

# FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 29 March 2017

Present: Councillors Mrs S Harrower (Chair); Mr B Findlater; Mrs L Moule;  
Mr C Bartlett, DC J Jones; DC S Davies; Ms G Delbos (Clerk)

### Register of General Public attending meeting: Mr and Mrs Garrad

#### 010317 Public Question Time

Mrs Ridley raised a query about a tree at the Pond in the Allotment field. Jane Bolton is applying for funding to renovate the pond and the tree is very imposing. Council agreed to inspect the site and, if relevant, apply to Stroud District Council for planning permission to remove the whole tree. Mrs Ridley has advised that there is a resident who will remove the tree free of charge. No work to be carried out until a response from Council and Stroud District Council.

#### 020317 Apologies for absence

Clrs: A Lundberg; C Bierer; R Apperleu

#### 030317 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda

Councillors confirmed that they had no pecuniary or personal interests to declare regarding items on the Agenda.

#### 040317 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 22 February 2017 – Approved (Proposed by Cllr Findlater and seconded by Cllr Moule)

#### 050317 Council Governance, roles and co-opting

None

#### 060317 Correspondence Received

None

#### 070317 Finance – Invoices to be paid

The Invoices were presented for payment:  
Proposed by Cllr Harrower and seconded by Cllr Moule  
Councillors unanimously agreed that the following invoices be paid:

### CHEQUES SIGNED AT 29 March 2017 MEETING

Payee	For	Amount
G Delbos	Stamps (Allotment letters and general) £34.08 McAfee Virus software renewal £89.99	124.07
G Delbos	March Clerk Wages	259.89
P Mountjoy	Accountant PAYE	55.00
HMRC	PAYE	187.60
GAPTC	Subscription renewal	174.93

Cheques written out in-between meetings: None

#### Other Financial Matters

This is the last year that the Council will use an External Auditor.

**080317      Audit**  
 The Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements have been sent to the Parish Councillors. Council to approve publication at next meeting.

**090317      District Councillor News (DC Jones)**  
 There hasn't been a Council meeting since your February meeting, so there is not much to feedback on.  
 However, I can report on the Community Safety quarterly meeting that took place yesterday morning. Inspector Andy Poole has moved on from leading the Stroud Community Policing team, (to Royal duties within the County it is thought), and has been replaced by Insp. Brian Clifford, who will chair these meetings from now on. While crime in general continues to decrease, with the onset of the gardening season, there has been an increase in non-dwelling burglaries, ie garden sheds, outhouses and so on. Householders are reminded to make sure all powered tools and implements are securely locked away, and relevant anti-theft precautions put in place to deter would be thieves.  
 The Station Manager from Stroud Fire and Rescue gave some information on the dangers of malfunctioning white goods in homes, washing machines, tumble driers, dishwashers and the like. He advised that, due to recent evidence of house fires being caused by faulty examples of these, they should not be left running when no-one is in the house, or at night. Mention was also made of faulty electrical circuit (fuse) boards in private properties. While all community buildings and rented property, both private and Council/RSL types, have to be inspected for electrical safety on a five yearly rolling basis, and certificates provided, there is no legislation for private homes to do the same. An example was given of a local householder having to replace his 10 year old circuit board when all the connections in it melted and almost caught fire.  
 Ecotricity has submitted updated traffic movement projections for the roads around their proposed Business Park and Football Stadium just off J 13v Of the M5. These will be evaluated by Highways England during the summer months, any decision on the Ecotricity application is not likely to be made before the autumn. There has been no further movement on the West of Stonehouse Reserved Matters application, in the Westend/Nupend/Nastend areas, the original having been withdrawn on planning officers' advice. It is likely however that the new main spine road into the development, which will be made from Grove Lane, is likely to start construction later this year.  
 SDC has just started a review of the new Waste Collection Contract, and will be considering where bins should be replaced with bags, and vice versa. All crews have been reminded to replace the emptied bins carefully and considerately, and this last part will also become standard practice in the review.

**100317      Planning Applications**  
**Application Number: S.17/0289/HHOLD**  
 Location: Frome House, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.  
 Application Type: Householder Application  
 Description: Proposed Extension  
 Respond by date: **23 March 2017**  
**Council had no objections**

**West of Stonehouse development flooding issues**  
 West of Stonehouse planning withdrawn. Ecotricity won't reach planning committee before autumn 2017. They have submitted a new set of changes. With regard to the flood issues, the water run off will be the same as green field run off plus 30%

**110317      Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**  
 GAPTC – Cllr Harrower has sent items for discussion to them for their meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Safety meeting at Stroud. Brian Hammond has been appointed as the new inspector has been appointed.

