

Frithestock Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting 5th July 2011 – 8.00pm – Frithestock Village Hall
(Ref: 2011/MAy)

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, Cllr P Pennington, Mr A Poole and Mr J Vickery,

MINUTES

- Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- Apologies – were received from Mr R Hunkin, Mr A Heard and PCSO Baker.
- Crime report, a report was relayed to the meeting that in the past 60 days there has been no crime with 3 phone calls logged to the Police Station, including 1 public safety and 2 transport related.
- Public Participation. Mr Vickery reported that the last working party had to be cancelled due to bad weather, two new bars have been replaced on the swings under guarantee also new seats have been obtained, a new date to undertake painting will be rescheduled. A Tractor Safari is to be held on the 28th August to help raise funds to build up a reserve for the future.
- Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 1st March 2011 – Mr Vickery asked for an amendment to be added on behalf of the Recreation Field Committee that: “Mr Vickery informed the meeting that after the secretary had informed him that he would not stand for re-election and that the difficulty of getting residents to join the committee they would explore amalgamation with the Village Hall and /or entertainment committee.” All in agreement.
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 10th May 2011 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 7th June 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) –Cllr Robinson, the chairman and representatives from DCC have met with regard to the footpath to the Hall, due to the cost implication it was reported that the only way for a footpath to be installed was when and or if a development is undertaken the opposite side of the road the Parish Council would request an S106 that a footpath be installed as part of the agreement. This could be incorporated into a Parish Plan if one was undertaken. Footpath at Hele Lane this was also visited, and Cllr Robinson and the chairman were under the impression Mr Simon Hill DCC was to approach the householders for agreement and to carry out negotiations, but this needs to be confirmed as verbal agreement has been agreed but the details have to be sorted out, Cllr Robinson is to pursue.
A Chevron sign outside of the old blacksmith shop is about to be erected, it was also discussed for a footpath to be put around Mr Balls property with a safety bollard and with a highway priority road survey to be undertaken.
The next Lengthman’s visits are to take place on the 27th -28th September, 6th -7th December and the 2nd -5th March 2012, Mr Julian Roskilly is the new Highway Superintendent and it was suggested by Cllr Robinson that he attend the next meeting, this was agreed.
 - Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) The chairman has spoken to Mr Hunkin who informed him that the matter was in the hands of the solicitors and that they had not come back with any problems.
 - Bus shelter (2009 Nov 7.13)No progress has been made, at the last contact with the owners they had indicated that if the wind turbine was to proceed they felt unable to grant the land, but this application has subsequently been withdrawn. Progress had been made to the point that the dimensions had been marked out. Mr G Ball agreed to meet the residents for an update.
 - Update on speeding issues. The volunteers are to continue with speed checks, once these police volunteers have been vetted and ratified, they will be able to carry out the speed watches unaccompanied by the PCSO, and to input information but not send out the letters which will come from the police. The group are to meet then approach DCC in terms of putting further ideas forward i.e. double white lines, flashing lights etc
 - MVF Best Kept village Competition, it was felt advantageous if the judges could look around the village hall at the excellent work that has been achieved, various councillors have agreed to further pick up rubbish.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Highways: Works between “Little Marsh and The Glen” start 5th September for 4 weeks; this is for major reconstruction of the road, a diversion will be in place.

7.2 The Village Green was circulated.

7.3 The DALC newsletter was also circulated.

7.4 A request had been received from the Devon County archivist for a volunteer to undertake the Tithe Map project for the parish, Mr. Judith Seaman kindly volunteered and part of her progress so far was brought to the meeting, she was thanked for all her time and work on the project.

7.5 TDC are asking for Parish Council representatives on the Standard’s Committee a form is available for anyone who is interested.

7.6 A letter has been received from TDC on the Polling Districts and polling places review it was agreed to send back reporting that the present station at the village hall is a good facility and all is satisfactory.

7.7 A CPRE letter was relayed to the meeting.

9. Finance

9.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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193	Clerks Salary	£250.00
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9.2 The Audit Form and the Annual & Governance Statement were agreed and signed, all in favour.

9.3 The clerk’s contract was discussed, two templates have been circulated to councillors, this was agreed to be discussed at the end of the meeting and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

9.3 10. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

1/1103/2010/FULL	Bungalow at the site adjacent to the Clinton Arms.		Pending a decision
1/0248/2011/Full	Orchard Wood		Withdrawn
1/0390/2011/Full	West and East Ash		Withdrawn
1/0380/2011/FUL	Horwood Farm		Passed
1/0598/2011/AGR	Machinery & fodder store, Harracott Farm	Agricultural Determination	
1/0527/2011/Ful	Extension to exiting workshop, Half Barn Langtree	This was felt not to be of relevance to Frithelstock	

11. Items brought forward at the chairman’s discretion for information only. Mr Pettifer raised the question of the TDC Wind Policy which was felt to be confusing; it was suggested by Cllr Pennington to ask a representative of the Planning Department to speak at a Torrington Area Advisory meeting to inform many parish councils as a group, this is to be arranged.

Due to impending road closure along Hele Lane it was suggested that the Parish Council volunteered the parking facilities of the village Hall, an email is to be drawn up and circulated to residents. Mr Joseph asked if it would be possible to obtain more email addresses to be kept confidential of parishioner so in circumstances such as this more people could be informed easily, M C Ward is to be asked to put this in the next Prior also this is to be put on the next agenda.

12. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 6th September– 8.00pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed as true
(Chairman)

Date

Forthcoming Meetings: November 1st Parish Council Meeting