

Notes from the Fremington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Thursday 27th April 2017 at 9am in the Parish Council Offices

Present: Cllr Alan Rennles (Chairman), Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Frank Biederman, Fremington Parish Council
Cllr David Chalmers, Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Mrs Sue Kingdom, Fremington Parish Council
Mr John Gulliver, North Devon Public Transport Users
Mrs Lorna Kimberly, Fremington Primary School
Mrs McCormack-Hole, Devon CCG Representative
Mr David Jury
Ms Dawn Eckhart, Devon Communities Together
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Fremington Parish Council

1. Apologies

None.

2. Update on young people's survey

A report detailing the responses to the survey was circulated to the group ahead of the meeting. Members were concerned that the responses received were mainly from the Fremington area and not the wider parish. It was noted that Devon Communities Together relied heavily on local intelligence and had used the information the group had given as suitable locations to interact with young people. It was noted that a vast majority of the parishes young people had been given the opportunity to respond and were aware of the survey, the response rate was high. The group thanked Devon Communities together for its efforts in obtaining the responses and interacting with the young people of the parish. It was agreed that, if at a later date there were still gaps in the respondents and it was not felt to be representative of all of the areas of the parish, the group could look, subject to funding, to undertake further information gathering events with young people.

The group discussed the link between mental health and open space and the idea that a green open space is not just about a playing field but also about being able to see a green open space. It was agreed to investigate this link further and how it can be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. To discuss Householders' and in particular the themes of Housing Development; Pressure on Infrastructure; Traffic and Transportation; Protection of Green Space, Employment and Training; Community Facilities and Services

The group was reminded that it had agreed to hand deliver the surveys to every household in the parish. It was noted that a General Election had been called and the group agreed to postpone the delivery of the survey until September in light of the election. It was agreed to continue with events and the design of the survey. Dawn explained the importance of advertising and pushing completion of the survey, Dawn stated that there would be several opportunities for people to complete the survey at events, online or via the copy delivered to them.

The group discussed the design of the survey and it was agreed to use an A3 folded size and to make the most of the space available, four people from each household would be able to respond on one survey form, further sheets of paper could be appended and the online survey could also be completed.

Members considered the structure of the questions and it was agreed to keep the questions general due to the nature and different areas within the parish. The questions should relate to the five themes above and it was felt that a general question relating to the retention of green open space would be a vital. It was further agreed for sample questions to be circulated to the group, via a hard copy, which the group could then arrange to submit comments and or amendments.

It was noted that Sticklepath School had not yet engaged in the process and Instow School had, had little opportunity to engage, it was therefore agreed to try and reach the schools and encourage involvement.

Mr John Gulliver left the meeting.

4. Any other Items raised

Dawn informed members that only two responses to the community facilities audit had been received and asked for contact details in order to chase those with facilities, it was noted that Dawn was waiting for these responses before she can design the questions on the householder survey for this section.