

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 3rd November 2009 – 7.30pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2009/NOV)

Present:

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| * | Mr. M Poole (Chairman) | | Mr. H Pettifer |
| * | Mr. R Hunkin (Vice-Chairman) | | Mrs. J Pomeroy |
| * | Mr. M Baker | * | Mr. C Ward |
| * | Mr. A Heard | * | Mrs. A Snell(Clerk) |

(* denotes present at meeting)

In attendance: Cllr S Robinson, Mr J Vickery, Mr R Joseph

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from Mrs J Pomeroy, Mr P Pennington, and PCSO Baker.
3. Crime report, a report was relayed to the meeting that in the past 60 days there has been 0 crimes and six phone calls logged to the Police Station.
4. Public Participation
Councillor Sam Robinson reported regarding care homes the Shaw Trust was raised at a meeting approximately a year ago. It is now reported that the cost of a county run care home bed is in the region of £900 per week and in the private sector in the region of between £400-£450. The present administration is to reduce around a 100 jobs in the administration and management sector so the money can be used to yield an extra 30 beds, this is felt to be positive management funding. Mr J Vickery reported on the Playing Field committee who had set up a constitution aiming to achieve Charity status this has not been achieved. So the constitution is to be amended to reflect this and the size of the committee reduced and the number of meetings to be agreed upon. The play equipment is to have a shield type windscreen incorporated to make it less drafty giving greater protection to those sat inside.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 1st September 2009 - these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes
 - 6.1. Pavement petition to village hall (2009/MAR 6.4) – over 200 signatures are on the petition which is large for the size of the Parish, the petition has been forwarded to the highways department and an initial reply has been received from Mr Joe Deasy Head of Highways who reported that a feasibility study could be carried out and if funding was required this project would be added to the queue, but as the hall is not central he would not recommend using the budget. Cllr Robinson reported on safety grounds he would endeavour to locate a budget to see if it could be used for the feasibility study he would also highlight this problem with other local officers and send the issue to the executive. The feed back from the villagers was that they would prefer to walk if it was safe. This issue is still in progress.
 - 6.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) No report was given regarding this item but it is still in progress.
 - 6.3. The blinds for the Hall and Committee room are now in place with a grateful thank you to Councillor Sam Robinson for funding these for which the parishioners are very grateful.
 - 6.4. Parish Lengthmans Service (2009 May 6.7) the road from the Village Hall to Huskhill has been cleared but reports have not been favourable so Mr Hunkin agreed to inspect and report to highways on a yellow report card. The query has been raised again regarding the blue sticks in the hedge near the village hall Cllr Robinson has queried previously and is awaiting a reply. The next Lengthmans visit is scheduled for the 15th March. Cllr Robinson also reported that the Lengthmans system of work changed 3 years ago making it more central and bureaucratic every pot hole requires its own documentation, so there is pressure for the system to revert back to a 2 man outfit with better equipment instead of the lesser equipped single man.
7. Correspondence
 - 7.1 A letter has been received regarding the issue of speeding through Frithestock reporting that monitoring has been carried out with no incidence of the speed limit being exceeded (60mph) and due to the short house frontage the police monitoring team would not recommend a 30mph limit on this stretch of road. Cllr Robinson has raised this issue with Mr B Banting from DCC who stated that the policy was based on national guidelines so a criteria list has been asked for.
 - 7.2 A letter has been received from the Village Hall committee asking for a mirror to be erected at the entrance to make exiting easier and safer, the cost of the mirror is to be obtained and brought to the next meeting.

- 7.3 A report was given from the DAPC AGM stating that the name is to be changed to the Devon Association of Local Councils also reported the affiliation fees are to be raised by 2%.
- 7.4 An Empowering Communities conference is to be held at the Kenn Centre near Exeter on the 25th November.
- 7.5 The Shebbear Ecumenical Youth Project report has been received stating that they have been sponsored over the past 3 years to carry out youth projects and have been successful in setting up the Black Torrington Youth Club and reviving the Shebbear YFC. They are now looking forward and are asking for 2 people who will be paid to promote the work of children and young people this is to be put on the website.
- 7.6. An email has been received from the Highways Superintendent with work that has been carried out.
- 7.7. Green Team Village Clean from TDC has been received it was felt the points raised were already covered.
- 7.8. TDC is offering flood protection to be purchased in the form of aqua sacs which absorb 30 times their own weight.
- 7.9 The Torridge Community Transport Association have written asking for financial assistance for their work reporting that 6 parishioners have used one of the various services on offer 88 times over the past 12 months, it was proposed by Mr A Heard and seconded by Mr C Ward to donate £50, all in favour.
- 7.10 Information regarding the Rural Business Network has been received this has been forwarded to be used on the website.
- 7.11 The Playing Field was distributed.
- 7.12 DCC love food hate waste information was relayed to the meeting.
- 7.13 Bus shelter leaflets have been received; this raised the point as there has been a request for a shelter on the corner in Frithelstock. It is to be investigated who owns the pavement and the garden in the vicinity and report at the next meeting.
- 7.14 Plymouth University Life long learning documents have been received.
- 7.15 Leader 4 Grant information has been received a joint venture between NDDC and TDC in helping small business with grant funding this information is on the website.
- 7.16 A consultation document on the Private Sector Housing Renewal policy was given for appraisal to Mr C Ward.
- 7.17 An Ambulance consultation document has also been received.
- 7.18 The Biosphere Information document has been received.
- 7.19 Hospital Hoppa information cards and a poster were distributed.

8 Finance:

8.1 Balances at 3rd November 2009

8.1.1 Account 1 – £305.97 Account 2 – 1,461.48

8.1.2 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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| 165 | Zurich Insurance | £205.00 |
| 166 | Mr R Joseph (paint) | £19.84 |
| 167 | Torridge Community Transport | £50 |

Acceptance was proposed by Mr M Baker, seconded by Mr C Ward – approved. Mr R Joseph was thanked very much for his dedication in painting the stones around the Green in Frithelstock.

8.1.3 Monkleigh School parents have asked if it would be possible for Frithelstock PC to grant the school some money as it has been highlighted that school children pre head in Devon receive half of that received in inner city schools. It was decided to ask the District Councillor Mr P Pennington if he would be able to grant money to Frithelstock to donate to this cause.

8.1.4 The Percept budget was discussed it was proposed by Mr C Ward and seconded by Mr R Hunkin to precept for £3000, all in agreement.

9 Planning

PC Recommendations TDC

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| 1/0907/2009 | Clinton Arms | A letter to recommend refusal is to be sent to TDC highlighting numerous points of concern i.e. incorrect information on the application i. the site is not within a 30mph zone, ii. It is within 20m of a water way etc, the fact that the proposed dwelling is to be a 2 storey dwelling, the hazard of entrance onto a busy road. The application is to be requested to be called in and a site visit carried out, proposed by Mr C Ward seconded by Mr A Heard all in favour. | |
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10 Items brought forward at the chairman discretion for information only. The chairman highlighted that confirmation is still being awaited on the BT kiosk. It was reported that a resident of the parish has not trimmed his hedges in the past 5 years after being requested to do so with complaints having been received, so the Highway Superintendent is to be contacted as it is known that DCC can serve notice if they are not trimmed for DCC to carry out the work and charge the resident. Legal Documents regarding the Playing Field i.e. Land Registry, Constitution etc are to be held by Mr M Poole.

11 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 5th January – 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed as true
(Chairman)

Date