

Frithestock Parish Council

Minutes of 8th Combined Annual Meeting for Parish Council, Village Hall & Playing Field Tuesday 20th April 2010 - 7:30pm Frithestock Village Hall

Councillors Present: Mr M Poole (Chairman), Mr R Hunkin (vice-chairman), Mr A Heard, Mr H Pettifer, Mr C Ward, Mrs J Pomeroy, Mr M Baker

In Attendance: Mrs A Snell (Clerk), Mr and Mrs L Ball, Cllr Robinson, Mr D Debnam, Mrs M Goldman, Mr R Joseph, J Hearn, C Heckman, Mr M Pearce, Cllr Pennington, Mrs M Poole, Mrs V Ley, Mr E Ley, Mr G Riddell, PC Rowlands (Neighbourhood Beat Manager), Mr M Stokes, Mr J Vickery, Mr T Warrington, S Weeks, S Debnam, Mr M Newcombe DCC Highways

1. Welcome: Mr Poole welcomed all to the meeting
2. Apologies: Received from PCSO Melissa Baker, Mr and Mrs M Short, Mr A Poole, Mr M Hearn
3. Crime Report – A crime report was given for the past 60 days which reported 6 logged phone calls to the police including one incidence of anti social behaviour and one theft, also one crime was reported being drugs related.
 - 3.1 Speeding Report. A meeting was held on the 16th April between Mr M Newcome from DCC highways, PCSO Melissa Baker, Mr M Golding, Cllr Sam Robinson, Mr G Ball and Mr M Poole to discuss the speeding issues in the village .It was reported that monitoring has been taking place using Data Radars that are situated on lamp post which records the volume and speed of the vehicles travelling, also PCSO Baker has been monitoring speeds. The problem is ongoing along the A388. Mr Newcombe and PC Rowlands reported that the speeding problem is to be tackled with the 3 E's i. Educate; ii. Enforcement iii. and Engineering, most of the offending drivers are usually local people who know the route very well, the police would rather catch nobody but if a speeding ticket is used the news is soon spread. Also articles are placed in local press with safety messages and the police encourage local village newsletters to incorporate the safety message. One effective tool is the flashing 30mph signs but this is a very popular solution. The signs are in place for 2 week periods then removed; monitoring can then take place again to ascertain if the signs worked, if no improvement then further action can be taken. Speed cameras are the last option and guide lines have to be adhered to with a 100m visibility for the cameras to work. In a 30mph area up to 33mph is not questioned but between 33 and 38 mph a warning is given and over this speed a ticket is given. Community Speed Watch is an option where members of the parish are trained and equipped to monitor speed, if a person is caught speeding a letter is sent warning that they have been clocked as being over the 30mph restriction, subsequent speeding can be prosecuted. This is an effective tool. Mr H Pettifer updated the meeting on the campaign that has been ongoing with a good response from parishioners to participate, there is a forum on the web site and questionnaires have been circulates to all households; this has yet to be collated. The response from the on poll is that 50% would like speed reduction signs, 35% traffic calming and 14% speed cameras. The speed monitoring has been very positive, it is very important to have a dialogue with parishioners to ensure they get involved and to know where the situation is going. The pavement issue was raised, but this would make the road narrower and although it would reduce speed it would also narrow the road and have to impinge on residents gardens, there is no plans at present to look at this option. The road to the playing filed was discussed with an offer of a small section of land to make the route safer, this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Also discussed was the use of more effect signs being more prominent, this is to be passed on to highways, along with a request for grit boxes. Mr Newcombe highlighted the need for a co-ordinated approach along the A388. Both Mr Newcombe and PC Rowlands where thanked very much for attending and informing the meeting of the progress that has been made and the proposed plans for the future, which are very encouraging.
4. Minutes of Annual Meeting Tuesday 21st April 2009 – these were read out & signed as true.
5. Matters Arising, none.
6. Parish Council Financial Report – Copies of the accounts were circulated. There are now two bank accounts, with balances at year end of £961.91 & £186.86. Total income was recorded at £2620.88 with total expenses of £2935.14. The Precept for the year was £2,500. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr Baker, seconded by Mr Heard.
7. Village Hall Report – this was conducted by Mrs Melanie Goldman and Mrs Debnam. Mrs Goldman reported that usage of the Hall has doubled in the last 12 months; the Hall is now fully licensed. Maintenance work has been carried out by committee members and various new pieces of extras added ie

