

# Frithestock Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – 8.00pm – Frithestock Village Hall  
(Ref: 2011/Sept)

Present:

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

(\* denotes present at meeting)

In attendance: PCSO Melissa Baker, Mr. M Newcombe DCC Highways , Mr. Birch, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hummerstone, Cllr S Robinson, Cllr P Pennington, and Mr J Vickery,

## MINUTES

- Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- Apologies – were received from Mr G Ball.
- Crime report, PCSO Baker attended the meeting and reported on the increase of crime in the whole area including the parish of Frithestock. In the last 60days there have been 8 logs for Frithestock including a suspicious person with a light in someone’s garden, criminal damage to a property, damage at the Playing Field, a burglary, theft from a motor vehicle and criminal damage to a car. PCSO Baker urged people to secure their properties. The lack of Police presence was highlighted, but visits have been carried to individual properties to give advice. From the end of May the response team have moved to Barnstaple so they are starting from a point of greater distance. The Torrington Station is a Neighbourhood Beat Manager down; the various services are not being taken away but spread over a larger area. It was suggested that the Parish Council write to express concern at the developments. PCSO Baker did say if anyone was driving suspiciously to take a description and registration number and report to the police.
- Public Participation. Mr M Newcombe from DCC highways spoken to the meeting on the proposals for the junction of Stone Cross corner, a survey has been carried out and the design proposal brought to the meeting for discussion, two points of concern with the design was the issue of drainage to the neighbouring properties and the levels of the ground. The design shows a narrowing of the entrance into Hele Lane with curbs on both sides to allow for a footpath, this will slow the entry speed into Hele Lane. This design has passed the safety audit and is ready to be built; the cost is less than expected being under £8k after the contribution from Cllr Robinson. Other traffic calming initiatives can be also installed the chevron board has already been put up and Mr Newcombe agreed to have Community Speed Watch signs put up permanently. It was agreed to fix a meeting at the proposed site so all residents and interested parties can discuss the design on site with Mr Newcombe this is to be arranged. The footpath along Hele Lane was also discussed a letter is required to be written to the two residents enclosing a response letter giving their consent for a survey to be carried out and any land transfer etc. This will be undertaken. Mr Newcombe was thanked very much for attended and we await his available times to meet on the Stone Cross site meeting. Mr Vickery reported that the Tractor Safari was a great success with 18 tractors involved and a profit of over £700. There is no logo for the Playing Field so suggestions have been asked for from local children. Likewise there is no sign at the entrance to the playing field and the committee would like to erect one. The renovation work to the equipment on the field has been completed. The next desired project is to have a trampoline at ground level so as to allow for able bodied and disabled to be able to use it, a survey and grant are to be looked into. The suggestion of a temporary sign at the entrance to Hele Lane from the A388 was suggested on event days.
- Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – 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 Footpath along Hele Lane has been discussed and progress is being made.
  - Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) progress is being made a cost is awaited to transfer part of the land.
  - Bus shelter (2009 Nov 7.13) Mr G Ball has approached the owners and all feed back at present is negative.
  - Update on speeding issues. This issue has been covered.
  - MVF Best Kept village Competition, no response has been received.
- Highways: Works are to be undertaken between the “Rakeham Hill junction to Plumpers Bridge” to start on the 15<sup>th</sup>September until the 21<sup>st</sup> September.
  - The chevron sign has been erected and the Community Speed Watch signs can be put up permanently.

8. Correspondence

8.1 A letter has been received from TDC with regard to the proposed closure of Swansea Coastguard Station, it was agreed to write a letter stating the Parish council’s objections to the closure. It was proposed by Mr R Hunkin and seconded by Mr M Baker; Cllr Pennington declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the room.

8.2 The DALC Newsletter was distributed.

8.3 The Torrington Area Advisory Group meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> September at Howe Concert Hall Torrington, the speaker is a Mr Barnard from Tarka Housing, the December meetings speaker will be on TDC Wind turbine policy

8.4 A letter has been received from the Royal Horticultural Society.

8.5 Correspondence from the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

8.6 RWE npower renewables, this is for a large Atlantic Array of wind turbines off the North Devon Coast coming ashore at Cornborough with the cables running under various parishes in the Torridge area, there a re a number of consultation events which will be emailed to councillors for them to attend and make an informed opinion for response. Cllr Pennington declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the room.

8.7 Jubilee Woods Project information has been received.

8.8 A thank you letter has been received from Mrs Fiona Austin the secretary of the Village Hall committee thanking the Parish Council for there grant of £100 which was used to purchase Union Jack bunting, to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

8.9 The Village Green has been received along with the CDD Annual Report.

9. Website and emails, it is hoped to get a parishioners database of emails that can be used to rely information of both events, news and concerns, a notice is to be put in with the Prior by the editor to encourage people to sign up, this will be a protected list. With regard to advertising on the website on occasions the editor and the chairman make a decision on what can or can not be advertised.

10. The Poorlands Trust, it was proposed by Mr R Joseph and seconded by Mr A Heard to re-elect Mrs M Goaman and Mr M Poole as representatives of the Parish Council, all in agreement. A small amount of money has been collected in the Clinton Arms, it was suggested if necessary a money raising event would be put on in aid of the Poorlands trust.

9. Finance Account 1: £781.04 Account 2; £662.77

9.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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19	Clerks Salary	£250.00
196	Office expenses	£22.33

9.2 The clerk’s contract was discussed, this has yet to be finalised.

10. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

1/1103/2010/FULL	Bungalow at the site adjacent to the Clinton Arms.		Pending a decision
1/0598/2011/AGR	Machinery & fodder store, Harracott Farm	Agricultural Determination	Passed

11. Items brought forward at the chairman’s discretion for information only. A letter has been received from Mrs J Seaman thanking the Parish Council for there grant towards the cutting of the cemetery. An induction service was held for Father Lawrence MacLean on the 5<sup>th</sup> September at the Torrington C of E Church. The ND and Torridge Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment was discussed this is areas of land that has a potential for development with regard to land availability for 107 houses in Frithelstock, Cllr Robinson reported that this document was signed very quickly so that housing associations were given the green light to seek funding. The Parish council was concerned at the way the announcement was made and the number of potential houses for the parish.

12. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Signed as true .....  
(Chairman)

Date .....

**Forthcoming Meetings: January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 Parish Council Meeting**