

# **Frithelstock Annual Parish Meeting,**

## **16th April 2025, 7pm**

Those present: Adrian Green, Colette Henerty, Chris Stevens, Mackie Poole, Richard Lee, Marcelle Paton-Smith, Gill D'Maurney Gibbons, Michael Short, Roger Hunkin, Penny Hearn, Bob Lewis-Basson, John Burrell, Lizzy Hunkin

1. The Chairman, John Burrell, welcomed all attendees of the meeting.
2. Matters Arising - there were none and the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2024 were signed as correct.

Attached are the following reports:

3. **Chairman, John Burrell.**
4. **Devon County Councillor, Andrew Saywell.**
5. **No report received from Cllr Pennington TDC**
6. **No report received from Police.**
7. **Frithelstock Parish Church, Gill D'Maurney Gibbons.**
8. **Village Hall Management Committee, Adrian Green.**
9. Friend of Frithelstock Playing Field Association (FoFPPFA), Lizzy Hunkin.

*Over the last 12 months, we have held two successful fund raising events: a Car Treasure Hunt held last July which raised £275 and more recently a Big Breakfast, the profit for which was £777. We also received two generous donations - the first was £302.50 from the Beer and Latham families and the second a Locality grant of £250 from Councillor Pennington.*

*The current balance of Playing Field funds, as of April 2025, is £7523.00*

*Following the latest inspection report, the equipment seems to be holding out well. The report consists mostly of both very low and low risk issues and some moderate risk which are a couple of posts that have rotted and need replacing.*

*Thank yous in particular go to Clement's Hill Farm for making a great job of trimming the hedges, to Di and David for locking and unlocking the gate every day and to all the volunteers who help raise funds and care for the equipment.*

*12 months ago I mentioned that I would like to step down as Chair of the FoFPPFA but there was no interest from anyone to step up so I have continued. At the recent and well attended Big Breakfast, I placed fliers on the tables, asking for volunteers to help but was disheartened that no one new offered to help and the only two who put their names down, are in fact already volunteers.*

*I have decided that I am happy to continue with leading the fund raising, for the time being but I think it needs someone else to take on the maintenance side - i.e. sanding, painting, emptying the bin, etc*

*Fund raising is a hard job and new equipment is expensive so it is all the more important that we continue to maintain the equipment that we already have.*

10. Poor's Land and Poor's Money Charity, Maureen Poole

*Maureen thanked people for their donations to the Poor's Land charity.*

*It has been decided this year, to give a sum of money to people who, during the year have either lost someone or who live alone or have been unwell.*

*The charity used to give biscuits or chocolates at Christmas time but it has been decided that it would be better to let individuals choose something that they would like.*

11. 50 Club, Colette Henerty

*For the year April 2024 to March 2025, £1968.00 was raised in subscriptions.*

*£980.00 was paid out in prize money and £988.00 was raised for the Village Hall.*

*This year the club has 87 members.*

12. Comments and questions from members of the public.

Mackie Poole updated the Chairman with regard to the old skittle alley. The current owner has been contacted and it is due to be dismantled, for reasons of safety. It ceased to be used in 1971 and is redundant ever since.

Richard Lee raised the issue of speeding on Church Lane. DC police were contacted and reported that, when holding a speed check about a month ago, about 40 offences were recorded. A minimum of four people are needed to do a Speed Watch. Adrian Green commented that although Frithelstock has a speed monitor, no one knows how to download the data captured. Bob Lewis-Basson agreed to pursue this.

Roger Hunkin reported that the sleeper that holds up the village pump, needs replacing.

Roger can provide a sleeper. Pump repair to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting (21st May).

13. The date for the next Annual Parish Meeting will be **15th April 2026**. The meeting was closed at 7.30pm.