

FRITHELSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Frithelstock Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Frithelstock.

Present: T Warrington (Chairman), C Stevens, M Thomas, E Hunkin and M Baker.
Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock - Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.
County and District Councillor

FP61 Apologies
Cllr Hardwick.

FP62 Declarations
Cllr Warrington declared a pecuniary interest in the Play Area Equipment item.

FP63 Minutes
RESOLVED: That the Minutes held on 18th January 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

(NC)

*** Cllr Sluman entered at 7.04pm ***

- FP64 Reports from outside bodies**
- a) To receive a report from Devon County Councillor, Cllr A Saywell.**
- Potholes – Still a number to be filled. 14,304 safety defects filled in throughout Devon – 300 per day.
 - Non-safety defects for potholes have been suspended.
 - Drainage for A386 has been allocated for this financial year.
 - Police did not like the grassed verge opposite the yard of TK Play but speed police are in the area.
 - Budget - £3.5 million overspend. Has been done by looking at fees rather than cutting front line services.
 - Increases in social care and children's services.
 - New Chief Executive now in place and looks like the spending will receive more scrutiny.
 - Stibb Cross to Langtree road, patching work shortly which will be controlled by traffic lights.
- b) To receive report from Torridge District Councillor, P Pennington.**
- Set Council Tax.
 - Consultations on 5-year land supply ongoing.

Cllr Hunkin thanked Cllr Pennington for his councillor grant of £750.00 towards play area equipment.

c) To receive report from Police.

- Logs – 7; 2 personal antisocial behaviour, 2 highway disruptions, 1 public safety, 1 road related and 1 rtc. Crimes – 1 Antisocial Behaviour

Due to changes in the structure and graded approach to engagement with parishes and so the police can deliver upon expectation regarding meetings there will now be monthly online Teams drop-in session that all Councillors will be able to attend. Police will only attend meetings on an ad hoc basis when commitments allow. Reports will no longer be provided but general police reports for your area can be found on the [Home | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

FP65 Public Participation

- Percentage increase on council tax bill queried.
- Someone has cleaned some signage but not all in the village. Cllr Saywell reminded everyone they can report this via the website: [Map - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

FP66 Finance – Payments and Receipts

a) Payments and Receipts

PAYMENTS

	NAME	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
1	K Graddock – Salary	£533.82	Bacs
2	K Graddock – Expenses	£45.45	Bacs
3	HMRC – PAYE and NI	£355.60	Bacs
4	Peninsula Pensions – Pension	£199.53	Bacs
	Total	£1134.40	

RESOLVED: That the payments are accepted and approved.

(NC)

*** Cllr T Warrington left the meeting as he declared an interest in this item. ***

FP67 Play Equipment

Cllr Hunkin reported that Cllr Pennington had given a grant of £750.00 towards play equipment and a grant had been received from Balsdon Trust. Cllr Hunkin also mentioned that they were hoping to get play equipment for older children, however, the cost of play equipment is expensive and more than the budget available, as the grass cutting also needs to be paid for this year. It was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Cllr Pennington to enquire whether the grant could be put towards one or two benches (recycled plastic) instead.

(NC)

FP68 Coronation

A long discussion was held and it was

RESOLVED: That a Coronation event is held and a price of £5.00 per person (adult or child) is charged for high tea and the Parish Council pay

remaining £2.50 per person. The funding will be collected on the door but people can book spaces through the clerk prior. The event will be restricted to the Parish Residents only. Cllr Hunkin contact Eileen to discuss roles for the day.

FP69 Resilience Planning

Village Hall Management Committee look at resilience planning if there was a disaster or a natural disaster. The Parish Council apply for grant towards putting together the plan together and attending a meeting which would be a member of the village hall committee. There is also potentially a small amount of money available to support the parish if there as a disaster.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council apply for this funding.

(NC)

FP70 Mental Health Provision Consultation

Members were circulated information regarding mental health provision within the community and have been asked to look at communicating the importance of the services.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write an email of support for the service.

(NC)

FP71 Hedgehogs R Us

Members were circulated communication from Hedgehogs R Us on the possible purchase of hedgehog surrounds.

RESOLVED: That no surrounds are purchased.

FP72 Planning

To consider response the following application:

Our Ref : 1/1301/2022/OUT Your Ref :

Proposal: Outline application for 2 no. dwellings with all matters reserved

Location: Land At Huskhill Farm, Frithelstockstone, Torrington, Devon

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no objection to the application, subject to more detailed discussions in relation to the re-alignment of the wall, construction of footpath and all related reinstatement works if the application is granted.

(NC)

FP73 Councillor reports or items for a future Agenda

- Cllr Hunkin – One North Devon are prepared to submit an article what is happening locally. Feedback – compress presentations within 5 minutes, a lot of repetition and acronyms. There are important messages but sometimes got lost. Also, general concern about lack of police presence.
- Consultation on Village Hall Committee conducting a consultation on moving the village hall to the Recreation Field.
- Telephone Box sticker has now been put on.
- The Priory – Cllr Warrington has got an official document to be put onto the website once received.

Meeting closed at 9.00am.

Signed: Dated: