

Frithestock Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th March 2008
7:30pm Frithestock Village Hall

Present: Mackie Poole, Roger Hunkin, Michael Baker, Andrew Heard, Heath Pettifer, Josie Pomeroy, Di Beer (Clerk)

In Attendance: PCSO Melissa Baker, Hugo Barton, Richard Joseph, Phil Pennington, John Vickery

1. Welcome: Mackie Poole welcomed all to the meeting
2. Apologies: Received from Chris Ward
3. Opportunity for Members of Public to speak
 - 3.1. PCSO Melissa Baker introduced herself & gave a brief description of her role which is high visibility in and around villages. She works closely with businesses, schools etc. She distributed the current police newsletter & advised that there had been thefts from Langtree & Shebbear which included a quad bike. In this case the offenders were caught on the M5. Trailers and quad bikes in particular seem to be being targeted at present. No crimes had been reported in Frithestock in the last 60 days, however it was mentioned that some 'petty' thefts had occurred, which should have been logged. R Joseph requested that info be relayed to him for inclusion on the parish website.
 - 3.2. John Vickery announced that Frithestock Playing Field had sorted out the new fitness equipment, and that there were sufficient funds to be able to install a pergola. They are also investigating the possibility of putting a hut on the field for storage of equipment (including the grass cutting tractor)
4. Minutes of Meetings Tuesday 8th Jan & Tuesday 22nd Jan 2008 – these were both signed as true.
5. Matters Arising
 - 5.1. Archiving of Documents – All present were happy for all completed documents to be archived at Barnstaple Records Office. It was suggested that digital copies should be made of everything before archiving. Roger Hunkin proposed & Andrew Heard seconded that Richard Joseph take the books to obtain a price for copying them.
 - 5.2. Recycling Pavilion – The last collection from the pavilion will be April 9th. The pavilion will then be closed, and will be removed for sale (look out for the advert in the Prior / website.
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1. Parish Council Training (03/03/08) – determining a planning applications – Heath & Roger had attended, and commented that it had been very educational. A representative of another PC had highlighted the resistance met by farmers' sons / retired farmers when applying to build on farm land. It seems that TDC seems to be very hard on the erection of agricultural dwellings. Comments was made that the course timing (2-5pm) was unsuitable to attract a good number of participants. Clerk to write to TDC with a comment that more suitable times (eg 6-9pm) could attract maximum participation (**emailed – read by Lisa skinner**).
 - 6.2. Audit Commission – Alun Williams, of the Audit Commission's Limited Assurance Specialised Unit, has been appointed as the external auditor for FPC for 5 years
7. Finance – Balance at 11/02/08 - £3,639.26
8. Any other business
 - 8.1. It is reported that a large number of 'travellers' sites' are to be allocated in the South West. A number of which will be within the Torridge District. Clerk / P Pennington to find out exact number intended
 - 8.2. Rights of Way Warden now walks all footpaths in the parish.
(Jonathan Rowland 0845 1551004 / 07971 493168). Please contact him if there are any problems with any of the rights of way
9. Date of AGM Tuesday 22nd April 2008 – 7:30pm, Frithestock Village Hall
Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 6th May 2008 – 8pm, Frithestock Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21:15hrs