

Frithestock Parish Council

Minutes of 8th Combined Annual Meeting for Parish Council, Village Hall & Playing Field Tuesday 19th April 2011 - 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.

In Attendance: Mrs A Snell (Clerk), Mr and Mrs G Ball, Cllr Robinson, Mr and Mrs Debnam, Mr and Mrs Goldman, Mr R Joseph, J Hearn, C Heckman, Cllr Pennington, Mr and Mrs A Poole, Mr M Stokes, Mr J Vickery, Mrs J Short, Ms G Ridell, Mr M Short, J Miles, Mr S Beer Mr A Green, Ms M Goldman, C Rebien, R Blake.

1. Welcome: Mr Poole welcomed all to the meeting
2. Apologies: Received from PCSO Melissa Baker, Mr S Hunkin, Mrs E Brown, Mr M Hearn, Ms F Austin
3. Crime Report – A crime report was given stating that there has been two crimes in the past twelve months.
4. Minutes of Annual Meeting Tuesday 20th April 2010 – these were read out & signed as true.
5. Matters Arising, The Highway Superintendent is now a Mr Trevor Hamlin, who can be contacted through the Parish Council or via the website. Speed Watch & bus shelter will be discussed later in the meeting.
6. Parish Council Financial Report – Copies of the accounts were circulated. There are two bank accounts, with the total balances at year end of £693.62. The Precept for the year was £3,000. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr Pettifer, seconded by Mr R Joseph.
7. Village Hall Report – this was conducted by Mrs Melanie Goldman and Mrs Debnam. Mrs Goldman reported on the continued good use of the Hall; the maintenance programme continues, with this years plans to include two double glazed windows and painting and repairing of the inside on the weekend of the 27th May volunteers are looked for, with thanks to the WI and book club for there donations. Mrs F Austin was thanked for her hard work as secretary but has stood done and Ms M Bowman has kindly agreed to take on the post. The balance at the end of the year was £4491. Which includes £750 towards the bus shelter; booking fees have been increased to keep pace with increased costs. All committee members / officers were re-elected with thanks extended to all those who have helped during the year. 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 – this was incorporated in the Hall report thanking Mr S Beer and the committee for their continued fund raising efforts and highlighting forthcoming events.
9. Playing Field Report – was conducted by Mr Vickery. Another quiet year was reported. Mr Vickery reported that at the risk assessment all equipment was low except the gravel surround of the pavilion this is to be replaced; all the rest is in need of repainting with a working party weekend set for the 15th May, when volunteers will be most welcome. Fund raising has to be carried out to cover the insurance and replacement in the future. The Car park sign has been moved so it is more visible and the age limit for using the equipment removed. Mr I ?? was thanked for cutting the grass and Mr C ??? for all his hard work with the children Mr Poole thanked the committee for their hard work
10. Poorlands Charity – Mr Poole informed all that thanks to the money raising efforts of the Clinton Arms £25 was raised. – Bank balance £31.67, Distribution £66.00,
11. 50 Club Report – Mrs Hearn gave a report on the 50 Club. Last year there were 77 members at the start, decreasing to 73 now. £920.00 had been given out in prizes, with a further £928.00 being given to the Village Hall. Mr and Mrs M Hearn were thanked for their hard work.
12. Traffic report and results. Mr R Joseph one of the Speed Watch co-ordinators thanked all those who had attended the approved training and participated in the speed watch sessions. Everyone is in agreement that speeding has been reduced with the full results on the website. High visibility jackets and signs are displayed when sessions are being undertaken; further sessions are planned at different times and other venues. It was reported that the Enquiry Office at Torrington is to close with all enquires going to Barnstaple.
13. Web report, Mr Joseph reported a very busy year for the website with around three and a half thousand hits a year. It was agreed that advertising space is £2 per month for organisations or individuals in the Parish and £3 to those outside the parish but serve the parish in some way. Promotion of events with the use of individuals protected emails addresses is to be undertkaken; individuals have to sign up for this under data protection. Communication, Mr Joseph is now using the orange RSS logo which is a way of instantly informing people for example on Neighbourhood watch items.

14. A report was given by Mr M Poole on the War Memorial; the Parish Council purchased the wreath on behalf of the community. Mr M Hearn was thanked for cleaning the memorial.

15. Chairman's report

15.1 Cllr Philip Pennington spoke to thank everyone for the past four years and the forthcoming four as he has been re-elected unopposed, there has been a lot of changes recently with many cut backs, the introduction of the Big Society, Localism bill which will introduce more powers with no extra resources, TDC cut backs have meant 13 jobs have gone with two forced redundancies. The three main departments are i. Refuse, (which has done well over the hard winter) ii Benefits (these are to be centralised with a 25% cut back) and iii. Planning (there are still some difficulties with this department). Cllr Pennington was thanked for his report.

15.2 Cllr Sam Robinson reported that the bus shelter is making progress gratitude has been expressed to the previous owners of the site, the design has been agreed and financial support from both Cllr Pennington and Cllr Robinson has been put in place for which the parish thanks them both very much. Planning Permission is not required so providing highways are in agreement work should soon be able to start. The footpath along Hele Lane is being undertaken, thank again to Cllr Robinson for financing this project. The footpath from the hall, Cllr Robinson has offered finances for a feasibility study so we are hoping for progress on Health and Safety grounds. Cllr Robinson applauded the active involvement of the speed watch; he has met with the Highway Superintendent Steve Elsworthy and DCC Mr M Newcombe regarding repositioning warning signs etc. Cllr Robinson was thanked for the additional grit bins for the parish and he asked if there was interest in a small gritter which could be shared with other parishes, this is to be considered .Cllr Robinson also has a capital project fund of £25k for all of his area.

The chairman thanked both Cllr Pennington and Cllr Robinson for there support and attendance at meetings.

Mr Mackie Poole chairman reported further on the progress of the bus shelter and the excellent work the Speed Watch are doing. The Parish Council had a request for a Snow Warden and Mr Greg Ball has kindly volunteered and has attended training for which he was thanked. There is now a Parish Council Emergency Self Help plan and volunteers with equipment or personnel with qualifications were asked to come forward, a copy is on the web site. The forthcoming election was discussed, Mr Chris Ward and Mrs Jocey Polmeroy were thanked for their hard work and dedication for there time on the Parish Council, all other councillors are standing with the addition of Mr Richard Joseph, so these are all elected uncontested. This means that the council is one short so names were asked for, for co-option at the next meeting to be held on the 10th May. Rakeham Hill parking was discussed but no conclusion has been achieved as yet. There has been numerous planning's through out the year the land adjacent to the Clinton Arms being of the greatest interest, this is being scrutinised by TDC but it was felt the rebuild of the stone wall was being undertaken in an excellent manor. The Best Kept village competition has been entered again last year 92 points were achieved, it is hoped with a little help from villagers to keep everywhere tidy to gain further points this year. The parish council are to organise a tidy up. Mackie thanked all councillors and parishioners for there help over the past twelve months. The chairman thanked everyone for attending.

16. Any Other Business:

- 16.1. Mr R Hunkin thanked the Chairman for all that he has done in the last year , Richard Joseph and the other speed watch participants for there effort in doing such an excellent job and Mr Mark Goldman for the lighting in the village Hall.

17. Date of Next Meeting : Tuesday 17th April 2012, 7.30pm Frithelstock Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21:00hrs

Signed as a true record:

Date:

(Chairman)