

Frithelstock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 5th March 2013 – 7.30pm – Frithelstock Village Hall
(Ref: 2013/MAR)

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, Ms M Patton-Smith, Ms S Bowman.

MINUTES

- Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- Apologies – were received from Mr M Baker, Mr T Warrington and PCSO Melissa Baker.
- Crime Report, no report has been received.
- Public Participation.
- Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 8th January 2013 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
- Matters arising from previous minutes.
 - Pavement petition to village hall and Hele Lane (2009/MAR 6.4) – no progress at present, the property along Hele Lane that is holding up progress with the footpath has been recently sold, the Chairman is to speak to the new owners, they are already residents of the village.
 - Telephone kiosk (2012 Mar 8.9) BT have been contacted regarding replacing some of the worn out panes, they reported they have visited and cleaned the panes but will not replace any unless broken. It is hoped the painting of the kiosk will soon take place.
 - TAP grant fund Frithelstock are the lead parish with Monkleigh to obtain equipment for the yurt for Monkleigh School, the grant has been agreed upon and the money is awaited.
 - Speeding issues update, four sessions have been held in January and February each time 10% of passing vehicles have exceeded the 30mph limit, more sessions are planned, more volunteers would be appreciated, training is being undertaken. Speedwatch came about through public participation and the parish council would like to thank the volunteers who undertake it.
 - Mr M Stokes attended the LCP meeting on the 28th February discussions took place regarding the NHS highlighting the Torrington community hospital and its future roll. Mr Clive Burnage the LCP co-ordinator is visiting more parishes. The TAP Grant fund may or may not continue in future years but as there is a DCC councillor's election this will be decided after the new council is formed. The ND and TDC draft consultation was discussed. The next meeting of the LCP is the 25th April in Torrington Town Hall.
 - The MVF Best Kept village competition is was agreed to enter again this year, proposed by Mr R Hunkin seconded by Mr A Heard all in favour.
- Bus Shelter, Cllr Robinson has met on the 11.2.13 with Julian Roskilly and the chairman and 5 parish councillors regarding the siting of the bus shelter on the pavement, Mr Roskilly although in favour requested a photograph of a bus actually stopping to pick up passengers, this was undertaken by Mr M Stokes. Cllr Robinson has had confirmation from Mr Simon Phillips DCC that there are no problems with this. The design that was discussed and agreed upon at the last meeting has been ordered at a cost of £3,499 plus VAT , a perch appeared on the plan from the company rep when a site meeting was undertaken on the 21.2.13 , which is at an extra cost of £90 plus Vat this was agreed upon by the seller. Cllr Robinson assured the Council that all was in order to erect the bus shelter.
- Highways Issues, i. the Lengthmans visit was felt to be disappointing as no one saw him, Mr S Elsworthy DCC is to be contacted to see when the next visit is and who the current Lengthman is. ii. The grit bins have been secured but the grit is now two to three years old and is not spreading very well, a new bin has been erected on Clements Hill, Mr P Hutchings who has undertaken some spreading will present the Parish council with an invoice in due course .iii. A letter has been received from Mr M Newcombe stating that there is not enough road width to put an island in the centre of the road by the village hall, the question was raised could double white lines be put down the centre of the road to stop overtaking, Cllr Robinson is to investigate.
- Correspondence
 - Promotion for the new TDC cardboard and electric recycling service has been received this will be put on the Notice board.
 - Plough and Share Credit union information was relayed to the meeting; it is low cost loans for people in need.
 - The Senior Council of Devon leaflet was available to the meeting
 - The Water Future leaflet was also available which covered the pricing structure up to 2020

9.5 The North Devon and Torridge Local Plan Consultation Draft was discussed it was agreed to put in a response highlighting the need for a certain degree of housing in the settlements and parish, also to highlight that if a large housing development was to be undertaken in Torrington this impacts on the flood planes of the Torridge down and around the Puffing Billy area, and it was felt this should be taken into consideration if such a development was to be undertaken.

9.6 Bideford Foodbank information has been received.

9.7 The next Torrington Area Advisory Meeting is on the 16th April at the Town Hall, Torrington.

10. Finance Account. Account 1 £903.38 Account 2 £663.49

10.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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248	Clerks salary	£250.00
249	Office expenses	£13.66
250	Mr R Joseph, web hosting	£48.00
251	Playing Field	£330.00
252	Mr I Brown grass cutting	£504.00
253	Parish Hall	£737.70

11. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

1/0937/2012/FUL	Demolition of piggery and erection of Agricultural workers dwelling at Catsborough Cross Monkeigh		This application has Passed; a site visit by councillors was carried out.
1/0023/2013/FUL	Revised application, new dwelling as consent 1/0022/2012/FUL with increased floor level and other amendments, October Wood, Buckland Brewer		There was a site meeting on the 20.2.13 for this application attended by six parish councillors, the applicant Messer's Sullivan, Mr B Hicks, Mr Lake, Mrs Fellows, Mrs C Beer and Mr Chris Beer and the architects. The proposal was stated in detail for those present following on the councillors agreed to recommend approval of this application. And preferred that the landscaping be undertaken before commencement of building works, if additional materials were required it was preferred if they were sourced locally.
1/1083/2012/FUL	Change of use from agricultural land to include the keeping of horses, erection of barn/stables building and construction of sand ménage, Laburnum House		The parish council had no objections to this application.

12. Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only; it was agreed to send Mr. Chris Ward a thank you note for all his hard work and dedication as editor of the Prior parish magazine, Ms Judith Seaman has kindly agreed to take on the editorial job. Cllr Sam Robinson was thanked for all his work he has undertaken during his time in office as the Parish Council's County councillor and wished well in the forthcoming elections.

Everyone was thanked for attending.

13. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 7th May 2013 – 8.00pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed as true

Date

(Chairman)

Forthcoming Meetings: Tuesday April 16th 2013 Annual Parish Meeting