

## Frithelstock Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Frithelstock Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm in Frithelstock Village Hall.

In attendance Cllrs. Lizzie Hunkin (Vice Chair), Bob Lewis-Basson, Mark Thomas, Richard Lee. Chris Stevens.

No members of public present for the meeting.

1. The meeting Chair Lizzie Hunkin opened the meeting at 7PM.

2. Apologies for absence

John Burrill, Adrian Hardwick

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Reports from outside bodies.

Torrige District Council:- No report received

Devon County Council:- Councillor Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin was unable to attend however provided a report that the Parish Clerk had circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting.

5. Minutes.

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes, previously circulated, of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

The minutes were Approved and signed.

6. Matters Arising.

None

7. Public Participation.

No Members of Public present.

8. Planning Issues

No planning matters were considered.

9. Payments for Approval.

All payments paid and proposed since last meeting.

DCC	Pension contributions	1.88
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(Bank Balances at 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 General £12,789, and Playing Field £7,555).

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The Clerk advised that Invoices totalling £54.00 from Bob Lewis Basson for website and email services and a further £1.88 for DCC Pension had been received after the agenda had been issued.

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

#### 10. Speedwatch.

Cllr. Richard Lee reported he was going to advertise for new Speedwatch volunteers in the parish magazine as at least two more were required to get Speedwatch operational.

Cllr. Lee also advised that the costs of a solar powered warning sign had been identified as £3,100 including VAT per sign. Members discussed the need for evidence of speeding will be required prior to deciding to progress. It was also suggested that grants could be requested from both County and District Councillors.

Cllr. Lee also raised the issue of potholes and the importance of reporting them via the Devon County Council "Report a Pothole" website was stressed.

#### 11. Draft Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

The Parish Clerk circulated draft accounts to councillors at the meeting explaining that they had not been sent with the agenda in order to present a more up to date situation for councillors to consider at the meeting. The draft accounts as circulated will be filed with the agenda and minutes of this meeting. There had been minimal change from the cashbook and bank reconciliation that had been issued with the agenda. Members approved the draft accounts for publication at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that the grass cutting differed from the prior year by £50 and asked that this be investigated.

#### 12. Urgent Matters raised by Councillors/Clerk

The annual playground inspection had taken place and some remedial works would be required to some items. A contractor was being sought to undertake the remedial works.

An email had been received from Devon County Council regarding the ongoing pension contributions relating to a previous employee. A Temporary Suspension Notice was in place which would allow for Frithelstock Parish Council's participation in the scheme to cease in September 2026. It was noted that in the event that if an actuarial deficit was identified at that time then it would become payable at that time.

The DALC LGR consultation email previously circulated by the clerk was considered and it was decided that Councillors would respond to the consultation directly rather than issuing a Frithelstock Parish Council response due to lack of clarity over the options. The deadline for response is 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Cllr. Lee referred to a resident's concern over blocked road gulleys causing flooding that had been exacerbated due to recent wet weather and increased traffic volumes due to road closures. Devon County Council contractors had attended but the situation was not resolved. As with potholes the issue should continue to be reported via the report a highway defect on the Devon Council website.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:50.

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 7pm Frithelstock Village Hall.

Lizzie Hunkin  
Vice Chair

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