr Biederman would be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 1412/03 **Appointment of P3 Co-ordinator for ensuing year**
Cllr Wood and the Services Officer agreed to share the role of P3 Co-ordinator for the ensuing year.
- 1412/04 **Chairman's Announcements**
There were no Chairman's announcements.
- 1412/05 **Apologies for Absence**
No apologies were received.
- 1412/06 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 1412/07 **To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.
- 1412/08 **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2013 as a correct record**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2013. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.
- 1412/09 **To receive an update on the P3 Scheme from Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council**
Ms Davies gave a brief outline of the P3 scheme and budgets, and reported that the P3 Workshops held throughout Devon had been very successful. She thanked all concerned for the work undertaken under the P3 scheme.

Cllr Ms Scott left the meeting at 11.25am; the meeting become inquorate and informal discussions then took place.
- 1412/10 **Financial Report – Grant 2014/15**
The Services Officer reported that a grant of £390.00 had been received from Devon County Council for the maintenance and upkeep of the footpaths/bridleways in the parish for the year. It was noted that the current balance is £171.62 and that this money will be used for general maintenance of the footpaths/bridleways throughout the winter months.

- 1412/11 **Update on Footpath/Bridleway Surveying 2014/15**
 The Services Officer advised that Mrs L Steer had already carried out some of the footpath/bridleways surveys this year on a voluntary basis and all had passed. It was agreed that Mrs Steer be asked to carry out the remaining surveys in Bickington, Woodville and Roundswell and claim car mileage. It was also agreed that surveying will take place during working hours by arrangement with the Parish Clerk and subject to Parish Council work commitments.
- 1412/12 **Footpath Surveying 2015/16**
 It was agreed that, subject to her agreement, Mrs L Steer be asked to carry out the footpath/bridleway surveys on the same basis as 2014/15 surveys (as detailed in minute 1412/11).
- 1412/13 **Vegetation clearance – works completed and required**
 The Services Officer advised that vegetation clearance has been carried out on Footpaths 14, 30, 31, 33, 39, 101 and the Permissive Footpath at Chilpark so far this year, mostly by local contractors.
- Discussion then took place regarding the footpath adjacent to the old army camp site. Mr Smith asked if the Parish Council and the Footpaths Committee were keeping an eye on the work carried out so far in relation to the development and footpath. Cllr Biederman reassured him that it was.
- Mr John Baker arrived at the meeting at 11.35am.
- The question was raised as to whether the low level lighting was required at all and Mr Smith was concerned as to who would be responsible for the lighting, general maintenance of the footpath and the public safety issue on the last section leading down from the development to the Tarka Trail. It was agreed that the Parish Council will arrange a site meeting to include the North Devon Council Planning Officer, Mr Baker DCC Public Rights of Way Warden, representatives from DCC Highways and the developers on the best way to deal with the footpath.
- 1412/14 **To discuss ongoing issues with Mr John Baker, Public Rights of Way Warden**
 Mrs Cooper raised the question of the planning application for the development at Allenstyle and the affect this will have on Footpath 102. Mr Baker advised that DCC had objected as insufficient information was available regarding the footpath location.
- As raised at the meeting last year, Mr Baker advised that he will follow up the provision of horse friendly barriers at the northern end of Bridleway 25 from the Tarka Trail to the foreshore to prevent vehicles accessing the foreshore at Fremington Quay.
- The Services Officer confirmed that contact had been made by her and the Parish Clerk with the landowner regarding the use of the track from Allenstyle to the Tarka Trail as a permissive footpath; the landowner advised that he is not prepared to open the track for this purpose.
- Mr Mullen asked if contact could be made with the landowner regarding linking Footpath 20 to the track at the rear of the Children’s Hospice.
- 1412/15 **Close**
 The meeting closed at 12.15pm.