

Frithelstock Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Frithelstock Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7pm in Frithelstock Village Hall.

In attendance Cllrs. Chris Stevens, John Burrill, Bob Lewis-Basson, Adrian Hardwick, Richard Lee, Mark Thomas.

One member of public present for the meeting.

1. Chris Stevens (Chair) opened the meeting at 7PM

2. Apologies for absence
None

3. Declarations of Interest
None

4. Reports from outside bodies.

Torridge District Council:- Cllr P. Pennington advised that the outcome of Local Government review was awaited. The original planning application for Planning in Principle for the development Hele lane had been approved at appeal and a new Full application had now been made to the District Council. The Local Government Review outcome is due imminently. The planning application for the X-Links Data Campus had been postponed until 2027. The scoping consultation for the next Local Plan had commenced.

Devon County Council:- No Report

Police:- No Report awaiting new PCSO to be assigned.

5. Minutes.

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes, previously circulated, of the meeting held on 20th May 2026.

The minutes were approved with 2 amendments and signed as a correct record.

6. Matters Arising.
None

7. Public Participation.
None

8. Planning Issues
No planning matters were considered.

9. Payments for Approval.

All payments paid and proposed since last meeting.

DCC	Pension contributions	3.76
M Norton (Ionos Cloud invs)	Website etc.	88.32
R Stoneman	Grass Cutting	1,090.00

(Bank Balances at 6th Julyth 2026 General £14,420, and Playing Field £7,555).

Councillors unanimously approved all payments as presented and the Cashbook/Bank reconciliations.

10. Speedwatch

Councillor Lee advised that Amy Turton (Speedwatch Community Manager) had visited identifying potential speedwatch sites and advising of possible dates for training.

11. Northern Devon Local Plan Scoping

The Clerk had previously circulated an email regarding the Scoping Consultation for the Local Plan issued by North Devon Council. The Scoping consultation would close on 11th August. A discussion concluded that due to the detailed nature of the online document that Councillors could respond as individuals.

12. Urgent items raised by Councillors/Clerk

Cllr. Mark Thomas raised the X-Links data centre. It was agreed that the Chair/Clerk should endeavour to attend consultation events. It was noted that the planning application would not be made until 2027.

Cllr. Richard Lee asked whether any progress had been made agreeing the costs of cutting the churchyard with the church and was advised contact had yet to be made with the church.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:36

Date of next meeting. This was not agreed at the meeting as a number of parish councillors were going to be away on the normal date. The clerk was asked to email all parish councillors to identify a suitable date close to the third Wednesday in September.

Chris Stevens

Chair

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