

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 1st September 2009 – 8.00pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2009/SEPT)

Present:

*	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, Cllr P Pennington, Mr R Joseph

MINUTES

The Chairman Mr. Mackie Poole welcomed Councillor Hugo Barton to the Frithestock Parish Hall, who through his efforts money from the sale of Exeter Airport was granted in conjunction with DCC to use in the refurbishment of the Parish Hall, a plaque commemorating this grant funding was presented to Mrs. Melanie Goldman the Chairperson of the Parish Hall Committee. Cllr Barton was thanked for his hard work regarding this project.

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from Mr M Baker, Mr A Heard, and PCSO Baker.
3. Crime report, a report was relayed to the meeting that in the past 30 days there has been 0 crimes and one phone call logged to the Police Station this was transport related. There has been a spat of burglaries in the Shebbear and Petrockstowe area and thefts from Churches in a wider area .An opportunist criminal struck Skern Lodge hitching up water sports equipment and the trailer and driving of in the direction of Plymouth.
4. Public Participation
Councillor Sam Robinson reported the next meeting with the Highways committee is on the 24th September, with some roads in the area being in a very poor condition, please report any to Cllr Robinson and then these can be highlighted as a priority.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 7th July 2009 - these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes
 - 6.1. Bench Outside Village Hall (2009 May 3.2) The Village Hall Committee are to be responsible for the bench efforts have been made to repair it.
 - 6.2. Parish Plan information (2009 May 5.1) some money is available through DCC with Mr I Hobbs from DCC willing to offer assistance. Commitment would be required from organisations within the Parish to incorporate as many as possible in conjunction with the Parish Council with a steering committee required to be formed. It was felt for the time being not enough interest was received.
 - 6.3. Pavement to village hall (2009/MAR 6.4) – the petition has been forwarded to Highways it has some 200 signatures on it, the pavement issue is to be flagged up by Cllr Robinson at the meeting on the 24th September with Highways
 - 6.4. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) Mr Pettifer is in receipt of the information required and when signed these will be forwarded to the Land Registry.
 - 6.5. Parish Lengthmans Service (2009 May 6.7) the next visit is during this week a satisfaction card has been given to Mr R Hunkin for completion with relevant comments. It is to be requested for a tractor and plough to clear the sides of the road from Uskhill Cottage to the Parish Hall, Drumits Mill hedge is overgrown and is a hotspot for accidents more evidence is needed when an accident occurs in the shape of photographs. A repeat request is to be made to PC Rowlands for a speed survey to be undertaken in Frithestock as there is no speed limit at present.
 - 6.6. The blinds for the Hall committee room were mentioned but not minuted at the last meeting but in correspondence from Cllr Sam Robinson there has been an offer of a grant towards the cost of purchasing so an estimate has been forwarded to Cllr Robinson for consideration.
7. A letter has been received from the North Devon Records Office listing all the Frithestock Parish Council documents that have been transferred to this office; a copy has been given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 The Torridge First magazine was distributed to all in attendance.
- 8.2 A request from TDC has been received to inform them of any empty homes within the Parish, none could be thought of at present.
- 8.3 A leaflet entitled Safer North Devon has been received regarding the informing on the use of drugs, this has been forwarded to be posted on the website.
- 8.4 A Community Buildings course is to be held on the 24th Sept at Beaford Village Hall this information is to be passed onto the Parish Hall committee, a drop in surgery is to be held at Butterleigh Hall on the 8th October.
- 8.5 The DAPC Autumn Training programme has been received.
- 8.6 The Playing Field magazine is to be forwarded to Mr J Vickery
- 8.7 The DCC Environmental Newsletter was distributed.
- 8.8 There is a Cemetery Management Seminar at Bodmin on the 7th September.
- 8.9 A leaflet entitled Able Community Care giving those in need a chance to ask questions on a variety of topics, this leaflet has been forwarded and can be accessed on the website.
- 8.10 An NHS Trust leaflet entitled "Have your Say" has been received if anyone requires further information please contact the clerk. The chairman highlighted the issue regarding Torrington Cottage Hospital over concerns of closure the reason being men and women are supposed to be segregated. The money saved would be used to keep people in their own homes. Support is needed for the hospital to keep it open.
- 8.11 The DAPC AGM is to be held on the 26th September at County Hall, affiliation fees will be discussed with an expected increase of 2%. The DAPC newsletter was distributed.
- 8.12 DCC are running a Car Free day on the 22nd September a £1000 free entry prize will be given to the company or organisation which encourages and supports their staff.
- 8.13 A booklet on The Devon Rural Network has been received.
- 8.14 The MVF Best Kept Village Competition results have been received with a very good result scoring over 90 points the comments will be published in full on the website.

9 Finance:

9.1 Balances at 1st September 2009

9.1.1 Account 1 – £55.97 Account 2 – 1,461.22 (money transferred 04/05/09)

9.1.2 Agree and sign the following cheques:

162	Audit Commission	£138.00
163	Clerks salary	£250.00
164	Office expenses	£11.33

Acceptance was proposed by Mr R Hunkin, seconded by Mr C Ward – approved. It was noted that a parishioner with knowledge of financial procedures could audit the Parish Council accounts if desired this will be an agenda item at a later stage.

9.2 The Audit Commission Annual Return form has been returned complete.

9.3 The bank mandate requires further information which will be duly completed and returned.

10 Planning

PC Recommendations TDC

1/0400/09	Hill View		Passed
1/0666/09	Ridgemoor		Passed

11 Items brought forward at the chairman discretion for information only. The chairman highlighted the attendance at meetings and planning responses from Councillors. Cllr Pennington conveyed that he has a Community grant of £2000 to share between his three parishes, so if an organisation has a request, applications have to be in by March 2010. The BT kiosk that the Parish Council has adopted is to be checked with TDC to ensure they approve.

12 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 3rd November – 7.30pm.**

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

Signed as true
(Chairman)

Date