

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 7th May 2013 – 7.30pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2013/MAY)

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: Ms S Bowman, Miss Hunkin, Mr. J Willis, Mrs. Hutchings, Mr. G Barrow, Mr. H Chapman, Mrs. V Jones, Mrs. M Pearce, Mr. A Poole, Mr. R Joseph, Mrs. Debman

MINUTES

- Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- Apologies – were received from Cllr G Dezart Mr M Baker, Mr T Warrington and Cllr P Pennington, Mr S RobinsonPCSO Melissa Baker.
- Crime Report, no report has been received.
- Public Participation.
It was brought to the attention of the meeting a resident living close to the wind turbine is experiencing noise issues, this has been going on for over two months he has contacted TDC who told him to inform the Parish council. The response from the Parish Council was that they recommended refusal so he must return to TDC.
- Election of Officers. It was proposed by Mr R Hunkin and seconded by Mr A Heard for Mr M Poole to be chairman, all in agreement; Mr Poole was duly elected as chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr M Stokes proposed Mr R Hunkin as Vice chairman, seconded by Mr G Ball all in agreement; Mr Hunkin was duly elected as vice chairman for the forthcoming year
- Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 5th March 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) –the chairman has spoken to the potential purchasers of the property along Hele Lane but as yet they have not signed so no progress can be made at present. Correspondence has been received to say no line painting will be undertaken at the end of Hele Lane with the A388.
 - Telephone kiosk (2012 Mar 8.9) Painted has started on the box, the biggest issue with the box is the quality and clearness of the panes, so a quotes has been received from Mr G Chanter for £145.00 for glass and labour to insert, it was proposed by Mr M Stokes seconded by Mr R Hunkin, to carry out the work all in favour.
 - TAP grant fund, a letter has been received from Monkleigh School thanking the Parish Council for the grant money toward the yurt.
 - Speeding issues update, monitoring is continuing with dates booked for the coming month, Mr Joseph has written to DCC regarding speed calming and is awaiting a reply.
 - The MVF Best Kept village competition the Parish Councillor have already undertaken a clean up session to which the WI are also to undertake one, it was asked if individuals could do there bit! The Playing Field are having a working party day on the 18th May.
- Highways Issues, i. It was raised at the end of the meeting that the sides of the road along Hele Lane beyond the 30mph sign have subsided and are a danger to drivers; the Chairman is to Contact Mr Roskilly DCC Highways to ask for work to be undertaken.
- Correspondence
 - ND and Torridge Local Plan feedback and consultation response, questionnaires were sent to every household with an excellent response received, the question was asked should there be more housing in the village of Frithestockstone, the surveys gave a 50/50 split to yes and no from those who responded, discussion took place at this part of the meeting with members of the public being allowed to participate. At the end of the meeting the councillors undertook further discussion and surveying of the questionnaire responses, highlighting the sewage system, affordable housing, infrastructure etc. It was proposed by Mr M Stokes and seconded by Mr R Hunkin, to respond:
Re: North Devon & Torridge Local Plan
Further to this Parish Councils' initial response to the above Local Plan, the Council has now consulted the whole parish on likely development needs for the time period covered by the Plan.
After considering all the comments received, the Parish Council has come to the conclusion that no further major housing development is needed in Frithestock Stone at this present time.
Issues raised by parishioners in expressing opposition to further development included the lack of a Post Office, or indeed a shop of any kind, as well as an inadequate bus service, in particular to Great Torrington, the closest shopping destination, where no such service exists.

These issues together with the fact that the sewage system is operating at 100% capacity and the local infrastructure is at present totally inadequate, were the major factors taken into consideration when coming to this conclusion.

However, if a planning application should come forward from a local resident, including any infill planning application, the Parish Council would expect to be given the chance to consider it on its merits in the light of the local situation pertaining at the time.

Notwithstanding the above, Frithelstock Parish Council would like to thank North Devon and Torridge District Councils for being given the opportunity to respond to the Proposed Local Plan.

All councillors in favour

9.2 A Torrington Community Food Bank is on between 10am and noon on Tuesday's at the Baptist church, New Street or on Saturdays at Castle Hill in the car park.

9.3 DCC Emergency Management information has been received

9.4 Information regarding War Memorials grants is available this is to be looked into.

9.5 The TDC tree advice services is at present unstaffed contact TDC if you require more information.

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

10.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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254	DALC affiliation fee	£80.53
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10.2 Agree the Audit form and Annual Governance Statement agreed by all and was signed in due course. As the Parish Council has purchased a salt gritter and a bus shelter in the last 12 months £5250 will be put in the Fixed Assets section on the audit form.

11. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

	PC Recommendations		TDC
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		Passed, this development is to be visited to see how the development is progressing
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		Passed
1/0217/2013/FUL 1/0128/2013/LBC	Higher Hollamoor, replacement roof covering and solar panels, affecting right of way		Passed

12. Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only; it was highlighted that people are taking their dogs up to the Playing Field which is a no dog area it was suggested to put a sign up for everyone to see.

The Rowing Club are doing an event on Friday night in the Village Hall to raise money for a defibrillator.

13. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 2nd July 2013 – 8.00pm.**

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

Signed as true

Date

(Chairman)

**Forthcoming Meetings: Tuesday September 3rd 2013 Parish Council Meeting
November 5th Budget meeting**