

Notes from the Fremington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Thursday 29th June 2017 at 9am in the Parish Council Offices

Present: Cllr Alan Rennles (Chairman), Fremington Parish Council
Cllr Mrs Sue Kingdom, Fremington Parish Council
Mr John Gulliver, North Devon Public Transport Users
Mrs Lorna Kimberly, Fremington Primary School
Mr Martin Parkes, Devon Communities Together
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Fremington Parish Council

1. Apologies

Cllr Frank Biederman, Fremington Parish Council
Cllr David Chalmers, Fremington Parish Council
Mr David Jury

2. Update on the Community Facilities Audit

Martin informed members that not many of the questionnaires had been returned and Dawn had been chasing responses. The replies that had been received showed that the community facilities were busy and close to, or at capacity with no plans to expand.

3. To discuss Householders'

Members were concerned that once the householder survey is delivered some residents may not understand that they live within the parish any may identify as living within a different area. It was agreed for the Parish Council to produce an A4 sheet with a map of the parish to go inside the survey.

The group considered the layout. It was agreed that there would not be enough space for photographs on the survey and if photographs were included they would need to be in black and white which would not add any value.

The group considered the draft questions and agreed the following amendments:

Transport

The group felt it would be important to ask the question if people use the bus service what do they use it for?

The group queried whether or not the rating for the quality of the bus station in Barnstaple should remain on the survey.

Community Facilities

Reword the question

From

“Do you currently travel outside Fremington to play your preferred sport”

To

“Do you currently travel outside of Fremington Parish to play your preferred sport or attend a leisure activity?”

The group felt it was important that Fremington is proceeded by Parish on all of the questions so people are clear it is the parish as a whole and not just the village of Fremington.

Employment

It was agreed to remove the question “should current employment sites be protected from change of use?”

The group queried whether the question “if, in employment, do you currently work from home?” Was needed and felt it could be covered in the “are you currently” question with an answer of “work within the parish/from home” being an option.

It was agreed that once the completed surveys had been returned the group could identify areas and gaps that require further investigation.

4. Any other Items raised

Alan congratulated Lorna on the schools recent Ofsted report and informed the group that he had attended the school fete and found it was difficult to get people to look forward. Martin informed Alan that he would need a written record of Alan’s attendance at the school fete.