

Frithestock Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting 7th June 2011 – 8.00pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2011/June)

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:, Cllr S Robinson, Mr M Goldman, Mr J Willis, Mr and Mrs P Cockerel and Ms S Cockerel, Ms B Sexton, Mr and Mrs Kinghorn, Mr Withy, Mrs Baker and Miss Baker.

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting,
Apologies – were received by Mr R Hunkin

2. Public Participation

Many points were raised from the floor firstly in relation to TDC wind energy policy, which states that a nanometre should be on site for 12 months prior to application, with results available, a map showing the theoretical visibility of the proposed development should be provided in relation to visual impact. A noise assessment to UK standard should be provided. In the policy TDC's recommendation are that dwelling should be 600m from the proposed turbine, the nearest to this proposal is 375m with 6 others in the 600m radius. It was noted that the photo montages were not sufficient. It was also noted that the power required for the size of the farming business could be obtained from a 6-10kw turbine where as this proposed turbine is 50kw. The point was raised that TDC are under pressure to meet regional targets but it was felt not to the detriment to residents. Many felt that accepting all proposals could open a flood gate to many, so it was felt not to set a precedent. Concerns were raised over noise but it was noted that another member of the public had seen another turbine and the noise level was low.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Greg Ball to his first meeting as a councillor. A letter has been received by some local residents asking for comments on this application but only on the land use, this was felt to be inappropriate and not reasonable.

It was not possible to take a vote at this present time but the Parish Council drafted a letter to be sent to the planning officer. The following points for clarification were raised:

1. The Parish Council want clarity of Torridge District Councils policy on the recommendation that wind turbines are 600 metres from the nearest dwelling, as this proposed turbine is 375 m from the nearest dwelling plus 6 other dwellings within the 600m range. The 600m range is a material consideration in relation to noise and visual impact.

2. Monitoring of wind speed has not been complied with TDC policy which is 12 month's monitoring prior to application, but the Parish Council recognises steps are being taken in retrospect with these results available at the beginning of July. Is this compliant with Policy?

The Parish Council requires further factual information and or advice and guidance before being able to make a considered judgement and therefore requires clarification of this information before responding and before a final decision is made by you.

The bus shelter was discussed and will be raised again at the next meeting.

Clerks PAYE, following consultation with Geoffrey Cox MP this has to be adhered to, along with provision of a contract for the clerk, the chairman along with Cllr Robinson are to request to meet with the appropriate person in TDC to draw up a contract, this will be brought to the next meeting.

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

Signed as true
(Chairman)

Date

Forthcoming Meetings: July 5th Parish Council Meeting