

Frithelstock Parish Council
Minutes for the meeting held 7th July 2015 at 8pm

Councillors present: M.Baker, M.Poole, M.Stokes, E.Hunkin, M.Goldman, R.Hunkin, A.Heard

'Clerk' / minute taker: E. Hunkin

Also in attendance: A.Green, D.Debnam, R.Joseph, G. Barrow, A.Poole

29. Welcome to everyone

30. Apologies - P. Blosse

31. Taken as correct record

32. None (M. Goldman questioned whether he had any interest in the planning request for Cloister Park since he used to be the previous owner)

33. No Public Participation

34.a. Parking. A.G. has made the agreement available to all parishioners and 1 parking space has been taken up; however there continues to be a problem on Hele Lane and indeed following the Music Festival, 1 vehicle was damaged. The owner of the damaged vehicle claimed that he was not aware of the communication re parking at the Village Hall. Regarding the vehicle that is parked at the VH, Mackie Poole commented that it is an 'eye sore'. Adrian Green will ask the owner if he would park the vehicle a little further out of sight.

34.b. Dave Debnam commented that the drainage problem has worsened and that he continues to clear it himself. DCC has proved most unsatisfactory in their response to this issue which is most frustrating. The PC suggested that this issue now be dropped from the agenda. A.Heard raised the issue of a dangerous pothole on Rakeham Hill. Mike Stokes will email Phil Pennington regarding this. A. Green also added that there are many small pot holes on Windy Hill.

34.c. At the last meeting, A.Green raised the issue of Frithelstock as a 'settlement without services'. A.G. has written a memo and covering letter for TDC. A.Heard proposed and M.Baker seconded the sending of this memo and letter to the TDC.

35.a. Melissa Baker was unable to attend the meeting and so emailed the crime report which was as follows: 0 crimes reported; 2 logs made - 1. mud on the road between F'stock and Stone (log closed) 2. a hit and run somewhere between F'stock and Bradworthy (was it in our parish?)

35.b. Clerk to decide on pension scheme.

35.c. Registers of interest handed in to Chairman (in clerk's absence)

36. R.Hunkin commented that the bus route from Buckland Brewer to Parkham is diabolical, particularly as the route passes Babeleigh Barton (spelling??!). It has been ascertained that the problem is not down to the farmer. Buckland Brewer PC has approached DCC and achieved nothing. It was agreed that the Clerk PB would write to DCC in order to lend our support to the BB effort. M.Poole mentioned there had been 3 accidents along the road at Wayside (Copps). Separately there is the issue of a biker who regularly travels through Frithelstock towards Stibb Cross at dangerous speeds, usually at 8.30am and 3pm/4pm. Richard Joseph said that the official traffic police would need to come out to record the biker's speed and that the PC should make a formal complaint.

37.a. Same response given to this planning application as last time it was submitted.

37.b. No objections

37.c. Discussed at last meeting

37.d. Discussed at last meeting

Although it is required that items to be discussed be placed on the agenda 3 days before the meeting, there were 2 late applications which needed to be discussed at short notice; (however the PC will leave a period of a week before responding to allow the public to respond):

1. Horwood Barton - no objections

2. Cloister Park trees - MS asked MG if the trees were dangerous. MG said he had had the trees surveyed over 12 years ago. There is a preservation order on the trees and the owner is seeking to 'trim' the trees in order to prevent branches falling onto the road. The owner also wishes to reduce the height of some of the trees. Some of the trees are not on the owner's land. TDC has made its recommendations. The PC agreed and MP proposed and MB seconded that there be no objections to this application.

38. P Blosse has produced a draft of Standing Orders based on NALC standard. PB suggests that MS and MP (and any other councillors who would like to) meet with PB to agree to a newer and more concise version. The PC agreed. Baker proposed and A.Heard seconded. MG raised the issue that it is now a requirement to publish any spending of over £100.00.

