

Frithelstock Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 7th September 2010 – 8.00pm – Frithelstock Village Hall

(Ref: 2010/Sept)

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. A Snell(Clerk)

(* denotes present at meeting)

In attendance: Mr R Joseph, Mr J Vickery, Mr A Poole and Ms Kathryn Moore Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator

MINUTES

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies – were received from Cllr S Robinson, Cllr P Pennington, Mr R Hunkin, and PCSO Baker.
3. Crime report, a report was relayed to the meeting that in the past 60 days there has been two crimes one being a theft from a vehicle and the other unknown with 12 phone calls logged to the Police Station, 4 transport related, 3 anti social behaviour, 1 crime related, 1 fraud and 3 administration.
4. Public Participation.
Ms Kathryn Moore was welcomed to the meeting she is the new neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, her details are to be put on the web site. Mr John Vickery thanked everyone for their cards and kind wishes regarding his sad loss.
5. Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 6th July 2010 – 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) – This is still ongoing. Cllr Robinson was unable to attend to give an updated report.
 - 6.2. Pump and bench (2009 May 6.2.2) is still ongoing, it is hoped this will resolved in due course.
 - 6.3. Bus shelter (2009 Nov 7.13) Cllr Poole had been approached by a firm who build bus shelter to ring DCC regarding grants with a hope of 50% but after many phone calls he was disappointed to learn this is not the case. All the grants have been allocated for the current year, but Frithelstock has registered an intension to claim in the next financial year the % available is unclear. The chairman has also spoken to the land owners Mr Smith and Mr Gabriel, regarding there application to the Land registry as yet they have had no response. It was reported to the meeting when the Parish Council are the legal owners of the land no planning permission will be necessary for the bus shelter. Cllr Pennington has kindly agreed to grant the parish £1000 towards the cost of the bus shelter.
 - 6.4. Hedge trimming update (2009 Nov 10) It was reported to the meeting the disappointing response from Mr Steve Elworthy the highways superintendent regarding the hedge trimming, the owner of the hedge said he had been let down by a contractor and due to a heavy work load had not progressed at all with the hedge cutting, many parishioners have written to DCC regarding the state of the hedge and as yet received no action. Another letter is to be sent to Mr Elworthy asking for a site visit with the chairman also asking for a risk assessment of the road concerned.
 - 6.5. Update on speeding issues (2010 July 6) Mr Joseph and Mrs M Poole are the co-ordinators. Mr Joseph wrote to Mr M Newcombe in a private capacity regarding the speeding meeting and points raised from the meeting, namely the agreement by Mr Newcombe that the flashing signs would be in situ within 6 weeks; this time scale has now gone a long way past. R Joseph was pleased to report that the signs will now be in place on th13th September, one outside the Village Hall and the second on a lamp post at the Stibb cross end of the village. Mr Joseph and Mrs Poole are now trying to get the training started for the Community Speed Watch.

7.Highway issues, the next Lengthmans visit is due the week commencing the 28th February 2011, it was reported that the last lengthmans visit was very successful; the new lengthman is a Mr Trevor Hamlin. Councillors approached Mr Hamlin when he was in the parish to inform him of problems which were all carried out and completed, the clerk is to ask DCC highways for Mr Hamlins details so they can be put on the web site.. The road closure from Limers Hill to Whites Lane on the A386 starting the 13th September for 3 weeks, has been cancelled.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 The Torridge View was distributed.
- 8.2 A letter has been received from Regan SW Communities for Renewables
- 8.3 Devon Home Choice information is to be displayed on the web site
- 8.4 The DALC AGM is on the 25th September
- 8.5 DALC Empowering Communities event is on the 8th October in Barnstaple
- 8.6 A leaflet regarding Affordable housing has been received,
- 8.7 A response to Landscape Character Assessment has been received from Mr N Harvey MP stating that it was a European imitative.
- 8.8 The Environment Agency has sent information regarding flooding
- 8.9 The next Great Torrington and District Local Community Partnership meeting is on the 23rd September.

9. Finance

- 9.1 Balances at 7th September 2010
 - 9.1.1 Account 1 – £447.47 Account 2 – £961.97.

Agree and sign the following cheques:

179	Clerks salary	£250.00
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- 9.2 An Audit Commission letter has been received requiring more information this has been forwarded.
- 9.3 The Financial report for the year to date was circulated.

10. Planning

		PC Recommendations	TDC
1/0441/2010/Full	Pryston Farm		Withdrawn
1/0625/2010/OHL	Horwood Barton, line and high voltage pole		Passed
1/0700/2010/Full	The End House, 2 storey extension.	Mr H Pettifer is the applicant; he informed the meeting of his plans and answered questions. Mr Pettifer declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval	

11. Items brought forward at the chairman’s discretion for information only. A letter has been received from Mrs R Bond thanking the Parish council for there contribution towards the grass cutting. The results of the Best Kept Village competition have been received Frithelstock gained 92 points, the report was relayed to the meeting and discussed, and points were raised for consideration next year. It was reported that the village green has some hole in it these are to be looked at. The point was raised of the overhanging trees on Rakham Hill; Mr Pettifer has agreed to speak to the owners.

12. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday, 2nd November – 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed as true
(Chairman)

Date

Forthcoming Meetings: January 4th Parish Council Meeting