

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 3rd January 2012 – 7.30pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2012/Jan)

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)

1. In attendance: Cllr S Robinson, Cllr P Pennington, Mr and Mrs Bowman, Mrs Pearce, Mr Willis, Mr and Mrs Cokerhill, Miss Cokerhill, Mr Chapman, Mr Smith, Mrs Paton Smith and Mr Debman

MINUTES

2. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
3. Apologies – were received from PCSO Melissa Baker, Mr R Hunkin
4. Crime report, one crime of a theft from a motor vehicle and eight phone calls have been reported in the last 60 days to the police station, 2 admin, 1 domestic incident, 1 public safety, 3 highways related and 1 anti social behaviour.

Public Participation.

The resubmitted application for the wind turbine at West and East Ash was discussed, it was reported that the application was not meeting National or TDC policies under landscape, amenity, noise etc. Some information was not totally correct and surveys lacked detail. Noise and the effect on wildlife were highlights of concern. It was felt the montage information was incorrect along with measurement details. In TDC recommended policy adjoining properties should be 600m away there are 7 within this distance. There was no guarantee that the land would be reinstated if the turbine was removed. The anemometer should be in situ for 12 months to give an accurate reading of wind speeds and planning permission should be sought for this. The anemometer in the application was in situ for two weeks. It was felt there had been no pre planning consultation carried out. A Frithestock Parish council draft wind energy policy has been drawn up this will be agreed upon at the March meeting, but it was felt this application did not meet the criteria of this draft policy.

Three councillors attend the meeting at Alverdiscott in November in the hope of gaining more information from the District Council but no district council representatives were present which was very disappointing. 80 people attended this meeting. So the Parish council are very disappointed with the information and guidance that they have received from TDC as they have been given poor support and it was felt there is a conflict between TDC wind energy policy and its procedures, a letter is to be sent to TDC Head of Planning informing them of the Parish councils lack of confidence.

5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 1st November 2011 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
The Parish Council minutes are published on the website and now the Playing Field Committee are to also post there's on the website it was asked if the Village Hall committee could also post there's, to give greater availability of information, it was agreed to ask the committee.
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes
 - 6.1. Pavement petition to village hall and Hele Lane (2009/MAR 6.4) – With regard to The Footpath along Hele Lane, the two residents have replied to the council and are awaiting contact, Cllr Robinson is to chase up on this issue. The Stone Corner lines have been drawn on the road to gauge public reaction and it was found to be a little difficult to adhere to all, so it is hoped slight changes are to be made then it is hoped DCC will put permanent markings there.
 - 6.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) A letter has been received from the Land Registry stating that the Parish Council is now the legal owners of the land on which the pump and bench are situated, the chairman thanked the vice chairman for completing this on the Parish councils behalf.
 - 6.3. Speeding issues update, no checks were carried out in December these will start again in January, and a number of people have been vetted so they are able to carry out the monitoring without a PCSO present. The permanent speed watch signs are still awaited.
7. 7.1 Highways: There is a road closure in Taddipport between the 27th February and the 9th March the diversion signs will be to Frithestock, Langtree etc.
- 7.2 Cold Weather policy, five tonnes of salt have been delivered, Mr P Hutchings has agreed to spread when necessary but the question was asked who will pay for this service? The water on the road along Hele Lane was discussed Cllr Robinson is to contact Mr J Roskilly and Mr Hutchings to arrange a meeting. The meeting was informed that Mr G Ball is the Snow Warden who will co-ordinate between DCC and the parish at the necessary times, Mr Ball is looking

for volunteers. Cllr Robinson has been very helpful with organising a gritting machine, but there is a slight delay in delivery.

8. Correspondence

8.1 The Village Green has been received.

8.2 The next Torrington Area Advisory Group meeting is expected to be on the 24th January this is yet to be confirmed Mrs B Francis from TDC planning is expected to attend to inform the meeting about TDC Wind Energy policy, report on the Huntshaw meeting already covered.

8.3 The DALC Newsletter was circulated to councillors.

8.4 The Torridge Connect has been received.

8.5 A leaflet on Travelling in winter has been received this was passed to Mr G Ball the Snow Warden.

8.6 The Electoral Register is now held with the clerk. Cllr Robinson reported that DCC are to grant parishes £1 per electorate on the electoral role and TDC .10p this would equate to £330 as there are 300 people on the role.

9. Finance Account

9.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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199	MVF Best Kept village Celebration Champagne toast(Mrs M Goldman, agreed by all)	£60.00
200	Clerks salary	£250.00
200	Office expenses	£13.22

The resident at Homelea, Firthelstock was under the impression that the Parish Council would fund the purchasing of outdoor lights for outside this property, the resident has purchased the lights and has very kindly agreed to pay for them himself to which a letter of thanks is to be sent by the Parish Council thanking the resident very much.

10. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

1/1103/2010/FUL	Bungalow adjacent to the Clinton Arms.		Passed
1/0922/2011/FUL	Solar panels, Horwood Barton	No objections	
1/1169/2011/FUL	Wind turbine, 34.2m height to blade, West & East Ash	Councillors discussed this application but felt the anemometer had not met policy requirements both National and TDC for not being in situ for 12 months along with no planning permission obtained for it to be used. It was felt greater consultation could have been carried out along with a guarantee that the land would be reinstated to agricultural use if the turbine was removed, so the Parish Council recommended rejection of this application.	

11. Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only .Mr Hunkin was advised that Mr J Roskilly would provide fixing etc to erect the MVF Best Kept Village signs, this has yet to be undertaken Cllr Robinson is to chase up. At the last Village Hall committee meeting it was agreed to purchased more of the red padded chairs, these will be purchased by the Parish council and granted to the Hall to the value of the annual grant. The 30mph sign by Old Pound needs to be repositioned. The A388 road has been marked for repairs but as yet note have been carried out. Cllr Robinson informed the meeting that there is a website that anyone can visit to report pot holes this web address is to be put on the Parish website. An update was asked for on the coping stones on the bridge by the Puffing Billy as these have been pushed into the river and the area cordoned off, the bridge is a listed monument; Cllr Robinson has meet with Mr Roskilly to discuss. Christmas cards had been received from the leader of TDC and Geoffrey Cox MP. Everyone was thanked for attending.

12. With reference to Item 10, it was unanimously agreed that a formal letter confirming the Parish Council's vote of 'no confidence' in TDC's Planning Department.

13. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 6th March 2012 – 7.30pm.**

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

Signed as true

Date

(Chairman)

Forthcoming Meetings: April 17th 2012 Annual Parish Meeting