

FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 29th April 2009

Present: Councillors: Mr. C.Meredith, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. R. Findlater, Mr. D. Skeats, Mrs. A. Greaves.
Mrs L. Griffiths, District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), and 5 members of the parish.

010409 **Apologies for absence.**

Councillor Pockett, police

020409 **Election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, & Financial Officer for the year 2009/2010**

Councillor Meredith was nominated by Councillor Hewett as chairman, seconded by Councillor Griffiths.

Councillor Greaves was nominated as vice- chair by Councillor Findlater, seconded by John Hewett, Parish Clerk is again the R.F.O.

030409 **Co-option of new councillor.**

Councillors co-opted Mr. David Skeats of Moor Street, Saul.

040409 **Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 25.03.09, annual parish Meeting and Meeting of 22nd April re new councillor interviews.**

Approved after a slight amendment to the minutes of 22nd April.

050409 **Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.**

Councillor Griffiths – item 160409 – school site.

060409 **Police report.**

Nothing available this month.

070409 **Matters arising from last months minutes.**

Councillors Hewett, Findlater, Pockett and the clerk met with Highways concerning the right of way of Sandfield Bridge. A Keep Clear box, Saul side of the bridge will be installed. Concerning the parking issues, Highways are reluctant to take any action as this will only force the issue to occur somewhere else in the village.

Work by the Ship and the Moor Street will be done with the Ship area possibly first but are subject to budgets. Hopefully the work will be undertaken this financial year. Clerk to write to Highways highlight concerns with Moor Street and the school bus, and asking for time plan of when the work will be undertaken.

080409 **Finance**

All cheques were approved.

Mrs M. Glover clerks wages – Five weeks

000469 £281.29

GAPTC – membership

000470 £124.05

CPRE – membership

000471 £ 29.00

Severn Trent Water – allotments

000472 £ 14.66

090409 **Planning - New applications for discussion.**

Decision was delayed on this application while further investigations are made. Meeting to be held at the clerk's house on Friday at 7 p.m. to discuss further.

S.09/0694/COU

Rectory Cottage

Change of former schoolbuilding for residential use (class 3) in association with Rectory Cottage

28036

Framilode

GL2 7LH

100409 S.09/0700/HHOLD

Rectory Cottage

Alterations and extensions

Framilode

(resubmission following withdrawn application S.08/2225/FUL).

GL2 7LH

110409 **District Councillor's News.**

DC John Jones reported that there is a new "clean neighbourhood and environment act" imminent, concerning for example, dog fouling, litter, graffiti. Basically if a member of public sees a dog fouling and is prepared to formally report it to say the parish council, the parish council can inform the District Council who can impose a fixed penalty notice. However the "witness" to the act must be prepared to stand up as the witness.

Severn Barrage – response has gone from DC to government. New technologies have been developed and evaluated. Support has been given to WWF at Slimbridge as the barrage could have a detrimental effect. Barrage solutions may also be detrimental to the economy and the

district, ie. Sharpness docks.

Pete Gilbert gave a presentation at the Severn Voice meeting concerning “core strategy”. Responses are required as there are various potential changes to planning procedures, for example – could public speaking be allowed, applications could be filtered before reaching DC. Parish responses are due by 1st May.

With regards to the DC roadshow – affordable housing update, instead of all houses going in 1 or 2 places, possibilities are being explored of housing being distributed throughout the parish. (Cadbury site and Longney for example). A meeting has been arranged at Whitminster Village Hall on 18th May to discuss planning strategy, with representatives attending from the development council.

120409 **Standing orders**

Councillor Meredith circulate standing orders – to be discussed at the next parish meeting.

130409 **Stroudwater Canal**

Councillor Meredith read out a report from Severn Vale Living Landscapes who will be present at the next parish meeting to discuss their proposals for the canal.

Ongoing research for Rectory Cottage means this item is carried forward to the next agenda.

140409 **Bus Shelter**

To be carried forward to next meeting – clerk to write to diocese with regard to a lych gate on the church entrance.

150409 **Allotments**

Councillor Pockett reported (via the clerk) that playgroup will now be having their own allotment. One tenant has not yet cultivated their allotment. Councillor Meredith will liaise with the tenant.

160409 **Loan and insurance for school site (LG)**

There is to be a meeting on May 22nd hopefully to resolve the wranglings of the site. Clerk to contact Voyce Pullin with regards to valuations needed for the loan application.

170409 **Lakefield School admissions (LG)**

Three children from Arlingham were denied a place at Lakefield School in September. County Councillor Basil Booth is attending a meeting on Friday to discuss and hopefully resolve the issue. Councillor Griffiths suggested that as a parish council Fretherne with Saul should be involved. Councillors agreed.

180409 **Shipton Mill (LG)**

Councillor Griffiths attended the planning meeting at which the application for Shipton Mill was denied. There is a possible option for appeal. The letter from Mr. Mike Ounstead that was endorsed by the parish council is not showing on the SDC planning page on the internet – clerk to write to planning.

Clerk and Councillor Griffiths to write to planning regarding the lack of consultation with the parish council over this application, when it would have had such a big impact on Fretherne with Saul parish.

190409 **Tool share/Job Share/Lift Register (CM)**

Councillor Meredith will place an advert in the parish magazine to determine interest in this scheme. To be discussed at the next meeting.

200409 **Footpaths (CM)**

Councillor Meredith has waymarkers available and will give to Councillors Greaves and Skeats in order that footpaths can be waymarked where necessary. Councillors Greaves and Skeats will monitor footpaths and report back any problems.

210409 **Watercourse warden duty (CM)**

Clerk to contact SDC for another pack for the parish council.

220409 **Information Exchange**

Church Lane will be closed for over a week.

Clerk has found details of the PC solicitor.

Clerk and Linda Griffiths are visiting Alliance and Leicester in order to “retrieve” monies banked there. The money is in a really old account which may need to be closed in order to get the money out. The money was initially deposited for use on the Stroudwater Canal many

moons ago.

Councillor Findlater has spoken to housing yet again about the parking on the grass verge at Sandfield Crescent and has been informed that it is “in hand”.

230409 **Public Forum.**

Mr. Shaw reported that the money in the Alliance and Leicester account was initially deposited for use on the Stroudwater Canal many moons ago.

Mrs. Gardner wanted to know what was happening about the bus shelter as it was decided to order it at the last parish council meeting.

The bus shelter will still come, just in what form needs deciding upon.

Mr. Kitching reported that the post van is parking on a verge to keep out of the way on oncoming traffic.

Mrs. Gardner reported that parking is an issue by Sandfield Bridge and as such should be dealt with and moved away.

Mrs. Everett reported that dog fouling is an issue at Framilode and requested dog waste bins and dog fouling notices.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting – May27th 2009 – 7.30 p.m

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in exercising any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.