

Frithelstock Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd Sept 2008 (Ref: 2008/SEP)
8:00pm Frithelstock Village Hall

Present: Mackie Poole, Roger Hunkin, Michael Baker, Josie Pomeroy, Chris Ward, Di Beer (Clerk)
In Attendance: Hugo Barton, John Vickery (late arrival)

1. Welcome – the chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. Apologies – received from Andrew Heard, Heath Pettifer, PCSO Melissa baker, Phil Pennington
3. Crime Report – summarised by Di in Melissa's absence – reminded all to be vigilant of fuel thefts. No crimes were reported, but 2 public safety, 1 anti-social behaviour & 1 transport related logs had been made.
4. Public Participation – no comments received.
5. Minutes of Meetings, Tuesday 1st July 2008 were unanimously approved and signed as true
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes
(20:10hrs - John Vickery arrived)
 - 6.1. Recycling Pavilion – has not yet been moved, and is being used again by the public. John Vickery agreed to arrange to move it to the playing field ASAP with the assistance of Mackie & Roger.
 - 6.2. Clinton Arms Development – the objection had been raised 24/01/08, and the eventual response dated 20/08/08. Comment was made that there is concern that the development / planning is not legal. Hugo advised that if the Parish councillors are dissatisfied, the matter should be pursued, and recommended that Ray Webster, the head of planning, should be written to. He also suggested that 'Planning Aid' be contacted first, and another meeting held to compose the letter to Mr Webster.
 - 6.3. Tomb Stoning – further to Mr Ham's concern about liability for people tomb-stoning on the Tarka Trail. Hugo had contacted the County Solicitor, who in turn had written a letter stating that it would be highly unlikely that anyone would be able to make any claim.
 - 6.4. BT Kiosk – A copy of Maria Bailey's (TDC) response to BT had been received, but yet to hear the outcome from BT. A summary of a letter from 'Maitland Walker' (offering to continue to provide a telephone service) was read out. It was decided that any attempt to remove the kiosk would be resisted, but there was no action to take at present
 - 6.5. HSBC – Di had contacted HSBC to open the Business Manager Account, and had requested that £2,500 be transferred into the account initially
 - 6.6. Parish Council & VAT – before paying the bill for the new fitness equipment that had been installed in the playing field, Di had contacted DAPC to ask for guidance on the re-claiming of VAT. Lesley Smith of DAPC had advised that the parish council would have to place the order, receive the goods, retain the ownership of the goods, have an invoice addressed to the Parish Council, and pay the invoice from public funds. The invoice was therefore not paid, & the cheque from FPPF to FPC was returned to them.
 - 6.7. Planning – Holly Tree (1/0639/2008/FUL) has been approved, Clinton Arms fire escape (1/0756/2008/FUL) – no objections.
 - 6.8. Land Registry – Mackie had managed to locate the deeds of the village green (in the church safe) – they were handed to the Clerk and filed with other village green documents. Anne Widdecombe from the Land Registry is to contact in the near future to arrange a meeting. It was suggested that residents whose land is adjacent to the village green be invited to this meeting, although this was not considered necessary by all councillors.
7. Correspondence
 - 7.1. Traffic Calming through Frithelstock when A386 is closed – A letter from the residents of Frithelstock had been received highlighting the problem of speeding traffic through the village. The clerk had emailed a complaint, on behalf of FPC, to North Area Highways Management requesting that a speed limit be imposed in the village. Local resident, Ruth Ward, had also complained to them. The responses to both Ruth & FPC were negative,

saying that the village wouldn't meet the required criteria as laid down by DCC. The Clerk had also received an email from Mark Goldman regarding a minor accident outside his property during the road closure, and suggested that a 'temporary' speed restriction could be considered. Hugo agreed to pursue the possibility of temporary restrictions.

7.2. DAPC – The Clerk read out some training opportunities – no comments made

7.3. TDC

7.3.1. A summary of a letter about the Transfer of Local Authority Property was read out

7.3.2. Register of electors – 2 additions, Geoffrey & Myra Bowman

7.3.3. Olympic Flag Handover Bell-ringing – the Parish had been invited to take part in bell-ringing on 24th Aug '08 to mark the closing of the 2008 Olympic Games in China. On this occasion it was declined. Hugo commented that DCC had pledged £100,000 to team Devon, and £100,000 to aspiring junior athletes for the 2012 olympics.

7.4. DCC – Boundary Committee / NDCouncil Local G'ment Review – A Draft Proposal for Unitary Local Government Arrangements had been delivered to each councillor. Councillors were asked to respond individually

7.5. CCD – Parish Plan – Hugo advised that there is funding available to help cover the cost of creating a Parish Plan. Roger commented that the last survey of the village was carried out some years ago by Derek Raymont, and that he could, perhaps, be approached to ask if he would be interested in compiling a questionnaire. Littleham and Landcross have a comprehensive plan which could prove useful as a guide to what sort of plan can be achieved. Clerk to obtain copy of plan.

7.6. Senior Council for Devon – a consultation on Dementia is to be held at the Cedars Hotel 05/09/08 11:00 – 15:00

7.7. Mole Valley Farmers – Best Kept Village – Frithelstock/stone have come runners up in the small village competition with 90/100. The Clerk read out the judges' report, which was very positive with only a couple of minor negative comments. The CPRE & MVF have requested that a presentation be made at an event in the near future.

7.8. North Devon Biosphere Reserve – information was made available to look at

7.9. Copy Zone – The old minute books have been copied and returned to the Clerk, along with 2 copies of the CDs containing the minutes in PDF form

7.10. Thanks

7.10.1. received from Frithelstock Church for the annual grant of £250.00

7.10.2. sent to Mr & Mrs Barrett-Chapman for painting the pump / bollards in Church Lane

7.11. Rural Community Council for Devon – various future events – no comments made.

8. Finance – a set of accounts for year so far were distributed (See attached)

8.1. Payments made:

8.1.1. Cheque 100139 Frithelstock Playing Field £250.00

8.1.2. Cheque 100140 Frithelstock Church £250.00

8.1.3. Cheque 100141 Frithelstock Cemetery £250.00

8.2. Payments to be made:

8.2.1. Mr R Joseph £123.38 (replacement cheque for lost cheque 100131)

8.2.2. Copy Zone £234.12 (Copying of archive minutes onto CDs)

Proposed by Roger Hunkin, seconded by Chris Ward - approved

9. Planning (see item 6.7)

10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th November 2008 – 7:30pm

Meeting closed – 21:30

Signed as True:
(Chairman)

Date: