

Frithestock Parish Council

Minutes of 8th Combined Annual Meeting for Parish Council, Village Hall & Playing Field
Tuesday 17th April 2012 - 7:30pm Frithestock Village Hall

Councillors Present: Mr M Poole (Chairman), Mr R Hunkin (vice-chairman), Mr A Heard, Mr H Pettifer, Mr R Joseph, Mr G Ball, Mr A Heard

In Attendance: Mrs A Snell (Clerk), Mrs L Ball, Cllr Robinson, Mr and Mrs Debnam, J Hearn, Cllr Pennington, Mr and Mrs A Poole, Mr M Stokes, Mr and Mrs M Short, Ms G Ridell, Mr S Beer, Mr G Bowman, Mr S Weeks, Mr M Thomas, Ms J Seaman, M Paton-Smith, Mr T Warrington, Ms A Hunkin, Ms V Jones, S Pearce.

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, Mrs M Goldman, Mr J Parker, Mr M Baker, Mr A Green
3. Crime Report – A crime report was given stating that there has been seven crimes in the past twelve months. There are now online services and applications these are available at: www.devon-cornwall.police.uk The police non emergency number is 101.
4. Minutes of Annual Meeting Tuesday 19th April 2011 – these were read out & signed as true.
5. Matters Arising, the bus shelter but this will be covered in reports.
6. Parish Council Financial Report – Copies of the accounts were circulated. There are two bank accounts, with the total balances at year end of £742.43. The Precept for the year was £3,500. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr Heard, seconded by Mr R Joseph.
7. Village Hall Report – this was conducted by Mrs Debnam. Mrs Goldman the retiring chairman was thanked for all her hard work over the past 5 years and best wishes were sent to her, a letter of thank you is to be sent. Mrs Debnam reported on the continued good use of the Hall with receipts up. The ongoing maintenance programme continues, with the main hall windows being replaced, the perimeter wall has been repaired by Mr M Poole, 10 new tables and 50 new chairs have been purchased. Plans are to replace table coverings and sufficient water jugs and bread baskets for 120 covers. Mrs Goldman nominated Mr Adrian Green as the new chair at the 11th April meeting with Mrs Goldman being appointed to the new position of bar manager with Mr Green as deputy. The new auditor for the hall accounts will be Ms C Henerty. The remaining management committee were thanked for all their hard work with the other representatives all agreeing to continue. All those who helped in any way were thanked for their hard work and support. The annual spring clean is to be held on the 12th-13th May. The bar is proving to be a great asset all those volunteers who help were thanked. Mrs Goldman through the report thanked everyone for their support over the past 5 years and was pleased with what has been achieved and she feels Frithestock has a hall to be proud of. Mackie Poole thanked Mrs Goldman for her hard work over the past 5 years.
8. Entertainments Committee report: Mr S Beer and the entertainments committee were thanked for their continued fund raising efforts without which it would not be possible to maintain such high standards in the hall, this year's events have raised £2557, future events planned are the Scrumpy Stroll on the 3rd June to celebrate the Royal Jubilee, the suggestion later in the meeting was for a village photograph to also celebrate the jubilee, (the Clinton Arms has a Jubilee event on Tuesday the 5th June) and there is a return of the Beer and Music festival on the 23rd June. Sadly Mr Beer has decided to stand down as Chairman of the Entertainments committee he has done a splendid job and was thanked; Marcelle Paton-Smith will take over from the 18th April. The accumulated funds at the end of the year were £6,487.
9. Playing Field Report – was conducted by Mr T Warrington who is now the new chairman due to Mr Vickery's ill health, Mr Vickery was wished well, when he is well enough to return he will be appointed as a special advisor to the committee. There is to be a clean up of the Playing Field over a few weekends starting on the 15th May, all welcome. The tractor safari in August was most successful raising £750 together with last year's balance giving a new balance of £1644, this year there are plans to purchase a new petrol strimmer and plant some more trees. A questionnaire was sent out in January asking for suggestions for new facilities and ideas for the Frollicks, the response was poor so it was assumed everyone is happy with the situation as it is. There is to be a Treasure hunt in August and the Frithestock Frollicks are planned for August 2013. Mr Warrington was thanked for the report.
10. Poorlands Charity – Mr Poole informed all that thanks to the money raising efforts of the Clinton Arms and patrons £66 was raised, the Clinton Arms was thanked for the promotion of the charity – Bank balance £83.98, Distribution £66.00,
11. 50 Club Report – Mr Short gave a report on the 50 Club. Last year there were 73 members at the start, increasing to 76 now. £880.00 had been given out in prizes, with a further £872.00 being given to the

Village Hall. Mr Short and Mrs M Hearn were thanked for their hard work. The 50 club was started in 1989 and has raised £18528 to be paid out in prizes or donated to the village hall. Mr Short and Mrs Hearn started in 1996 with their total raised being £13320, an excellent achievement, agreed by all.

12. Traffic report and results. Mr R Joseph reported that there are now 6 fully approved speed watch operatives but three more volunteers would be desirable, this would require 2 hours per month Monitoring is carried out about twice a month with traffic reacting to the signs. Other speed calming suggestions have been declined by the police i.e. flashing sign, moving the 30mph sign etc, there has been a suggestion in the past of purchasing a flashing sign but the parish would have to maintain and move it, if bought in conjunction with other parishes, this is to be looked at again. All volunteers were thanked for their efforts
13. Web report, Mr Joseph reported a very busy year for the website with around 13280 hits this year. The traffic has gone up approx a third year on year this is felt due to the fact that the information on the website keeps changing. The advertising income has remained with hopefully two more coming on board. Mr Joseph felt communication could be improved and he is willing to set up an email with dates for your diary, at present he has 61 email addresses but the Prior is circulated to 144 so there is a way to go. The Frithelstock Past and Present publication is to be reordered due to demand and another publication of Frithelstock press cuttings over the past 40 years is too be published in the summer, Mr Joseph was thanked for all his hard work.
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 very much for cleaning the memorial over the past years but has decided to stand down; a volunteer is to be approached.
15. Ms Judith Seaman was asked to carry out the Tithe map project for the parish, she gave a very interesting account of the Tithe and Tithe map, this is to be put on the internet for everyone to access, Ms Seaman was thanked very much for all her hard work.
16. Chairman's report, it s disappointing to say that the bus shelter has not as yet come to fruition but difficulties have been experienced through no fault of the Parish Council and it is on hold at present. The Footpath from the village to the hall has stalled due to finance but if ever the opposite side of the road is developed a condition will be for a footpath to be installed. The road junction at Hele Lane and to complete the footpath, surveys have been carried out with funding from Cllr Robinson and plans drawn up, a public site meeting was held with Mr M Newcombe DCC. All was fairly straight forward apart from the area between the Old Baptist chapel and the telephone kiosk, as DCC plans called for a degree of funnelling traffic so that approaching vehicles could be seen easily when entering or exiting the lane, but the suggestion was for raised curbs and road markings which came in for some opposition. As a consequence the curbs are to be raised less and the markings that have been laid out should be drawn a little slimmer and marked permanently in thick paint. The Footpath along Hele Lane to the Playing Field, the two properties have been approached one has almost got agreement in place but the other as yet can not agree a price of the loss of garden. A Wind turbine application in the past year has been controversial, but the parish council felt more let down by the lack of guidance and advice forthcoming from TDC, meetings have been attended by councillors to ascertain guidance but non has been forthcoming only that the government has not come forward with a policy that TDC can develop. But on a positive note the Land Registry has now issued a document to say the land on which the pump and bench stand is now owned by the Parish Council, thank you to the vice Chairman Mr Hunkin for bringing this to a satisfactory conclusion. The Parish now has a Snow Warden Mr Greg Ball, and 5 grit bins around the parish along with 5 tonnes of salt, also acquired with thanks to Cllr Robinson a salt gritter, thanks to all those involved.

The highlight of the year was winning the MVF Best Kept village competition, 96 points were achieved, and the chairman thanked everyone for their help and support, the competition has been entered again this year. The chairman thanked all councillors and parishioners for there help over the past twelve months. The chairman thanked everyone for attending

16.1 Cllr Sam Robinson reported on many items above and that the money has been set aside for C class roads so it is hoped the parish gets its share of the money and the lower end of Hele Lane is too ploughed out. Cllr Pennington gave a report highlighting the Localism Bill and the Welfare reform bill. Mr R Hunkin thanked the Chairman for all that he has done in the last year, and both Cllr Pennington and Cllr Robinson for there support and attendance at meetings.

17. Date of Next Meeting : Tuesday 16th April 2013, 7.30pm Frithelstock Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21:00hrs

Signed as a true record:

Date:

(Chairman)