

Frithelstock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 1st November 2011 – 7.30pm – Frithelstock Village Hall
(Ref: 2011/Nov)

Present:

*	Mr. M Poole (Chairman)
*	Mr. R Hunkin (Vice-Chairman)
*	Mr. M Baker
*	Mr. A Heard

*	Mr. H Pettifer
*	Mr. R Joseph
*	Mr. G Ball
*	Mrs. A Snell(Clerk)

(* denotes present at meeting)

In attendance: Cllr S Robinson, Mr J Vickery, Mr and Mrs Bowman, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Barrow, Mr and Mrs Hutchings, Miss Hunkin, Ms V Jones, Mr Hancock, Mr and Mrs Debnam Mr I Brown, Mr D Raymont and Mr Warrington.

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from PCSO Melissa Baker, Cllr P Pennington
3. Crime report, no crimes and no phone calls have been reported in the last 60days to the police station.
4. Public Participation. The report was read of the meeting held on the 26th October at the junction of Hele Lane and the A388 to discuss the new road layout. Due to the speeding issues and incidents that have occurred at the junction it was suggested by DCC highways to put a 4inch curb outside the Old Post Office side of the road but residents were not in favour of this suggestion. Lines have been put on the road to mark out the requirements to allow better pedestrian availability and to allow a safer flow of traffic out of Hele Lane. After discussion it was agreed to trial the line marking until the summer to ascertain if they are working. Two letters have been received from residents these were relayed to the meeting one included a petition but it was reported some residents had not been approached regarding the petition. There were some concerns of how you would have to drive to comply with the lines. The yellow lines along Hele Lane were also discussed but felt no action needed be taken, along with speeding along the lane. The conclusion to the meeting was that the Parish Council will recommend the lines will be trailed and will stay for the time being, comments from the floor will be taken into consideration, and everyone was thanked for attending.
Mr John Vickery reported that Mr Goldman and Mr Ball have retired from the Playing Field committee and three new members Mr Bowman, Mr R Joseph and Mr Giles Larkin who has agreed to be secretary have joined the committee. Ideas have been forthcoming the main one being for a Multi Use Games Area, space is available on the field, no planning permission is required but TDC will be informed of the plans. Grants are available for this type of project especially as a large age range will be covered if built. Mr Vickery and Mr Joseph are to circulate a questionnaire on this idea and others of ie putting a toilet on the field, and a donation box, as this is a self supporting organisation and this could aid funds. Ideas are being also put forward for the August bank holiday event in 2012 this is to be included in the questionnaire. As HSBC is closing in Torrington the committee have approached Barclays to move their bank account to them.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 6th September 2011 – these were unanimously approved and signed as true.
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 letters were sent to the two residents who duly replied to DCC they are now awaiting contact from DCC for the next step.
 - 6.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) upon contacting DCC they have stated that the land is owned by them but they are willing to pass over the usage of the land to the PC but keep overall ownership, DCC have taken responsibility condition will be put in place but there will be no cost to the Parish Council.
 - 6.3. Bus shelter (2009 Nov 7.13) The suggested site is at present not possible but the funds are still available if another site or the situation changes.
 - 6.4. Update on speeding issues. Monitoring is continuing, all volunteers are applying to be Volunteer Police Members so as they are able to carry out the monitoring without a PCSO or like present. The monitoring has been carried out for the past 18months the suggestion has been for more permanent signs of which Michael Newcombe said he would request. Other suggestions are to be gauged through a voting form on the website i.e. signage, lines etc. It was suggested that the 30mph sign from the village Hall in the Monkleigh direction should be positioned further from the village to get people to slow down more before passing the village hall. It was reported that 10% of drivers still speed even with the monitoring sign and high visibility jackets are in evidence. The question was asked could speed checks be carried out along Hele Lane a site would have to be agreed with the PCSO but it was felt as previously informed there is insufficient traffic to warrant. In a daily monitor at peak time 4.30pm to 5.30pm approx 300 pass along the A 388.
 - 6.5. MVF Best Kept village Competition, coved under the Chairman's section

7.1 Highways: Works are to be undertaken between the "Rakeham Hill junction to Plumpers Bridge" to start on the 21st November until the 25th November. This was postponed from September.

7.2 Part night lighting DCC are to implement part night lighting shortly the street lights will be switched off at 12.30am for 5 hours, 4 lights will remain on, these are on the main road through Frithelstockstone more information is available on the website.

