

Frithelstock Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Frithelstock Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7pm in Frithelstock Village Hall.

In attendance Cllrs. John Burrill (Chair) Adrian Hardwick, Chris Stevens, Lizzie Hunkin, Mark Thomas.

Also in attendance Devon County Council Councillor, A Saywell, Torridge District Council Councillor, P Pennington and one member of the public.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Bob Lewis-Basson (Holiday)

3. Declarations of Interest.

None.

4. Reports from outside bodies.

Devon County Council Councillor, A Saywell gave a verbal report with a written report to follow, see attached.

Torridge District Council Councillor, P Pennington gave a verbal report.

1. Waste & recycling – he hoped that this had settled down into a routine that everyone had now gotten used to.

2. Under the new Labour government Torridge is expected to build 500 new homes annually. The council found the announcement interesting and discussion centred around availability of land and skilled labour to accomplish this as well as support infrastructure and funding thereof.

3. The DC housing strategy reported that £1m of the budget was being utilised to accommodate just 60 families. Biodiversity net gain was mentioned, this is the offsetting of the damage caused by new housing projects by the purchase and management of areas of countryside.

To receive a report from Police none received.

5. Minutes.

The minutes, previously circulated, of the meeting held on 17th July 2024 were approved and signed.

6. Matters arising.

None

7. Public Participation.

A member of the public asked if the Council had applied for a grant for Resilience planning as agreed at a previous meeting. The Chair responded that he could find no evidence that this had been done but undertook to look into doing so.

8. Resignation of the Parish Clerk

The Chair reported that the Parish Clerk had resigned at short notice. It was agreed that we would place an advert on the DALC web site and also canvass other local Parish Councils for suggestions.

9. Planning issues.

None received.

10. Web site(s)

Chris Stevens reported that he had been unable to make contact with All Coast Media to take down the old web site and redirect any traffic to the new one. The Chair undertook to try further.

It was proposed by Chris Stevens, seconded by Mark Thomas that we give an ex gratia payment of £300 to Bob Lewis-Basson in recognition of his work on the new web site. Approved unanimously.

11. Payments for approval.

All payments from 01.04.2024 to date were approved.

12. Banking arrangements.

The chair reported that a move to Barclays would not be an option because although the first year would be free of charges subsequent years would be charged at £8.50 per month. Lloyds Bank do not charge small PCs however we need a clerk to continue the application process.

13. Playing Field

Mark Thomas had received a request from a local under 9's team to use the playing field for training and matches. It was agreed that we should encourage this sort of use but we need to get more information on the frequency, what equipment they would provide and the necessity to cut the grass. Adrian Hardwick suggested there may be an opportunity to sell hot food and drinks to spectators although we would need to consider the Health and Safety and insurance situation.

14. Urgent matters raised by Councillors.

None

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Date of next meeting, 7pm 20th November 2024.

John Burrill

Chair

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