

Frithelstock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 8th January 2013 – 7.30pm – Frithelstock Village Hall
(Ref: 2013/JAN)

Present:

*	Mr. M Poole (Chairman)		Mr. H Pettifer
*	Mr. R Hunkin (Vice-Chairman)	*	Mr. M Stokes
*	Mr. M Baker	*	Mr. G Ball
*	Mr. A Heard	*	Mrs. A Snell(Clerk)

(* denotes present at meeting)

In attendance: Cllr S Robinson, Cllr P Pennington and Mr A Poole

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting especially Mr M Stokes the newly co-opted Parish Councillor.
2. Apologies – were received from Mr H Pettifer, Mr T Warrington and PCSO Melissa Baker.
3. Crime Report, in the last 60 days there has been three phone calls logged to the Police, 1 road traffic accident, 1 cows on road and one case of flooding.
4. Public Participation.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 5th November 2012 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
6. Matters arising from previous minutes.

At the last meeting it was highlighted about obtaining the flashing 30mph sign to assist with speeding issues again there seems no chance of this at present, but Cllr Robinson is to look into the situation and see what he can do. The grit bins that are being over turned have been staked to the ground Mr A Heard would like to thank Mr P Hutchings for his assistance. DCC have been made aware that the bins are being upturned Cllr Robinson is asking for an extra bin on Clements Hill the one there at present is also in a poor state of repair. The concrete base underneath the bins has made it difficult to put the stakes in Cllr Robinson is to ask for a solution.

6.1 Pavement petition to village hall and Hele Lane (2009/MAR 6.4) – no progress at present, as far as the corner on the main road in the centre of the village is concerned DCC will not put the lines down as requested by the parish it appears that there has to be a 9 inch curb or nothing. The chairman would like to pursue the painting of the lines with Cllr Robinson. It was also highlighted that people are illegally parking on the junction individuals need to contact Simon Tune of TDC to report the parking issues.

6.2 Telephone kiosk (2012 Mar 8.9) BT have been contacted regarding replacing some of the worn out panes, they are due to visit but as yet have not visited so they are to be contacted again.

6.3 TAP grant fund Frithelstock are the lead parish with Monkleigh to obtain equipment for the yurt for Monkleigh School, the application is completed and is to be submitted by Cllr Pennington.

6.4 Speeding issues update, 3 speed checks took place in November and December, still on average 10% to 12% of cars were speeding over 35mph and up to 56mph. There is a request for more volunteers to undertake training. An unknown person has been out with a radar gun the PCSO has investigated and as yet come to no conclusion.

It was proposed by Mr A Heard and seconded by Mr M Baker to ask if it would be possible to put an island by the 30mph sign at the village hall end of the village Mr M Newcombe and Mr R Davis both of DCC are to be contacted.

6.5 Mr M Poole and Mr M Stokes attended the LCP meeting on the 29th November there was a presentation by Ms Kerry Burton on optimising the management of the Northern Devon Health Care, highlighting the change of empathise asking communities what they require and aiming to provide health and social care locally. Parish plan's were also on the agenda Cllr Pennington has asked Kate Little of TDC Planning to attend the APM to talk on Parish plans. The next meeting of the LCP is the 31st January in Torrington Town Hall.

7. Bus Shelter, Cllr Robinson has met with Julian Roskilly regarding putting a bus shelter on the pavement another site meeting has to be convened to mark out the actual site the roof must be 400mm back from the curb to allow for passing traffic. 6-8 feet of space is needed, metal framed bus shelter start at around £1400 it was agreed for councillors to convene after the meeting to decide on an actual design.

8. Poorlands Trust, the Parish council has two representatives on the Trust and these have come up for re-election, so it was proposed by Mr M Baker and seconded by Mr G Ball for the current two representatives Ms G Ridell and Mr M Short to represent the council for the next term, these two representatives have been approached and are willing to stand again.

9. Highways Issues, i. the next Lengthmans visit is on the 6th and 7th February issues that need attention are to be conveyed to the Lengthman. ii. A DCC Travelling in winter leaflet was given to the Snow Warden.

10. Correspondence

10.1. An Ambulance Service leaflet has been received.

10.2 The Torridge Connect magazine which is circulated to all households was available.

10.3 The Electoral Register has been received there are 307 parishioners on the Register

10.4 Christmas Cards have been received from Geoffrey Cox MP and TDC.

10.5 A letter has been received from HM The Queen thanking the Parish for their support during her Jubilee year, she commented on her interest to hear about the Commemorative Stone that has been erected by the Parish Council near the Parish Church to mark her special occasion. The letter will be framed and put on display in the Parish Hall. It was also mentioned that there are still a few Jubilee mugs available and orders for the Parish photo are being taken, is hoped the main photograph will be hung by the next social event and a time limit will be put for orders for replica photographs.

10.6 The letter from Mary Goaman thanked the Parish council for there help in contacting highways during the bad weather.

10.7 An email has been received regarding the Alscott wind Turbine application in Shebbear parish it was agreed by all not to respond.

11. Finance Account. Account 1 £2702.74 Account 2 £663.37

11.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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244	Clerks salary	£250.00
245	Office expenses	£14.10

11.2 Precept, Dispensation to discuss Parish Precept, due to the Localism Act a dispensation has to be put in place with the Proper Officer for councillors to discuss and vote on the Parish Precept, it was agreed by all to undertake this; the dispensation will be in place for 4 years. All those present will be asked to sign.

Precept, after discussion it was proposed by Mr. A Heard and seconded by Mr. M Baker to raise the precept to £4250 as funds have been depleted over the last few years with an opening balance of this financial year was £742, all in agreement. Due to the implementation of the Localised Council Tax Support schemes with a reduced benefit of 10% to council tax payers on benefits, the government has provided funding to district councils for the short fall in band D properties; Frithelstock has received £285 this is incorporated in the precept request.

11. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

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1/1150/2012/AGR	East & West Ash agricultural building to cover livestock feeding area	Passed
1/0937/2012/FUL	Demolition of piggery and erection of Agricultural workers dwelling at Catsborough Cross Monkeigh	Passed
1/0795/2012/FUL	Extension at Laburnum House Southcott	Withdrawn

12. Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only; there has been a complaint that there has been a large vehicle parked on Rackham hill of late this is due to work being undertaken. Chris Ward is relinquishing being editor of the Prior parish magazine it was felt the Parish Council should try to obtain a volunteer it was suggested to ask Ms J Seaman the chairman is to do this. The chairman highlighted that representatives of the parish council sit on the Parish Hall committee, the Poorlands Trust and the playing field committee it was agreed to find out the details of the numbers and length of terms of office and when they come up for re election.

Everyone was thanked for attending.

13. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 5th March 2013 – 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed as true

Date

(Chairman)

Forthcoming Meetings: April 16th 2013 Annual Parish Meeting