

## Frithelstock Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Frithelstock Parish Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 7pm in Frithelstock Village Hall.

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

Also in attendance one member of the public and District Councillor Phillip Pennington.

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

2. Apologies for absence

John Burrill

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Reports from outside bodies.

Torrige District Council:- Phillip Pennington advised that the Appledore Maritime Centre costing £15.7m was progressing well. Torrige DC had submitted their response to Local Government Review and had been the Northern Devon option. Also the new Environmental Centre had opened in East-the-Water and was already delivering operational efficiencies for waste and recycling services. The report was noted.

Devon County Council:- Councillor Cheryl Cottle-Hunakin was unable to attend however provided a report that was circulated to Councillors after the meeting.

Police:- The Clerk reported that a new PCSO (David Condon) had joined the area and will attend meeting when shift patterns allow-the first being our May meeting.

5. Minutes.

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes, previously circulated, of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The minutes were Approved and signed.

6. Matters Arising.

Thanks were recorded to Colin Savage for hosting and providing the electricity for the Christmas Tree on Church Lane.

7. Public Participation.

The Antiquated finger signpost refurbishment at Rakeham Hill was still being investigated. A question had been submitted asking whether the speed sign was operational and it was confirmed that it had been seen working recently.

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Initials

## 8. Planning Issues

No planning matters were considered.

## 9. Payments for Approval.

All payments paid and proposed since last meeting.

R. Stoneman	Grass Cutting	1,070.00
DCC	Pension contributions	3.76

(Bank Balances at 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 General £12,600, and Playing Field £7,555).

Invoices totalling £51.60 had now been received from Bob Lewis Basson for 2 months website and email services.

Cllr. Mark Thomas proposed and Cllr. Chris Stevens seconded the approval of the payments as presented with the Cashbook/Bank reconciliation. Approved by unanimous vote.

## 10. The Budget for 2026/27 was presented by the Clerk.

Cllr. Chris Stevens proposed and Cllr. Adrian Hardwick seconded approval of the budget as presented. Approved by unanimous vote.

## 11. The Precept for 2026/27.

Cllr. Mark Thomas proposed and Cllr. Bob Lewis-Basson seconded setting the Precept at £10,500 (unchanged from 2025/26). Approved by unanimous vote.

## 12. Speedwatch.

Cllr. Richard Lee reported that the two volunteers identified at the previous meeting to assist with Speedwatch had now withdrawn. The costs and feasibility of a mobile warning sign was being investigated.

## 13. Urgent Matters raised by Councillors/Clerk

The date for the litter pick was discussed and set for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had received an offer of a free landmark tree from the Devon Wildlife Trust as part of the Saving Devon's Treescape Project. A small leaf lime was available and would be delivered at the end of the month.

The Clerk also advised that emails had been received regarding Town/Parish Settlement data from the District Council and an email regarding reduced library services in Combe Martin and Ilfracombe.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:03.

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm Frithelstock Village Hall.

Lizzie Hunkin  
Vice Chair  
Frithelstock Parish Council.