

## FRITHELSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of FRITHELSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Frithelstock.

Present: Cllr T Warrington (Chairman of Frithelstock Parish Council in the Chair)  
11 members of the public.  
Mrs K Graddock, Parish Clerk.

### **1. Welcome**

The Chairman of Frithelstock Parish Council, as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting**

No matters arising.

RESOLVED that the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of Frithelstock Parish Council.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave a report of the past 12 months for the Parish Council.

#### **Parish Council Report 2020/21**

I think we can agree this has been a Very strange year, and really quite challenging from Covid, Brexit and learning to communicate through Zoom, for some parishioners this has been a very lonely /Sad time.

However, these hard times do bring out the best in people, one example was the Happy Box gifts presented to numerous parishioners, we owe a big thank you to the organisers Kate Graddock, Maureen Poole, and all other parishioners who have helped neighbours with shopping and assistance, it really does show we have a great community spirit.

1. During the year we have met by Zoom for PC Meetings and have had some big changes with the resignation of Mackie Poole and Mark Goldman this has resulted in the Co – Option of New councillors Adrian Hardwick and Chris Stevens who are settling in nicely, and Michael baker stepping up as Vice Chairman and new Xmas tree warden.
2. Thank you notes, I must thank Andrew Saywell and Phill pennington for there Help and support throughout the year with Highways and grant funding along with good advice, also all the various committees, who have helped keep things ticking over, especially the playing field this has been a great help thank you Lizzy and Adrian, I would also like to thank the parishioners who regularly walk our boundaries litter picking and help keep the Village looking nice, just a few of the people I have noticed picking up rubbish are Judith seaman , Charlie Heckman and sally Anne Cockerill ,I am sure there are many others .
3. Progress has been made with the Highways maintenance and Scarf report, with several surveys being produced with clear plans for future improvement

works planned, including repairs to broken pipes and better drainage pits, the highway has had resurfacing carried out along with several new drain covers being changed and test pits, along with some pot holes repaired, the scarf report has been finalised with recommendations, (see report) more news to follow in the coming year we hope.

4. Families in grief is one of the charities we are helping, along with the church
5. A new community Website is being developed and we have a working group set up comprising of Adrian Hardwick and Chris Stevens.
6. Finally, I have enjoyed my short time as Chairman and look forward to better times ahead with Village celebrations, Quiz nights, Scrumpy strolls and summer festivals and I am really impressed by the genuine goodwill in the parish and look forward to next year.

#### **4. Financial Report from the Clerk**

The Clerk reported that the accounts are still yet to be audited and a report will be available shortly via the Annual Governance and Accountability Statement.

#### **5. Torridge District Council Report**

- Wished Cllr Saywell well in his quest to be re-elected to the County Council.
- Different year and amount of work with giving out grants has been a huge undertaking by the District Council.
- House prices up around 9% in Torridge and there has been a large amount of planning applications submitted and granted.
- Wished well for the next year.

#### **6. County Council Report**

- Frithelstock Parish has been done well and DCC has been there to help with the people shielding with food, medications etc.
- 600K Hardship was set up to support people.
- Would like to thank the people of the community and Torridge for the consistent low rates of Covid.
- Significant highways work in the Parish despite the pandemic. New resurfaced road on A388. Trying to resolve the speeding issues within the village.
- Thank you to the Parish Council and wish well for future.

#### **7. Police Report**

No report received.

#### **8. Report from Frithelstock Parish Church**

Rev'd Peter Bevan thanked the council for the invitation. The Church congregation has done it's best to meet in person. Torrington services have been streamed. Fortnightly services will resume in May. There is a Parish wedding in May. Thanked Terry Warrington for ringing the bells on the occasion of the death

of the Duke of Edinburgh. Grants are needing to be obtained for repair works. Church Annual meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> May and in person meeting and short service of hope and thanksgiving -all welcome to attend. Mrs Barrow has retired as organist and a group of carol singers with an impromptu carol event and there is now a vacancy. Congratulations to Sid Adams on his award from the Queen. All welcome to attend the church and a warm welcome awaits.

## **9. Village Hall Committee**

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee gave a report which included:

- During the year, Mel Goldman left the Parish to retire to Spain and Maureen Poole retired as cleaner/care taker.
- Mike Baker has joined the committee.
- Thanked Jenny Heard for running the 50 club and the individuals that now run the club.
- Require access to the website to update details.
- The Hall has remained closed for some time and hope to open the hall from mid-May.
- Income has declined throughout the year and no profits from events, however, £19,400 has been received to date from the Covid grant. £2000 towards the wall from The Balsdon Trust as well as other individuals who have generously given.
- Closing balance £40,800.

## **10. Playing Fields Annual Report**

Ms Lizzie Hunkin said that it was surprising that this time last year the playing field was closed during covid. The Playing Field is used by the village and The Playing Committee purchased new signage. A grant of £125.00 was received from Waitrose and a closing Balance for 2021 is £4133.00

Thankyou to Cllrs Saywell and Pennington which gave £150.00 towards a litterbin for the Playing Area.

Thank you to the number of individuals that have helped and supported the committee in many roles.

## **11. Poorlands Charity Report**

A representative from the Poorlands Charity gave a brief report on the past year which included a Trustee meeting via telephone which resulted in gifts of £10.00 to 17 households. A total of £643.00 remains in the bank for the next year.

## **12. 50 Club Report**

£928.00 donation this year towards the Village Hall/Prizes. This has resulted in £26,887 over the course of the running of the club being donated.

## **13. Comments and Questions for members of the public**

None received.

**14. Date of next meeting**

RESOLVED that the date of the 2022 Annual Parish meeting is Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed..... Dated .....