new blinds. Hall hire remains the same. The balance at the end of the year was £2377. All committee members / officers were re-elected. Mackie Poole thanked Mrs Goldman for her hard work in the past year. The full report is on the web site.

8. Entertainment's Committee Report – In the absence of Mr S Beer, Mrs Goldman gave the dates of forthcoming events.
9. Playing Field Report – was conducted by Mr Vickery. A quiet year was reported. Mr Vickery reported that the constitution has been updated. A down sizing of the committee has taken place with an option to co-opt at any time. The gazebo is unable to be fitted with glass so a screen of bushes is to be put in front of it. The committee want to purchase a white line marker. A couple of working parties are to be arranged to undertake maintenance work. Mr Poole thanked the committee for their hard work
10. Poorlands Charity – Mr Poole informed all that thanks to the money raising efforts of Mr R Joseph and the Clinton Arms £95 was raised. – Bank balance £114.69, Distribution £60.00,
11. 50 Club Report – Mrs Hearn gave a report on the 50 Club. Last year there were 78 members at the start, decreasing to 77 now. £940.00 had been given out in prizes, with a further £956.00 being given to the Village Hall.
12. A report was given by Mr M Poole on the War Memorial; the Parish Council purchased the wreath on behalf of the community.
13. Chairman's report
 - 13.1. Mrs Angela Snell was welcomed as the new clerk and Cllr Sam Robinson as our new County Councillor.
 - 13.2. All Parish Council records are now in the Barnstaple archive.
 - 13.3. The Parish Lengtham is Mr Daniel Ley and the Highway superintendents Mr S Elworthy numbers are available so parishioners can contact them personally.
 - 13.4. Best Kept Village competition – Frithelstock achieved 90 points last year, we are grateful to all who participated but please encourage all to do a little better this year. Notices are to be put with judging starting in May.
 - 13.5. The safety mirror has been erected out side the Village Hall. There has been a request for a bus shelter; a parcel of land has kindly been donated by Mr Smith and Mr Gabriel, quotes are too obtained.
 - 13.6. The majority of planning applications were straight forward. The Clinton Arms planning is under way with TDC monitoring the application.

The chairman finished his report by thanking Mr Hickman for running the football club, all people who help with the Newsletter, the Bell ringers, Mrs Eileen Brown and her helpers for the breakfast which raise £1300, Mr Richard Joseph for his running of the Parish website, which received over 6000 hits in the past 12 months, all information is greatly received, also the Parish Councillors and the Clerk. He thanked all for attending and supporting the meeting.

14. Any Other Business:
 - 14.1. Mr C Ward reported on the proposal to introduce post 16 education in Great Torrington School, consultations are to take place.
 - 14.2. The Book Group which always have books on Frithelstock for sale, presented a cheque for £200 to the Village Hall, the book group were gratefully thanked.
 - 14.3. Cllr Pennington congratulated the Hall and Playing Field committees on there great endeavours.
 - 14.4. Cllr Robinson thanked Mr Pettifer for instigating the speeding campaign. Cllr Robinson reiterated his commitment to Frithelstock issues.
 - 14.5. Mr R Hunkin thanked the Chairman for all that he has done in the last year.
15. Date of Next Meeting : Tuesday 19th April 2011, 7.30pm Frithelstock Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21:00hrs

Signed as a true record:

Date:

(Chairman)