

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 19th January 2010 – 7.30pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2010/JAN)

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:, Mr. R Joseph, Greg and Lesley Ball, Gareth and Jane Chanter, Charlie Heckman, David Burge,Anthony Tolson, Arthur Poole and Robin Canniford

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from Cllr S Robinson, Mr J Vickery, Terry and Kim Warrington 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 four phone calls logged to the Police Station, 2 transport related and 2 public safety. The police are trying to encourage more people to sign up to the Community Messaging Service please see the website for more details.

4. Public Participation

Letters were read from Mr and Mrs Ball and Mr and Mrs Warrington and a long discussion took place regarding the accidents that have occurred in a one week period involving cars leaving the road and hitting properties due to the wintery conditions. It was felt the cars were travelling to fast for the road conditions at the time.

The first of these accidents occurred on the 5th January was a major incident and resulted in a mother and son being run over before the car hit a house causing considerable damage to the property. Both the police and ambulance services were called, the pedestrians were not seriously hurt. But on three other separate occasions cars left the road maybe not hitting the properties but entering the path for pedestrians. It was reported that not only are cars speeding through the village but HGV and farm vehicles especially around the corner by Hele Lane and the A388.

Speeding through the village has been raised in the past at Parish council meetings with the police saying they would carry out speed checks but it is felt that none have been carried out and the police do not make there presence felt in this area. The attending policeman to the accident PC Dave Simpson commented that the police can not carry out checks in Frithestockstone due to Heath and Safety reasons this is to be queried.

The meeting felt some sort of permanent traffic calming with improved signage and a greater police presence was needed. The flashing 30mph sign was felt to be effective.

It was agreed to raise the profile of the problem, Mr H Pettifer along with Mr G Ball and other residents are to meet to organise a campaign to send letters and lobby the right people and put forward a petition of signatures.

Mr R Joseph has a speed gun so it was agreed for a group to meet and speed check motorist through the village to gauge the general speed that cars are driven at to put forward to show the need for action to be taken.

It is hoped to have a Policeman at the Annual Parish meeting in April to tackle the problem with him so the parishioners were asked to help with the letters and petitioning to try and get some action to be taken.

Councillor Sam Robinson apologised but reported regarding drainage problems at Old Pound Lane and Hele Lane this was felt to be a blocked gully, some drainage work has been identified at Hele Lane but as there are insufficient funds available this will hopefully be carried out next year. Land ownership of the area of footpath adjacent to Garden cottage along the A388 would be considered highway maintainable at public expense however this does not automatically mean the DCC own the land. Hedges not cut at Southcott, Cllr Robinson has called and spoken to the owner who assured him he is awaiting the contractor, as the hedges are still not cut Cllr Robinson is to be asked to proceed in a more formal way. With reference to the pavement petition Cllr Robinson reported that TDC may have a proposal for Social housing along Hele Lane and that could provide a foot link to the playing Field. With regard to the request for a footpath along the A388 to the Hall, TDC stated that it would require an expensive and complicated scheme which would run into several thousand pounds, the meeting felt this was a health and safety issue and we are to ask Cllr Robinson to pursue it.

