Minutes Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2017 in the Village Hall at 7 pm

12 Residents attended

- 1. Welcome Apologies Lucy Young, Kim Bilner, Cllr Patrick
- 2. Minutes of the previous year were signed as a true record
- 3. Matters arising None
- 4. Chairman's report from Elizabeth Aldous

The Parish Council met 7 times. We normally meet every third Wednesday every other month and produce Freston News on the other month.

We dealt with 4 planning applications. I intend writing to our MP after the election pointing out that in BDC Parish Councils appear to be disregarded about comments that we raise. Parish Councils cannot appeal and are not allowed to go to the local Ombudsman. What goes to the planning committee is now decided by the head planning officer. If we disagree with a decision we can only request a judicial review. The developer can appeal. It does concern me about retrospective planning applications that go through under delegated powers without even going to the planning committee.

You can find copies of the minutes and Agenda on our website. We are required to put the minutes on the website after a month hence why the draft minutes are put on our website.

I would like to thank all the parish council and the village hall committee for all that they do for the village. Especially to our Treasurer John Dovey and our internal auditor Andrew Whittle As some of you will have seen we now have a website. You can find the agenda and minutes of all the Freston Parish Councils meetings plus copies of Freston News.

5. **Treasure's report by John Dovey** on file (the accounts can be found on the Freston Parish Council website)

6. Reports from:

• Village Hall Representative-Clare Fisk

The report from the Chairman of Village Hall, Suzanne Simpson, was read out .This Report can be found on the Freston Village Website on the Village Hall page.

• Cllr David Wood (Suffolk County Council- On File

7 AOB None