

Frithestock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 6th January 2009 – 7.30pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2009/JAN)

Present:

*	Mr. M Poole (Chairman)	*	Mr. H Pettifer
	Mr. R Hunkin (Vice-Chairman)	*	Mrs. J Pomeroy
*	Mr. M Baker	*	Mr. C Ward
*	Mr. A Heard	*	Mrs. D Beer (Clerk)

(* denotes present at meeting)

In attendance: Cllr H Barton, Mr. & Mrs. M Goldman, PC Rowlands, Mr. M Stokes, Mr. J Vickery

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – received from PCSO Melissa Baker & Mr R Hunkin
3. Crime Report – PC Rowlands introduced himself to all present. The current police newsletter gives details of how other drivers should respond when an emergency vehicle is responding to a call.
(19:40 – Mr A Heard arrived)
In the past 60 days there were 2 crimes recorded within the parish (1 argument, 1 burglary just within the boundary of the parish). Mr Poole requested that a police representative attend the annual meeting in April.
4. Public Participation
 - 4.1. Mr Goldman told those present about a funding body looking to develop environmentally friendly projects. (19:50 – Mr M Baker arrived)
There is the potential of receiving up to 70% funding to replace the existing sewerage plant in the village with a bio-plant system. A feasibility study would need to be carried out – this would be available at no cost. Mr Ward proposed, and Mr Pettifer seconded, that Mr Goldman go ahead and arrange a feasibility study. Approved by all. It was suggested that this could be a whole village project, and not just the parish council. (20:00 – Mr & Mrs Goldman left)
5. Minutes of Meetings, Tuesday 4th November 2008 - approved by all and signed as true.
6. Matters Arising from previous minutes
 - 6.1. HMRC – Clerk's employment situation. (2008/MAY 6.5). The clerk advised that the Parish Council have now been registered as an employer with HMRC, but that there were issues that needed clarifying etc. Clarification was needed regarding payment schedule (monthly / annually) – Clerk to check with HMRC if one annual payment permissible. The clerk felt that the annual agreed payment is significantly lower than the recommended rate as laid out by the NALC. Councillors agreed to stay after the meeting to discuss the matter.
 - 6.2. BT Adopt a Kiosk (2008/NOV 6.3) – BT have acknowledged the parish council's application to adopt the kiosk at the end of Hele Lane, and they are now awaiting approval from TDC so that BT can remove the service.
 - 6.3. Parish Plan (2008/NOV 6.8) – Mr Hunkin had given his apologies, and there was no update.
 - 6.4. (additional) – Recycling Pavilion – this has now been moved to the Playing Field.
 - 6.5. (additional) – Great Torrington School – now has Foundation Status, which starts 1st April 2009
 - 6.6. (additional) – Traffic calming through Frithestock – Mr Ward asked Cllr Barton if there had been any progress. Cllr Barton advised that it is an ongoing issue – a small working party is looking at small villages such as Frithestock to see if any form of speed restriction can be imposed.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1. Poorlands committee – Mr Poole outlined the fact that the money available to distribute to the less fortunate of the village will only be approximately £12 this year, and asked if councillors would agree to setting a figure to be included in the precept to continue giving a gift to those who would benefit. Cllr Barton advised that it should be checked to ensure that it would be legal.
- 7.2. TDC
 - 7.2.1. Town/Parish councillors allowances – made available to view
 - 7.2.2. Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document – made available to view
- 7.3. Information Commissioner's Office – New Model Publication Scheme - new Freedom of Information scheme to be implemented from January 2009. Clerk had spent ¾ hr trying to navigate the necessary website to no avail. Cllr Barton recommended that the Clerk contact Ken Miles at the Solicitors office of TDC
- 7.4. Register of Electors – the new register is in the possession of the clerk – appointments can be made to view
- 7.5. Communities & Local Government – code of recommended practice – made available to view
- 7.6. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Appointment of Independent Members – new members are being sought. Clerk to post on notice boards - also to go on website
- 7.7. Any other received 30/12/2008 – 06/01/2009
 - 7.7.1. Mrs M Poole – would there be a possibility of having a pavement running from the main village to Frithelstockstone to the Village Hall? Cllr Barton was asked to contact Highways Dept to request if anything could be done
 - 7.7.2. Email from DCC solicitor that the owners of No 1 Church Lane (Mr WR Hunkin, Mr WS Hunkin & Mrs JG Wilson) had applied to register the land on the opposite side of the road (where village pump, bench and bollards are) along with No 1 Church Lane, as the land appears on the deeds of the property. Mr Hunkin, in his absence, had sent an email of explanation to be read out. Councillors discussed the matter; comment was made that it would be preferable that the land remain in the ownership of the council. Clerk had applied to the Land Registry to extend the deadline for objection from 12:00 6th Jan, to 12:00 8th Jan but had not received a reply. Mr Pettifer proposed, Mr Ward seconded no further action be taken – approved by all. Clerk to inform Mr Hunkin that the parish council would not object, and would therefore have no further responsibility for the pump, bench and bollards.

8. Finance

- 8.1. Balances of accounts – a set of accounts was handed out and approved
- 8.2. Payments to approve (Zurich Municipal / Land Registry) – Proposed Mrs J Pomeroy, seconded Mr H Pettifer – approved
- 8.3. A working party was created (Mr Poole, Mr Ward & Mr Baker) to work alongside the Village Hall committee – to work out the best way to spend the allocated money from the annual precept

9. Planning

- 9.1. 1/1236/2008/FUL – Frithelstock Village Hall alterations & improvements – no objection (proposed Mr Baker, seconded Mr Heard – approved by all)

10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2009 – 7.30pm Frithelstock Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:05

Signed as true: _____
(Chairman)

Date: _____