

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 6th July 2010 – 8.00pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2010/July)

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

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from Mr J Vickery, Mr C Ward, Mr R Hunkin, Mr M Baker and PCSO Baker.
3. Crime report, a report was relayed to the meeting that in the past 60 days there has been no crimes with two phone calls logged to the Police Station, 1 transport related and 1 administration.
4. Public Participation.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 4th May 2010 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
6. Report on the speeding meeting held on the 4th June. The report was relayed to the meeting; Mr H Pettifer was thanked for compiling the report. Mr R Joseph and Mrs M Poole have agreed to be the Frithestock co-ordinators. A list of volunteers for the Community Speed Watch is being drawn up. The parish council have been informed that these volunteers will need to be CRB checked for which the police agreed to foot the bill. Mr Joseph and Mrs Poole are to meet with PCSO Baker to discuss this and the next steps for implementation. The flashing sign is expected within 6 weeks from the meeting,
7. Matters Arising from previous minutes
 - 7.1. Pavement petition to village hall (2009/MAR 6.4) – This is still ongoing. The footpath from Hele Lane to the Playing Field was discussed, The Chairman took both Councillors present prior to the meeting to the site at Hele Lane, it is dangerous to pedestrians especially young and old. The Chairman met both property owners who are effected Mr and Mrs Larkin and Mr and Mrs Jackson who have agreed to release the land to allow for a footpath, subject to an agreement with Devon County Council. This is a highways issue so they are to be informed on the grounds of road safety. Cllr Robinson did report he has a small community allowance which could be used.
 - 7.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) is still ongoing.
 - 7.3. Bus shelter (2009 Nov 7.13) As yet the pre planning application has not been completed, Mr Pettifer kindly agreed to assist. It was reported that a grant of up to 50% may be available this information was obtained from a Mr C Rook of DCC. The chairman has spoken to the land owners and the next step is to register the transfer of land with the Land Registry with a cost of £50, it was proposed by Mr H Pettifer and seconded by Mr A Heard to write the cheque.
 - 7.4. Hedge trimming update (2009 Nov 10) It was reported that further complaints have been lodged with TDC, but the meeting was informed that it is a highway safety issue and DCC highways need to be informed Cllr Robinson kindly agreed to do so.
8. Highway issues, the next Lengthmans visit is due the week commencing the 9th August, leaflets were distributed on the duties of the Parish Lengthmans,(agenda 8.10) this is to be put on the website. There is a road closure from Limers Hill to Whites Lane on the A386 starting the 13th September for 3 weeks, so diversions will be in force.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 The Village Green was distributed.
- 9.2 Play equipment leaflets have been received.
- 9.3 Torridge Community Transport Information has been received and will be posted in the Parish hall and on the notice board.
- 9.4 Information from North Devon Community Mediation was relayed to the meeting.
- 9.5 TDC Volleyball courts expression of interest letter is to be passed to Mr J Vickery.
- 9.6 The DALC Newsletter was circulated.
- 9.7 Highway Maintenance Surgery on the 6th July was held at the Civic Centre from 10am -12noon
- 9.8 The DALC conference on Empowering Communities is being held on the 23rd July in Barnstaple.
- 9.9 A TDC letter regarding Housing and Council Tax Benefits was relayed to the meeting and a poster with be placed on the Notice Board.
- 9.10 GM Planning Services are offering there services to the parish council
- 9.11 Information is available on Rural Exception sites.
- 9.12 The Senior Council of Devon leaflet has been received.
- 9.13 The DALC Good Employers guide was passed to the chairman.
- 9.14 There is a Parish Plan drop in surgery at Ashwater Parish hall on the 8th July.
- 9.15 A letter has been received from Exeter City Council regarding how the recession is affected householders.
- 9.16 TDC Cultural Strategy consultation survey can be emailed to any councillor who wishes to complete it.
- 9.17 TDC and ND Councils are holding a workshop to “Inform the landscape character assessment of Torridge District” it is being held on the 21st July at the Caddsdwn Business Support Centre.

9. Finance

- 9.1 Balances at 31st March 2010
 - 9.1.1 Account 1 – £717.47 Account 2 – £961.97.

Agree and sign the following cheques:

176	Clerks salary	£250.00
177	Aston Rothbury (cutlery Village Hall)	£232.06
178	Land Registry	£50.00

9.2 The Audit Commission form was agreed and signed along with the Annual Governance Statement.

Mr A Green was thanked for carrying out the internal audit

9.3 The Financial report for the year to date was circulated.

10. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

1/0441/2010/Full	Pryston Farm erection of domestic wind turbine	The application was discussed it was proposed by Mr H Pettifer and seconded Mrs J Pomeroy to recommend approval, all in favour.	
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11. Items brought forward at the chairman’s discretion for information only. It has been brought to the attention of the chairman on the amount of litter from Rakham Hill to the Clinton Arms so it was agreed for councillors to meet on Monday the 12th July at the Clinton Arms 8pm to go litter picking. Mr Barrett Chapman who lives next to the pump has put a flower bed in the vicinity; he was thanked for his efforts as it looks very decorative. Mr Joseph was thanked for cleaning the notice board and also for giving it a coat of paint. Mr Joseph is to have an article included in the Torridge view about parish websites.

12. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 7th September – 8.00pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed as true
(Chairman)

Date

Forthcoming Meetings: November 2nd Parish Council Meeting