

**FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Present: Councillors:** Mr. C.Meredith, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. D. Pocket, Mr. R. Findlater,  
District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), and 12 members of the parish.

**010309 Apologies for absence.**

Councillors Ann Greaves and Linda Griffiths, PCSO Debra Hughes

**020309 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 25.02.09**

Approved

**030309 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.**

None

**040309 Police report.**

Police were unable to attend this meeting but e-mailed the clerk the following report that the Chairman read out.

“There have been no crimes this month and total crimes to date from 1/4/08 is 21, 6 criminal damage, 9 theft and handling, 6 auto crime, 5 burglary and 1 violent crime. With a detection rate of 23.81%”

**050309 Matters arising from last months minutes.**

Clerk has spoken to Mrs. Johnson who is happy to have the picnic bench in memory of Councillor Johnson – clerk to organise a plaque.

**060309 Finance**

This cheque was approved and signed.

**070309** Mrs M. Glover clerks wages – March £225.03 and expenses - £30      000468      £255.03

paid for a training course for Councillor Meredith

**080309 Planning - New applications for discussion.**

S.09/0392/FUL	The Stable Cafe Church Lane Saul, GL2 7LA	Erection of timber shed ancillary to the cafe.
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Councillors approved this application.

**090309 District Councillor’s News.**

District Councillor Jones reported that council house tenants have been told that there will be a 6.2% increase in their rent. However since they were notified the government have decided that it should rise by no more than 3.1% incurring the council further costs for new letters to be sent out.

There will be changes in personnel at SDC as Mike Lewis, principal licensing officer is retiring, as is Kelvin May, Strategic Director and also Colin Spencer, Head of Legal Services.

**100309 Sandfield Bridge**

Chairman has had a request from members of the parish to try to get the traffic prioritised when crossing Sandfield Bridge. Clerk to contact John Roberts, Highways.

**110309 Stroudwater Canal**

Councillor Meredith has written to Mr. McMillan and has since had a meeting to discuss the action taken.

Mr. McMillan was able to provide Councillor Meredith with a map showing a “turning circle” in the canal, and deeds that show this area to be included in the deeds to Rectory Cottage. The meeting was then closed in order that the public may be allowed to comment.

After the discussion, Councillor Meredith re-opened the meeting; clerk to research maps of the canal. Item to be placed on the agenda for next month.

**120309 Bus Shelter**

Councillors agreed to purchase a Winchester shelter from Queensbury at a cost of approximately £1200. Councillors to have a site meeting to discuss the location of the shelter on the pound.

**130309 Parish Councillor**

Clerk has had notification from SDC that an election will not be necessary and therefore a new councillor should be co-opted on asap. Clerk to place advert on notice board and interviews will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the nurseries from 7pm, with the successful applicant

being co-opted at the next parish council meeting.

**140309 Shipton Mill**

Chairman Meredith closed the meeting temporarily in order that the public could discuss the application for the tower at Shipton Mill.

Once the meeting was re-opened councillors voted to fully endorse the letter from MR. Ounsted objecting to the application.

Clerk to contact TPO with regards to the trees alongside the canal.

**150309 Loan**

Clerk to contact SDC with regards to having the land valued, and also Daniel Lord (parish clerk Whitminster) who may be able to value the land.

**160309 Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association**

Clerk to forward to the Memorial Hall Committee.

**170309 Information Exchange**

Saul under fives Playgroup may have some of Anna Seal's allotment for vegetable growing Litter pick to be organised for 10<sup>th</sup> May (Chairman Meredith) (clerk to register with SDC).

Severn Vale living landscapes – Chairman Meredith and Councillor Hewett to attend – clerk to RSVP.

Councillor Findlater attended the ground heat information meeting in Frampton on Severn.

The date of the next Severn voice meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Frampton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**180309 Public Forum.**

Mr. Lever asked about the IHCA questions he set at last month's meeting "with respect to IHCA has the works carried out been authorised and does the work that's been carried out mean that a precedent has been set?" IHCA was set on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008. Clerk, when writing to SDC asked the wrong question so a satisfactory answer for the rest of the question was not available.

Mr. Skeats raised the issue of parking at Sandfield Bridge – clerk to contact Highways and discuss at site meeting. (CM, RF, DP, JH would like to attend the meeting).

Mr. Kitchener reported that the wall supporting the road opposite the Ship has quite a substantial crack in it. The repairs to Moor Street fall under County Council jurisdiction.

Clerk to contact Margaret Marshall, enforcement officer re S.08/0622/UNBWK 28036.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.**

..... Chairman

**Date of next meeting – April 29th 2009 – 7.30 p.m**

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