

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 2nd March 2010 – 7.30pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2010/MAR)

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 Sam Robinson, Mr. R Joseph,

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from Mr C Ward, Mr M Baker PC Rowlands and PCSO Baker.
3. Crime report, a report was relayed to the meeting that in the past 30 days there has been no crimes and no phone calls logged to the Police Station, the Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter was relayed to the meeting this can now be found with links from the website. A neighbourhood watch meeting is being organised by the police on the 15th March at Rosemoor from 11am, representatives from the Parish Neighbourhood Committee are to be contacted to asked to attend.
4. Public Participation
Councillor Sam Robinson has emailed Mr M Newcombe from Highway Safety regarding the speeding issues in the village and will flag up concerns at the forthcoming Torridge Highway and Traffic Order meeting and will request flashing 30mph signs.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 3rd November 2009 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
Open meeting on the 2nd December- 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) – Cllr Robinson said he is still pursuing this with TDC.
 - 6.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) Due to the work load with the speeding issue no progress has been made but it is still ongoing.
 - 6.3. Mirror outside Parish Hall (2009 Nov 7.2) Mr Hunkin has purchased the mirror which has been erected, a letter has been received from the Village Hall committee thanking the Parish Council for the mirror, this will now allow for greater visibility when exiting the car park. The bill has been presented for £137.42 including VAT which was proposed to be paid all in agreement.
 - 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 contacted the Land Registry regarding the passing over of the land. They have requested a letter from the Parish council agreeing to their terms which was set out in the original letter regarding the replacing of the wall and the dimensions of the timber fencing to be erected and the bus shelter to be in keeping with the rest of the village, a thank you letter thanking them for their generous offer has been sent, a letter agreeing to their requested will be sent, all in agreement. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman are to make a site visit and obtain quotes for the work by the next meeting. Planning Permission will be required; Cllr Robinson stated TDC will assist the Parish Council with this.
 - 6.5. Hedge trimming update (2009 Nov 10) as no action has been taken by the hedge owner formal notice will now be sent.
 - 6.6. Update on speeding issues (2010 Jan 4) Mr H Pettifer has set up a webpage with links from the main Frithestock web site, also with residents of the parish a petition has been set up asking which method of traffic calming the parishioners would prefer, at present the speed reduction method with flashing 30mph signs etc are most popular, copies of the petition are to be distributed by councillors to all households for their opinion. Speed data trials have been carried out by the police by unfortunately PC Rowlands was unable to attend to give the results, but has been asked to attend the APM when a full report of this and the petition will be given. It was ascertained from Cllr Robinson that the petition should be forwarded to Mr M Newcombe. A report of the accident in January from Mr G Ball has been passed to Cllr Robinson who will forward it to the appropriate person.

6.7. Highway issues (2010 Jan 4) the next Lengthsmen visit is on the 15th March. The chairman informed the meeting that Monkleigh School was closed for a week during the bad weather due to the 200yards from the main highway the A366 to the school not being gritted, Cllr Robinson is to investigate if the gritter could do this short stretch of highway. Cllr Robinson commented on the unsuccessful policy of temporary repair of potholes which often have appeared again before the permanent repair has been undertaken.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 A Vacancy for a PC Rep on the Standards Committee at TDC was relayed to the Council.
- 7.2 Parish Council Emergency Planning Support sessions are being held next Monday the 8th March from 1pm-3pm at the Cedars, Barnstaple and from 6m-8pm at South Molton.
- 7.3 A NSPCC Poster has been received it is to be placed on the notice board and also information on the webpage.
- 7.4 DCC Investing in our Devon information was relayed to the meeting.
- 7.5 A Consultation document on Winkleigh Airfield Site Development has been received.
- 7.6. A letter has been received from Devon's Mobile library service asking the council to fill out a survey with the best place for the van to stop, parking issues and the most convenient day and time, this will be completed.
- 7.7. The ND and TDC Core Strategy Final Consultation date is the 5th March the comment was that major villages will be developed but minor ones will become static.
- 7.8. Information from Adam Symmons the Liberal Democrat prospective candidate has been received.
- 7.9 The DAPC Newsletter was distributed.
- 7.10 Unitary Status, Cllr Robinson commented on the outcome being Exeter as a separate unitary, he felt the whole of Devon was to large for a single unitary as the north has very little in common with areas in the south of the county, but the whole process has taken a lot of time, money and officer time with the Secretary of State not taking the advice of the Boundary Committee and went against their recommendation, the county is now awaiting a judicial review.
- 7.11 The Royal Garden Party Nomination was Mr M Poole.
- 7.12 Information and posters have been received regarding the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition the posters will be put up nearer the time and the competition will be promoted at the APM. The Chairman has drafted a letter to send the judges with contact numbers etc to obtain entrance to the village hall etc, a map has been drawn.
- 7.13 The Parish Council has been asked to another Highway Maintenance Surgery at Northam Parish Hall on the 12th March from 10am to 12pm.

8. Finance:

8.1 Balances at 19th January 2010

8.1.1 Account 1 – £491.65 Account 2 – 1,461.74

8.1.2 Agree and sign the following cheques:

171	Clerks salary	£250.00
172	Office expenses	£10.00
173	Reece Safety Product LTD (mirror)	£137.42

Acceptance was proposed by Mr A Heard, seconded by Mr H Pettifer– approved.

9 Planning

PC Recommendations		TDC
1/0062/2010	The Old Post Office, garage	Passed

10 Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only. The chairman informed the meeting that work has commenced on the Clinton Arms.

11 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 20th April APM– 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed as true Date

(Chairman)

Forthcoming Meetings: May 4th Annual Parish Council Meeting