Mr J Vickery apologised but reported that the Playing Field committee have drafted a new constitution and are to meet to adopt it. Cllr Sam Robinson did offer assistance that Taw and Torridge Voluntary Service would be able to provide advice regarding their failed Charity Status As reported before 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 3rd November 2009 - these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
 - Open meeting on the 2nd December these were not signed due to spelling mistakes of names and information to be added which will be corrected and signed at the next meeting. This meeting was in relation to planning application 1/0907/2009 at the Clinton Arms. This application has now been passed with conditions set out below:
 - 1 The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted.
The time limit condition is imposed in order to comply with the time requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
 - 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans listed in the Plans schedule.
To ensue the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans.
 - 3 The site access road shall be hardened, surfaced, drained and maintained thereafter to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority for a distance of not less than 6.0 metres back from its junction with the public highway.
To prevent mud and other debris being carried onto the public highway.
 - 4 In accordance with details that shall previously have been submitted to, and approved by, the Local Planning Authority, provision shall be made within the site for the disposal of surface water so that none drains on to any County Highway.
The agreed details shall be implemented before the access is brought into use and retained thereafter.
In the interest of public safety and to prevent damage to the highway.
 - 5 Notwithstanding the plans submitted the development approved shall be carried out in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. That scheme shall indicate the height and position of the entire wall together with the method of construction and materials to be used. The scheme as agreed shall be implemented and retained thereafter. (For the avoidance of doubt the entire wall means both the wall as amended by this decision and the original walling that will remain along this road frontage).
In the interests of visual amenity.
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes
 - 6.1. Pavement petition to village hall (2009/MAR 6.4) – it is to be noted that the petition was organised by Mrs Maureen Poole, dealt with in public participation
 - 6.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) Mr H Pettifer and Mr R Hunkin are to fill out the relevant paperwork before getting the document signed and returning to the Land Registry, this is still in progress.
 - 6.3. Mirror outside Parish Hall (2009 Nov 7.2) Mr R Hunkin has priced up different mirrors, it was proposed by Mr M Baker and seconded by Mr A Heard to accept the convex traffic safety mirror in unbreakable polymer with a green plastic frame, round and 600 mm in diameter at a cost of £109 plus £7.95 delivery plus Vat all in favour.
 - 6.4. Bus shelter (2009 Nov 7.13) The owners of the property at Garden Cottage the proposed site, Mr Smith and Mr Gabriel have been visited and have offered to donate a section of land to erect a bus shelter, it was felt the next step was to progress with registering the land in the name of the parish council and ascertain the cost implication of the land transfer and erection of a bus shelter.
 - 6.5. Hedge trimming update (2009 Nov 10) covered under public participation
7. Correspondence
 - 7.1 A letter has been received from TDC regarding the Code of Conduct Dispensation; a copy was given to each councillor.
 - 7.2 The TDC Draft Wind Energy Policy has been received.
 - 7.3 The Village Green was circulated
 - 7.4 Safe and Sound leaflets regarding community safety were relayed to the meeting.
 - 7.5 DCC Emergency Planning Advice and Newsletter were relayed to the meeting; it was agreed for Mr M Poole to be the Emergency planning co-ordinator.
 - 7.6. The Torridge view was distributed to all present.
 - 7.7. Freedom of Information Act Environmental Information Regulations are available.
 - 7.8. The Register of electors has been received with 303 on the electoral roll; this will be held with the Chairman.
 - 7.9 The ND and TDC Core Strategy Forthcoming Consultation events have been received the closest event is to be held in Torrington at the Howe Concert Hall from 2pm to 7.30pm on the 3rd of February.
 - 7.10 An Audit Commission letter has been received stating that Mr Wayne Rickard is the new external Auditor.
 - 7.11 The “Need a Hand” Notice is to be placed on the website offering assistance to voluntary groups in the parish.
 - 7.12 Christmas cards have been received from TDC Margaret Brown and Geoffrey Cox MP
 - 7.13 Much information has been received regarding the Boundary Committee the closing date for comments is today.
 - 7.14 The CPRE MVF Best Kept village competition entry has been received, it was agreed to enter Frithelstock again, also to recommend that the Frithelstock children at Monkleigh school enter the Pam Parker map competition, where the children have to draw a map of the village highlighting all village features.
 - 7.15 The DAPC newsletter was distributed to all councillors together with a list of training events available.
 - 7.16 The Senior Council of Devon leaflet has been received.
 - 7.17 The TDC Prioritisation of Budget Questionnaire was completed.

8 Finance:

8.1 Balances at 19th January 2010

8.1.1 Account 1 – £751.65 Account 2 – 1,461.74

8.1.2 Agree and sign the following cheques:

169	Clerks salary	£250.00
170	Office expenses	£12.98

Acceptance was proposed by Mr M Baker, seconded by Mr C Ward – approved.

8.1.3 Discuss Standing Orders 8.1.4 Code of Conduct, after discussion it was proposed by Mr R Hunkin and seconded by Mr M Baker not to sign or adopt the Standing Orders or Code of Conduct.

9 Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

1/0907/2009	Clinton Arms		Passed conditions above
1/0916/09	Greenfields		Passed
1/0639/09	Holly Tree, Tythecott Lane		Passed
1/1132/2009	2 Church Lane		Passed

10 Items brought forward at the chairman’s discretion for information only. The culvert by Old Pound Lane is choked, water is on the road by the Old Skittle Alley and the road has sunk by Garden Cottage. The ditch by Six Acres is full and needs a mechanical digger to dig it out also there is a lot of debris on the road from Windy hill to Knayworth Farm with a lot of water on the road. The 30mph signs into Frithelstockstone need repositioning and securing better. These will all be reported.

11 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 2nd March – 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed as true Date

(Chairman)

Forthcoming Meetings: April 20th Annual Parish Meeting