

Frithelstock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 4th January 2011 – 7.30pm – Frithelstock Village Hall
(Ref: 2011/JAN)

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 J Vickery, Mr T Warrington Mr A Poole and Mr G Ball.

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from Mr. R Joseph, Mrs J Pomeroy and PCSO Baker.
3. Crime report, a report was relayed to the meeting that in the past 60 days there has been one crime a theft of a bicycle with 5 phone calls logged to the Police Station, 1 anti social behaviour, 1 rtc, 1 transport offence and 1 administration. There was also discussion regarding some anti social behaviour in the parish.
4. Public Participation. Mr Vickery highlighted a very dangerous pot hole 200 meters past Frusdon Farm Kennels which his daughter caught and caused some considerable damage to her car, this will be reported. The Chairman reported he attended the meeting in Torrington on the 9th December with regard to the government plans for the “Big Society” the meeting was poorly attended and the government have as yet not finalised the details.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 2nd November 2010 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes
 - 6.1. Pavement petition to village hall and Hele Lane (2009/MAR 6.4) –Cllr Robinson reported that with regard to the footpath along Hele Lane the funds have been ring fenced and progress is being made. With regard to the footpath to the Village Hall Cllr Robinson has asked for the cost of a feasibility study to be carried out so this is ongoing.
 - 6.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) is still ongoing, it is hoped this will resolved in due course.
 - 6.3. Bus shelter (2009 Nov 7.13) Cllr Poole has spoken to the owners again but little progress seems to have been made with the application to the Land Registry, but action has been promised. Cllr Robinson has been working hard on behalf of the parish liaising with Mr Phillips and showed a photo of a DCC built bus shelter in Northam. The proposed site is the most suitable as there seems to be no alternatives. Cllr Robinson is to contact the owners in the hope of some progress, and Mr Hunkin is to also approach in three weeks time.
 - 6.4. Hedge trimming update (2009 Nov 10) This item has come to a satisfactory conclusion.
 - 6.5. Update on speeding issues (2010 July 6) It was reported that the speeding has been bad over the Christmas period, two cars have been highlighted as being particularly dangerous one being a light blue VW and a white BMW these are to be reported to the police. Two speed watch sessions have taken place it was highlighted that isolated cars travel at greater speeds, the police did attend one session and stopped some cars gaving them verbal warnings along with catching two local drivers. Another two sessions are planned; it is to be asked for the Co-ordinators to feed back information to the parish council.
7. Highway issues, the next Lengthmans visit is due the week commencing the 28th February 2011.
 - 7.1 Grit bins (2010 Nov) Mr Greg Ball was welcomed to the meeting as he has undertaken to be the parish snow co-ordinator. Mr Ball has attended training and came away with the conclusion that this is a self help exercise for communities to organise volunteers (it was hoped all parish councillors would volunteer) and pass on any information in the most effective way i.e. the best way to clear the snow, cover health and safety issues and wear the correct clothing, so as the volunteers are coved under the DCC insurance by directive of Mr Ball. The monitoring of grit bins is a requirement. Mr Ball highlighted to Mr S Elsworthy the very dangerous corner in Frithelstokestone with the accident that occurred last year and the several near misses that have occurred this

year; it is anticipated for the grit bin that was damaged last year to be replaced. The grit bin at Stone Hill which is not actually there but is recorded by DCC is to be relocated at a more advantageous site. A letter has been received from a parishioner asking for a grit bin at Windy Hill. Further discussions took place with a suggestion of the Parish Council purchasing a salt stock. Cllr Robinson has kindly agreed to fund a bin so when these arrive a final decision will be made as to the exact location. Cllr Robinson asked Mr Ball if he could give a report of proceeding including the difficulties he had obtaining salt stock so that Cllr Robinson can report back to Highways.

7.2 Household Emergency Plan, these were distributed to all present, a copy can be found on the web site.

7.3 Clearing Snow and ice from pavements and public spaces, this is the Council's new directive which was relayed to the meeting and can also be found on the web site.

7.4 SWH are closing the road from East and West Ash from the 1st April to the 5th April for drainage works.

8. Correspondence

8.1 A letter has been received from MVF Best Kept village Competition, it was proposed by Mr M Baker and seconded by Mr C Ward to enter again this year.

8.2 The Village Green Magazine was distributed.

8.3 The 2011 Census is to be undertaken this year posters were distributed to put on the notice boards

8.4 The Register of Electors has been received, there are 309 on the electoral role, and individual's role numbers will be needed when applying to be a Parish Councillor for both candidates and nominators.

8.5 A Christmas card was received for the Parish Council from Mr Geoffrey Cox MP.

8.6 The Torridge View was distributed.

8.7 Two Police Authority conferences have been organised dates were relayed if anyone wished to attend.

8.8 Information regarding the TDC Volunteer Garden services for over 60's was relayed more information is on the website

9. Finance

9.1 Balances at 4th January 2011

9.1.1 Account 1 – £1407.36 Account 2 – £962.32.

Agree and sign the following cheques:

182	Clerk salary	£250.00
183	Office expenses	£10.36

9.2 An up to date Financial report was circulated.

9.3 The TDC Spending questionnaire was discussed, these are hoped to be returned to TDC by Councillors, also the sale by TDC of assets was discussed Cllr Pennington agreed to report at the next meeting as to where the money has been spent.

10. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

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1/08672010/FULL	Erection of cattle shed, Horwood Barton		Passed
1/1103/2010/FULL	Bungalow at the site adjacent to the Clinton Arms.	The plans were studied; the sewage arrangements were highlighted along with the turning area at the front of the site, also the size of the development within the site, Parish Councillors are to meet outside of the site on Saturday and will agree a response.	

11. Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only. The Chairman reported that the Telephone Kiosk has been vandalised to which BT have repaired it. The grit bin on Rakeham Hill has been knocked over, it was reported householders who live close are using the area as a turning point and also to park cars; the suggestion was made to try a get the small area tarmaced. Cllr Robinson and the chairman are to arrange a meeting with Mr S Elsworthy. Mr Warrington highlighted the need for a permanent bollard on the dangerous corner by the end of Hele Lane in Frithelstockstone, this site will be visited as well, and an effort will be made to get Mr M Newcombe to attend as well as this is a road safety issue.

12. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 1st March– 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed as true

(Chairman)

Date

Forthcoming Meetings: April 19th Annual Parish Meeting