

Notes from the Fremington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 9am in the Parish Council Offices

Present: Cllr Alan Rennles (Chairman), Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Mrs Sue Kingdom, Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Frank Biederman, Fremington Parish Council
Cllr David Chalmers, Fremington Parish Council
Mr David Jury
Mr Martin Parkes, Project Manager
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Fremington Parish Council
Mr James Anstee, Devon County Council

1. Apologies

Mr John Gulliver, North Devon Public Transport Users
Mrs Lorna Kimberly, Fremington Primary School

It was noted that Mr Martin Parkes was delayed due to traffic and therefore agreed to move Communication forward.

2. To receive resignation from Cllr Kelvin Groves

The resignation was received.

3. Communication

Mr James Anstee from DCC gave a presentation to the group on the proposed Bickington Link. He explained that it would act as a relief valve for people wishing to access Roundswell and there would be a new junction on the A39. It would also provide a better link to the allocated school site in Tews Lane it was noted that at this stage there is insufficient funding to deliver the link but Mr Anstee requested that the group consider supporting such a link in the Neighbourhood Plan. The group was keen to ensure that the start of the link did not encroach onto the green wedge which must be protected and it should begin as close to Elmfield as possible.

4. Youth Consultation

Those present discussed the location of the proposed consultation event later in the evening and felt a layby along a busy main road was not the most suitable place to meet young people within the parish. It was noted that Aggie had made contact with the schools and was visiting the Football Club, Funderzone and the college she will also be on the Park school bus to ascertain views.

5. Facilities Audit

Those present considered the facilities within the parish and made a list which included:

Community Facilities:
Fremington Parish Hall & Annex
Beechfield Centre, Fremington
Church Hall, Fremington
Methodist Church, Fremington
Heritage Centre Fremington Quay

Tomlin Hall, Bickington
New Community Buildings at Army Camp (not yet ready)
The Factory at Brannams in Roundswell – not in parish but apparently well used
Byeways Bowling Club
Tews Lane sports facility
Scout Hut Ellerslie
United Reformed Church Bickington
Pre School at Fremington & Woodville and in fact primary schools
Children's centre at Woodville
Medical Centre
Cedars
The Fox
The New Inn
The Old Barn
The Plough
Marland School
Roundswell Community Centre – again on the edge of the parish but used by the parish
Schools Company Roundswell

Martin entered the meeting at 9.55am and explained the facilities audit more in depth. He also talked about the importance of communication and to make sure you keep talking about the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that Martin would draft a piece for inclusion in the Parish Council's newsletter and would send an article to the contact magazine.

6. Catalyst Contract
The contract was agreed.