39. MS - talked about using the frithelstock.com website to the best advantage for the parish. Each committee has its own part on the website but these organisations do not always update the site regularly. The website has now been up and running for 7 years. MB suggested that the clerk be responsible for updating the website, MS suggested that a rep from each organisation be responsible for updating their information. AG is pursuing the installation of broadband at FVH and intends to have it installed by mid-September. Devon Connect is promoting use of the internet with its 'Get up to Speed' presentation. There will be one such presentation held at Monkleigh village hall on 19th August 2015 which councillors can attend if they wish. If AG is successful with installation of broadband for FVH and if the 'Get up to Speed' presentation seems worthwhile, MS suggested that a similar presentation be organised for Frithelstock open to all parishioners. MG to book Devon Connect at the Monkleigh meeting if it seems beneficial. The use of Social Media for Frithelstock village was raised. EH asked how it would be of benefit to the village. MG commented that with 3 channels of communication already (website, Prior and notice board) it is so important to synchronise so that there is no miscommunication. The more channels of communication there are, the harder it is to ensure there are no mistakes. AG commented that the village website is a PARISH website and not a PC website (because it is a .com and not a [.gov.co.uk](http://gov.co.uk)) If the PC owns this website then much more information will have to be published, such as 'Declaration of members' interests). MS pointed out that the law now requires each PC to have a website of its own. Pat Blosse needs to look into whether frithelstock.com can be used as the PC website. MS proposed and MP seconded that MG and EH meet with RJ before the next PC meeting to discuss and come up with a proper policy for the website.

40. Printing costs of the Prior run at about £50 - £60/pa. RH proposed and AH seconded that the PC pay for the printing costs. For the record, the invoice should be addressed to the PC. RJ said that he sends out some copies of the Prior electronically.

41. MS spoke: Pat Blosse has taken over the arrangements for seeing the Flashing Sign up and running. MS contacted SSE to see if it will sell the PC a lamp post but it will not. PB has asked SSE for a quotation for the whole works. MS said that depending on the quote,

this would be the simplest way of doing things. AG raise the issue of insurance. MS said that it would come under PC insurance.

42. MS pointed out that the Parish Council had not been made aware of the forthcoming Frithelstock Fest (to be held on the village green and run by the publican of the Clinton Arms) even though it has been advertised in the NDJ and Prior. Sounds like a large event, there are concerns about insurance. The agreement between the PC and publicans of the Clinton Arms has (for the last 20 year or so) been that so long as the publican maintains the green well, the publican may put out picnic tables on the Green for use by customers of the pub. It appears that the landlord may have misunderstood the terms of this agreement and MB commented that the green is not always kept as well as it might be. MP suggested a letter be written to the landlord of the Clinton Arms to make him aware of his responsibilities and to ask him to give notice to the PC for any similar events involving the village green. The PC hopes the event turns out to be a successful one but hopes to be better informed next time. MP added that the PC had objected to the planning for the house that was built on the Beer garden, as this is where functions used to be held. AG suggested that the notice board by the pub is in the wrong place. RJ said that the landlord had offered his wall space for the sign to be placed against. MG proposed and MP seconded that the clerk write to the landlord expressing the views of the PC.

43. N/A

44. Chairman's report:

- Recycling is back on, starting next Mon.
- Defibrillator training took place on the June Social Night with Dr. Aussie Connor. The event was well attended but may have been improved with smaller groups (less chatter and not the distraction of the bar). The clerk is to write to Dr. Connor to thank him. All were in favour of another similar training session being organised. AG is to liaise with Aussie re. a First Aid course as well as the defibrillator training. DD thought he might be able to get some more Resus Annies through the army.
- The music festival was very successful and MS thanked everyone for their help
- Following his accident, we wish Gaston a good recovery
- Judith Seaman has put in much time and effort into researching the missing names for the War Memorial. The PC will invite her to come and update the PC at the next meeting with her research. How to record the names that Judith has come up with? MP suggested a separate plaque.
- AG offered to circulate a draft copy of the 'Welcome Pack' to all PC members.

First part of the meeting closed

45. Clerk's annual review.

RH proposed and MP seconded £1250 + expenses

MB proposed and MG seconded that it be effective from 1st September 2015

All were in favour

MG suggested that Employer's Responsibilities to fall annually in July.

MS will ask PB for a rough estimate of how many hours he spends on FPC work/month