#### FRITHELSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Frithelstock Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Frithelstock.

Present: T Warrington, M Baker (Vice Chairman), E Hunkin

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock - Parish Clerk.

Cllr P Pennington – Torridge District Council. Cllr A Saywell – Devon County Council.

And 2 members of public.

FP25 Apologies

Cllrs A Hardwick, C Stevens, F Sluman and M Thomas.

FP26 Declarations

None.

FP27 Minutes

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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### FP28 Reports from outside bodies

- a) To receive a report from Devon County Councillor, Cllr A Saywell.
  - Busy Summer.
  - Buses Stagecoach handed in notice on some services including 5B service. Will be operated by Plymouth buses under a new name – similar times may not be the same.
  - Interim Chief Executive Joanne Shadbolt. Given a lot more direction. Recruitment for new chief executive should be completed by end of the year.
  - Work stabilising the budget. Challenge is setting the budget for 2023/24. Key will be transformation and way in which services are delivered.
  - Will look into further information as to what is happening about the meeting with the Highways officer re: Frithelstock Highways.

### b) To receive report from Torridge District Councillor, P Pennington.

- Looking at how services are delivered, particularly discretionary and statutory functions.
- Unlikely to be able to do a balanced budget which could result in a referendum.
- Just published strategy for Culture slightly disappointed with regards to agriculture and village culture.
- Electric Cars Torridge declared themselves to be Carbon Neutral by 2030. Cost of electric is spiralling and there are discussions about environment vs electricity.

# c) To receive report from Police.



# FP29 Public Participation

A member of the public asked the Council to consider looking at the signage on the defib.

A member of the public mentioned that the crossroads sign that is located near Catsborough has been

A member of the public mentioned that the bus shelter is beginning to look very untidy and asked the parish council to look at getting it cleaned.

A member of the public mentioned that they have donated on behalf of the book club £400.00 to Playing Fields, £400.00 for Poorlands Charity and £200.00 for the Prior which will be banked at the Parish Council and earmarked for the printing of the prior in the future.

#### FP30 Highways

Cllr Warrington and Cllr Hunkin will get together to look at things that are outstanding.

### FP30 Finance – Payments and Receipts

#### a) Payments and Receipts

# PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS. From 1<sup>st</sup> April until June 2022 Payments

	NAME	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
1	Bank Charges July	£8.00	Charge
2	Bank Charges August	£8.00	Charge
3	Bank Charges September	£8.00	Charge
4	Harper Office – Defib Pads	£74.69	Bacs
5	K Graddock – Salary	£496.82	Bacs
6	K Graddock – Expenses	£67.19	Bacs
7	HMRC – Paye/NI	£331.20	Bacs
8	HMRC – Penalty Assessment	£200.00	Bacs
9	Peninsula Pensions – Pensions	£233.95	Bacs
	Total	£1,427.85	

# Receipts

1	TDC Precept payment 2	£3,750.00
	Total	£3,750.00

**RESOLVED:** That the payments and receipts are accepted and approved.

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#### FP31 Defib

# a) Consider report from Cllr Hardwick on current use of the defib housing

Cllrs were concerned regarding the use of the defib housing as there are books piled up. Cllr Hunkin will have a sort through this.

The light in the defib is no longer work. The clerk will contact Mr Millman, electrician to sort this matter.

# b) Consider purchasing signage for the defib as per photo circulated to Cllrs.

The clerk will investigate and purchase signs – Keep it clear signs and signage for the outside.

# FP32 Hedge Cutting

The Chairman read out an email from Cllr Thomas regarding some communication that he had from residents regarding the cutting of the hedge at Back Lane. The Clerk stated that this would be a civil matter and the Council should be cautious of getting involved as it is public owned land (Devon County Council).

**RESOLVED:** That the matter is reported to Devon County Council.

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#### FP33 Playing Fields Association

Mr A Green – Treasurer of the Playing Fields Committee submitted a report to the parish council asking them to consider having a Playing Fields Committee of the Parish Council rather than having the Playing Fields Association.

Cllr Hunkin felt that there may be some concerns that some people may find writing cheques to the Parish Council uncomfortable. Parish Council running the Playing Fields would not necessarily go down well with parishioners. The Clerk said there were two different options and she would email the Playing Fields Committee with this information for them to discuss further. She further reminded that this was not at request from the parish council but that of the Playing Field Association and it would be prudent for the committee to discuss this prior to it returning to the Parish Council.

### FP34 Budget

Potential Playing Field funding inclusion.

- Maintenance/Cleaning costs.
- Coronation celebration funding.

# FP35 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

- Playing Fields Association
- Budget
- Highways update

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.	
Signed:	Dated: