

## FRITHELSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Frithelstock Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllr M Goldman (Chairman)  
Cllrs M Poole, A Heard, L Hunkin, M Baker, T Warrington and M Thomas.  
Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock - Parish Clerk, DCC A Saywell and 1 member of the public.

**FP2001 Apologies**  
All members were present.

**FP2002 Declarations of Interest**  
None received.

\*\*\* Cllr Thomas entered the meeting at 7.32pm. \*\*\*

**FP2003 Minutes**  
**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March be approved as a correct record and signed at a later date by the Chairman.

(NC)

Cllr Saywell had another meeting to attend, therefore, was invited to make his report.

**FPC2004 Reports from Outside Bodies**  
**Devon County Council - Cllr Saywell**  
Cllr Saywell reported the following items:

- Thankyou to everyone in the village for their hard work and community spirit over the last few weeks.
- He is regularly sending an update via email which is circulated to all parishes that he covers and forwarded by the Clerk to cllrs.
- He was still available to be contacted virtually, by email, telephone etc.
- Devon County Council has been chosen as a Beacon Council which will mean they are one of 11 that will lead on Track and Tracing service. He was awaiting further details on this project.
- There was 812 confirmed Coronavirus cases in Devon with 36 of those being in Torridge, meaning a very slow infection rate. There is currently conversations taking place regarding a potential second wave in September/October however, the CCG have many models that they are investigating. Nightingale Exeter is also continuing to be brought online.
- The virus has seen a positive step in using virtual meetings more, especially with DCC officers/cllrs.

Members thanked Cllr Saywell for his report and regular updates.

\*\*\* Cllr Saywell left the meeting. \*\*\*

**FP2004      Public Participation**

Members were reported that Mr Stokes was no longer a representative on the Village Hall Committee and consideration could be considered for a replacement.

A member of the Playing Fields Committee raised a query regarding the opening of the Playing Field. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Government guidance is for open spaces to be open but play areas to remain closed. It was noted that the play area was open therefore, the playing field would remain closed until such time government eased restrictions. Cllr Warrington reported that he had been able to carry out maintenance on the equipment during this period.

Members were informed that the Village Hall was successful in obtaining a £10,000 government grant.

**FP2005      Reports from Outside Bodies  
Torridge District Council - Cllr P Pennington**

No report was received.

**Police - PCSO M Baker**

The Clerk reported that PCSO Baker had forwarded a report for circulation, which showed 4 crimes; which included 2 violence without injury and transport within the Parish. Members wished for clarification and further information on the crimes and it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact PCSO Baker to acquire further information.

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**FP2006      Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) Renewal  
RESOLVED:** That the DALC renewal is accepted for £80.18 for 2020/21.

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**FP2007      Covid-19 Response**

**a) Village Response**

The Chairman asked Mr Green to report on this item as he had been coordinating the village help. He reported that there had been a good response from people helping each other in the parish and that he had registered Frithelstock as a help group on their site. Members felt there was great community spirit in the village and thanked Mr Green and the other residents for their help in ensuring the village was supported.

**b) Torridge District Council - Covid-19 Grant**

The Clerk reported that Torridge District Council donated £406.56 to the Parish Council to support those in the village through Covid-19.

Cllr Poole suggested giving the funds to the Poorlands Charity for them to purchase gifts for the vulnerable. The Clerk responded that the grant is aimed at helping everyone in the parish and she would need to submit a grant claim form and receipts. After some discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk is authorised to purchase food 'cheer me up' parcels for the volunteers and vulnerable in the community and Mr Green distribute them accordingly.

(NC)

## **FP2008 Families in Grief**

Members were circulated a letter requesting financial assistance from the Parish Council. The letter stated that there are local families that require the service.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council donate £50.00 to Families in Grief.

(NC)

## **FP2009 Finance - Payments and Receipts**

The Clerk reported the following payments and receipts:

### **Payments**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CHQ NO</b>
01	K Graddock - Salary (April & May)	£273.75	100473
02	HMRC - PAYE/NI	£68.20	100474
03	K Graddock - Expenses	£78.81	100473
04	TK Play - Play Equipment	£2208.00	100475
05	S Adams - Grass Cutting	£500.00	100476
06	DALC - Renewal	£80.18	100477
07	Families in Grief	£50.00	100478
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3258.94</b>	

### **Receipts**

01	Precept	£3250.00
02	Grant for Covid -19	£406.56
03	Donation from Play Areas Committee for Play Equipment	£340.00
04	Interest	£0.11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3996.67</b>

### **Bank Balances:**

**Current Account £8974.48**

**Reserve Account £668.04**

**RESOLVED:** That the payments totalling £3258.94 and receipts totalling £3996.67 be approved and accepted and the bank balances are noted.

(NC)

**FP2010      Highways**

Cllr Warrington updated members by saying that he had not received any further correspondence to date and will chase Devon County Council for any new information. Cllr Goldman asked Cllr Warrington to enquire regarding the SCARF report.

**FP2011      Councillor reports or items for a future Agenda**

The following matters were raised:

- The Council will need to consider/review the opening of the play area - the Clerk agreed that she would investigate this.
- VE Day celebration - Cllr Poole stated that it is the Royal British Legions 100 year anniversary next year so thought the Council could postpone the VE celebration originally planned until next year to combine the two. The Clerk reported that the funds were still in place and it is likely that the event may be able to take place at a later stage.
- Best Kept Village signs - 10 years since they were erected. A question was raised as to when it is suitable for them to be taken down. Members felt that they should stay in situ.

Meeting ended at 8.29pm.

Signed: ..... Dated : .....