

Frithelstock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 6th March 2012 – 7.30pm – Frithelstock Village Hall
(Ref: 2012/Mar)

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 A Poole, Ms A Hunkin, Ms B Smith, Ms V Jones and Mrs Payton Smith

MINUTES

2. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
3. Apologies – were received from PCSO Melissa Baker, Mr. A Heard
4. Crime report, no crimes have been reported to the police in the last 60 days with three phone calls all administration. Public Participation.

It was reported that there are a lot of pot holes between Windy Hill and Castle Bridge.

5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 3rd January 2012 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
 - i. A planning meeting was held on the 3rd February to discuss the October Wood application, Mr Lake is the owner of the adjoining property, his two sons were in attendance, Mr Lake is 97. Concerns were raised regarding the work that has already been undertaken on the river the bank and great concern about the flood risk to the adjoining property. Mr Lake's sons produced the letter they have written to TDC together with photographic evidence of the effect of flooding. After discussion the Parish Council decided to contact Mr P Pennington District councillor with the flood risk concerns and ask him to call the application in before a full planning committee. Mr Pennington did respond at this meeting saying the actual property was smaller than first planned but did call the application in with great concern about the flooding aspect. The Planning committee meeting is expected to be the 5th April at which anyone can make representation as long as they inform TDC in advance.
 - ii. A meeting was held on the 10th February, regarding the Snow Warden and Bad weather policy, all parish councillors have been seconded to be Snow Wardens volunteers along with a few other parishioners. Mr G Ball carried out training of these volunteers. The gritting machine has been delivered and is sited at Horwood Farm for easy access. Mr Ball thanked Cllr Robinson for obtaining and financing the machine and the support he has given the parish. It was felt there is good community support from all those who have agreed to store the grit and gritter. More volunteers are being looked for these will have a short training so they are covered under DCC insurance. The forward plan is to look after the community and try to prevent hazards, Mr G Ball the Snow Warden is sent weather warnings who will then send on to the editor of the website. There are numerous numbers on the website to cover many eventualities but it is hoped to expand these. It is to be checked with Julian Roskilly as to the best way to store the salt/grit. Cllr Robinson expressed his and the parishes thanks to Mr Greg Ball for all his efforts in being the Parish Snow Warden. Mr Poole and Mr Hutchins (Mr Ball was unavailable) attended a reception at County Hall hosted by Mr Jeremy Yabsley Chairman of DCC as a thank you to all parishes taking part in the Snow Warden scheme, and to inform parishes that DCC are to grant each parish £1 per electorate to which TDC will match at 20% to aid carrying out the Localism Bill. £350 for Frithelstock, Cllr Pennington will report on the Localism bill at the next meeting.
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, ownership of all the land has yet to be established so a site meeting is to be arranged. Cllr Robinson produced the proposed plans for the footpath.
 - 6.2. Best Kept village signs, the signs that have been purchased are not the standard BKV signs being yellow, 6 were required, the prize money was £100 from MVF to which the chairman made a donation to purchase the signs. After discussion it was agreed that all those present Councillors and parishioners are now happy with the signs, Mr Shovelton from MVF has been contacted and he is happy as the main sign is very visible on the Village Hall, but it was commented that the MVF and CPRE logos are not on the signs.
 - 6.3. Speeding issues update, 24 sessions have been undertaken since November 2010, there are now 6 volunteers that are fully trained so can undertake monitoring without PCSO Baker, Mr Joseph has taken on the job of emailing the information to the police. It is hoped to make the monitoring more effective by further signage etc. The

30mph sign could be moved further out from the village hall end, double white lines, flashing 30mph signs, possible speed camera signs and possibly rumble strips. Also more volunteers would be desirable.

7.1 Highways: Snow Warden Volunteers has been covered.

7.2 Damage to footpath by Hele Lane at Frithelstockstone, a large lorry hit the curb stones and dislodged them by Chapel cottage, a letter from the residents and one from the residents of The Old Baptist chapel were read to the meeting, the residents have grave concerns for their properties. The curbs have been repaired a suggestion of pinning them was put forward or putting concrete behind the curbs, bollards were also suggested, these are being looked at. Cllr Robinson is to carry out a site visit next week. The residents of this area were also concerned at the number of people parking their cars on the junction as it is really dangerous, the area also has double yellow lines, Cllr Robinson is happy to act as a reporter if people tell him the registration number of the vehicles that are offending.

8. Correspondence

8.1 A letter of reply to the Parish council's lack of confidence letter has been received from Mr R Webster Head of Planning saying that the department provides support and guidance to residents and groups by way of a duty officer service telephone and written comments.

8.2 The RWE npower Atlantic Array Offshore wind farm summary report has been received further information can be found on the website.

8.3 The Senior Council of Devon leaflet was highlighted.

8.4 NALC A guide to neighbourhood planning has been received.

8.5 The Devon Community Directory was passed to Mr Joseph for inclusion on the website.

8.6 The Northern Devon Healthcare foundation Trust application consultation was available.

8.7 The Northern Devon Healthcare "Pulse" was circulated.

8.8 Information from Sir Graham Watson MEP is already available on the website.

8.9 The MVF Best Kept Village application has been received after discussion it was agreed to enter, it was highlighted that the telephone kiosk needs painting BT are to be contacted. The school are also to be asked if they would like to enter the Pam Parker Map competition.

9. Finance Account. Account 1 £79.30 Account 2 £663.01

9.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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226	Gopak (village hall tables)	£914.76
227	Mr I Brown (grass cutting)	£462.00
228	Clerks salary	£250.00
229	Office expenses	£9.32
230	Playing Field Committee	£365.00

i. The bank mandate is to be signed by all councillors

10. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

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1/0922/2011/FUL	Solar panels, Horwood Barton	Passed
1/1169/2011/FUL	Wind turbine, 34.2m height to blade, West & East Ash	
1/0022/2012/FUL	October Wood replacement dwelling and associated works	

11. Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only .The Queens Jubilee, the Entertainment Committee are meeting this week it was agreed the Parish Council would support any event/s that they put on. It was agreed to send Mr John Vickery a card due to his recent illness. Cllr Pennington highlighted the failing of the planning department at TDC with our own loss of correspondence sent along with others. The Overview and Scrutiny committee have carried out an investigation but there are still continued failing, Cllr Pennington was also very disappointment with the meeting attended by Ms B Francis and the Alverdiscott meeting regarding wind turbines and TDC wind policy which where both very unsatisfactory. Cllr Pennington did report that TDC are joining more with NDC and adjoining councils and breaking links with Teignbridge, a joint head of planning is being sought with NDC, but he did report that TDC could not sustain the high levels of salary paid to some of its officers as savings have to be made. TDC are not to raise council tax this coming year. It was reported that the agenda from the notice Board at Hele Lane over the past couple of meetings has been removed this is to be monitored. It was reported the drains along from the junction at Hele Lane to the village Hall need clearing.

Everyone was thanked for attending.

12. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 17th April 2012 – 8.00pm**. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed as true

Date

(Chairman)

Forthcoming Meetings: May 1st 2012 Annual Parish Council Meeting