There will be Fire Officers talking about house fires and in particular tumble dryer fires visiting local villages. Info to be sent to clerk re these dryers which are to be put on website and magazine. Every five years, all community buildings, housing association boards are checked for fire risks but nothing is done about private homes.  
 There is a query about a van near Sandfield Bridge which appears to have been abandoned. Clerk to contact neighbourhood warden.

**ACTION: CLERK**

- 120317 Highways**  
 Highways have now filled or resurfaced parts of Church Lane improving it greatly. Other areas repaired include Fretherne Bridge and Passage Road. Council to send Dan Tiffney a thank you note.  
 ACTION: Cllr HARROWER  
 A local parishioner has also mentioned a large pot hole on the junction of Park View and Passage Road. Park View is a private road and therefore any repairs would have to be paid for by the residents of Park View. As this is a junction with Passage Road, Clerk to contact Dan Tiffney to see if this can be repaired.  
 ACTION: Clerk  
 High Street Flooding – This has improved but not resolved completely. Mrs Smith has advised that the drains in the ditch running along Fretherne Lane have been destroyed by Badgers. This has probably contributed to the drains not clearing. Work is being done on this to hopefully resolve the problem completely.  
 ACTION: Cllr APPERLEY
- 130317 Stroud Water Canal**  
 Working party to be set up. Part of the canal has a leak in it, possibly the plug is damaged.  
**ACTION: C BIERER**
- 140317 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Bridges**  
 Framilode Passage fish and eel pump will be the first one within Severnside Parishes to be installed, no date as yet.  
 Canal Bridges nothing to report  
**ACTION: S HARROWER**
- 150317 Website Maintenance**  
 Cllr Bartlett has updated the front page of the website to make it more up to date for the Parish. The website now complies with the Transparency Code. List of council assets to be put on website.  
**ACTION: CLERK**  
 SDC planning portal is not linked to new website. Cllr Bartlett to talk to Phil Skill at SDC who works within the IT dept at SDC and was formerly head of planning.  
**ACTION: C BARTLETT**  
 Cllr Bartlett to carry out training for the clerk in order for her to be able to access the website for uploading of minutes/agendas etc.  
 List of Council assets; Parish Plan to be uploaded to website.  
**ACTION: C BARTLETT/Clerk**
- 160317 Emergency Plan**  
 On hold  
**ACTION: C BIERER**
- 170317 Severn Voice**  
 Cllr Findlater attended March meeting.  
 Verge cutting- Cllr Findlater has inspected village and junctions checked against council plan. One cut will cost £352.25 plus VAT. This to include strimming around barriers.  
 The GCC funding is £846 which is governed by meterage of cut.  
 Application form to be submitted to Dan Tiffney.  
 Invoices to be put into contractor. Proof of cutting to be sent to GCC Funds will be sent out at end of grass cutting season September. This will be reviewed after a year.  
 No objections from Council.  
 Motion Proposed L Moule, C Bierer seconded.  
**ACTION: B FINDLATER/CLERK**
- 180317 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**  
 Zip wire – on hold as seems to be fixed.  
 CCTV – extra camera on Memorial Hall to cover the playing field. This would help with finding the vandals who are causing damage.  
**ACTION: S HARROWER**

Playing Field Inspection - continue with the free one.

Funding for upgrading the skate park. This would be very expensive in the region of £49,000. GPFA have a funding form on their website to apply for funding. Local children have done some fund raising.

**190317 Transparency Code**

Working group to meet on 12 April 2017.

**ACTION: S HARROWER / MOULE / APPERLEY**

**200317 Policies, Governance and Professional Services**

Outstanding policies are Finance Regulations and Vacancies. Meeting to be arranged to finalise.

**ACTION: S HARROWER / R APPERLEY / Clerk**

**210317 Village Matters / Improvements**

Plaque for memorial. Cllr Bierer to send Cllr Lundberg the spreadsheet.

Draft list to be sent to relevant parishioners to check names.

List also to be placed on website and FB.

**ACTION: C BIERER / C BARTLETT**

Barriers on Moor Street

**ACTION: R APPERLEY**

Cotswold boat mobility have applied for funding from the Parish Council. Cllr Harrower and Clerk to research to see if registered charity and discuss at next meeting. Holding email to be sent to Cotswold Boat Mobility.

**ACTION: S HARROWER / CLERK**

**220317 Allotments**

Contract has been sent via post to all allotment holders. Outstanding payments will be chased after one month.

Tree on the pond has been discussed with SDC. This is not in the conservation area and therefore does not need planning permission for removal. Relevant parishioner has been advised that removal can be commenced.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**230317 Parish Churches**

Garden of Remembrance – Cllr Bierer to chase planning application.

**ACTION: C BIERER**

**240317 The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 7.30pm.**

The Annual Open Parish Meeting to be set for April or May.

Parish elections to be held in May 2017.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.....Chair