7.3 Following the open discussion at the beginning of the meeting regarding the Hele Lane and A388 junction the PC are to ask DCC to emphasize the lines to make them very clear with maybe using raised paint, as the lines are drawn the consensus was that the layout should work, it was mentioned if DCC were stopped from there alterations would the PC could be liable. Cllr Robinson did suggest the introduction of bollards as well in the areas of Mr Ball's house. This overall proposal was proposed by Mr R Joseph and seconded by Mr Heard all in favour. The situation will be monitored and revisited again.

7.4 Cold Weather policy, five tonnes of salt are to be delivered to the parish it was suggest to spread out the supplies to different areas of the parish so Mr S Beer, Mr R Bond, and Mr P Hutchings along with the chair and vice are to asked to store salt. Cllr Robinson said he would be able to fund a towed gritter if the parish could store it. Mr Hutchings is to be asked if he would be able to store it. Mr Baker is to support Mr Ball in the Snow Warden duties. The PC are satisfied with the present arrangement of grit boxes, these will be filled separately by DCC.

8. Correspondence

8.1 A letter has been received from Mr K Abraham the previously uses internal auditor, a parishioner is now used.

8.2 A response letter from Swansea Coast guard Station has been received.

8.3 Information regarding the Queens Diamond Jubilee will be forwarded to the Entertainment and Hall committee, the PC would be supportive of celebration suggestions.

8.4 Cllr John Hart Leader DCC is to speak on "Choices" (i.e. saving DCC money) on Thursday 17th November at the Howe Concert Hall Torrington starting at 6.30pm.

8.5 An acknowledgment Police letter has been received in response to the one sent.

8.6 The HSBC branch is being closed in Torrington.

8.7 The Review of Parliamentary boundaries was discussed more information is available on the website.

8.8 A request for money letter has been received from Citizens Advice Bureau it was proposed by Mr H Pettifer and seconded by Mr G Ball to grant £25 all in favour.

8.9 The TDC Prioritisation of Budget Questionnaire is to be completed by the chair and vice.

8.10 The next GT&LCP meeting is on the 24th November Winkleigh Community Centre agenda items were asked for.

8.11 Alverdiscott and Huntshaw PC are holding an open meeting on Tuesday the 8th November 7.00pm to discuss wind turbines.

9. Finance Account 1: £2403.60 Account 2; £662.89

9.1 Agree and sign the following cheques:

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197	Poppy Wreath(The church service is on the 13 th November 2.30pm)	£25.00
198	Zurich Insurance	£225.00
199	MVF Best Kept village Celebration Champagne toast(Mrs M Goldman, agreed by all)	£60.00
200	Citizens Advice Bureau	£25.00

9.2 The clerk's contract has yet to be finalised. 9.3 The September precept has been received.

9.4 Precept request for 2012/13, proposed by Mr A Heard seconded by Mr M Baker to request £3750, all in favour.

10. Planning

PC Recommendations

TDC

1/1103/2010/FUL	Bungalow adjacent to the Clinton Arms.	TDC monitoring this build	Decision pending
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11. Items brought forward at the chairman's discretion for information only. It was reported that stones have been taken from Rotherham Bridge which is an ancient monument, twice with 3 metres taken both times fly tipping is also a problem at the bridge, Mr Pettifer has reported the theft but felt let down by the PCSO. Cllr Robinson is to inform highways about the fly tipping and DCC Archaeological services about the theft. The flooding at Broad Park has been remedied today. The 30mph sign at Old Pond is lent over Cllr Robinson is to inform the correct department.

A report on the preliminary meeting to the celebration event for Frithelstock winning the Best Kept Village in the Small section was read to the meeting. The celebration evening was held on the 7th October a report of the evening was relayed the meeting. It was proposed on the celebration evening for Mr Poole to purchase 5 extra signs, these have cost £117.50, it was agreed by all for Mr Poole to receive the £100 MVF voucher for the expense. Councillors have offered to erect the signs. Cllr Robinson congratulated the Parish on such a great achievement. The Village Hall committee are to decide where to place the shield, sign and certificate in the hall. Residents have complained of a smell in the end of Hele Lane with the A 388 Mr Ball has reported this to DCC. 49 email consent forms have been received for the website protected database.

12. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 3rd January 2012 – 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed as true

Date

(Chairman)

Forthcoming Meetings: March 6th 2012 Parish Council Meeting