

FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 24th June 2009

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

010609 Apologies for absence.

District Councillor John Jones, Councillors: Mrs. A. Greaves, Mr. D. Skeats

020609 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 27th May 2009

Approved.

030609 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None.

040609 Police report.

Three crimes since 1st April, 1 x VAP (violence against a person), no further action taken.

2 x offences for criminal damage, one of which resulted in an arrest.

050609 Matters arising from last months minutes.

Severn Vale Living Landscapes have been contacted with regards to the surveys.

Clerk has arranged a meeting with JPR Environmental to look at the Willow trees in the Stroudwater Canal.

“Keep Clear” has been painted on the road at the Sandfield bridge in an effort to help alleviate the traffic problems.

Clerk is to organise a meeting between the diocese, architect, parish council and SDC planning department regarding the Lych Gate.

Church Lane has been restored to its original state prior to the Open Reach work.

060609 Finance

Approved and signed:

Mrs M. Glover clerks wages –

£225.03

070609 Planning - New applications for discussion.

None

080609 District Councillor’s News.

District Councillor Jones was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report which was read out by the chairman: -

District Council wise, not much has gone on since last month. The Revised Scheme of Delegation is ongoing, with deliberations between officers, the Cabinet Member and the Planning Advisory and Strategy Panel (PSAP) taking place. There will be a Policy Seminar on the subject for District Councillors at the end of July, and then a revised scheme will go to Scrutiny in September, then it will come to full Council in November. At the Policy Seminar, it’s my intention to ask that all Parish Councils are notified in writing of the new proposals, not by email, as some PC’s didn’t receive the last lot, for their observations. The Council Meeting on Thursday this week, the main item is to approve the accounts, and then to do some housekeeping.

090609 Year end finance

Year end accounts were approved. Clerk to look into a £50,000 fidelity guarantee.

100609 Tool share/Job Share/Lift Register

To be carried forward to next month.

110609 Stroudwater Canal

Clerk to contact Land Registry concerning the boundaries for Rectory Cottage/ National School at Framilode.

Councillor Griffiths suggested that the Parish Council should seek the advice of a solicitor concerning implications for the future regarding the canal. Clerk to contact Parish Solicitors.

A parishioner has asked that as the water levels are low in the canal that water is pumped in. The decision was made not to do this pending engineers report regarding the work to be actioned.

120609 Long term plan

Chairman Meredith has been on another Chairman's training course.

Chairman asked Councillors to have a think about any specific goals or aims they may have for the parish and report back at the next meeting. For example, the removal of the ivy hiding the wall from Fretherne Bridge to Saul, or daffodil planting on verges.

Long term plan and Village plan to be put on the agenda for next month.

130609 Bus shelter

Clerk is to organise a meeting between the diocese, architect, parish council and SDC planning department regarding the Lych Gate.

140609 Standing orders

Clerk to forward existing standing orders to councillors. Standing orders to be put on agenda for next month.

150609 Information Exchange

Councillor Skeats will attend the good councillors' course.

A complaint has been made concerning the "bogginess" of footpath EFL14. This is due to underground natural springs. Footpaths and the land owner have been contacted.

Code of Conduct Training – information to be passed to Councillor Skeats as the only councillor not to have attended this course.

Loft Lagging meeting – Councillors unable to attend but would like further information if possible.

CPRE AGM – Councillors unable to attend.

Highways require snow warden/snow plough operators update. Passed to Chairman Meredith as he is the snow warden. This would be a good opportunity to ask for a snow plough.

Councillor Griffiths wanted to know if there were any developments concerning Lakefield School admissions. Clerk to contact the school and the governors for feedback.

Councillor Griffiths highlighted that lottery funding is available to revitalise a village if a project is necessary. Details passed to the site regeneration committee.

160609 Public Forum

Councillor Findlater has had concerns raised over the footpath by the church. Councillors to clear when possible.

Mr. Ron Hartell will put up "no tipping" signs in the Church Lane area of Gardeners Pool in an effort to stop grass cuttings etc. being tipped over the hedge into this area.

Clerk has received an e-mail from a parishioner which the chairman read out. The main concerns were the rubbish bin overflowing in the playing field area (clerk has contacted SDC and this will be emptied), a photograph of the residents house on the parish website (this has been removed), the maintenance of the pump (clerk to contact IDB) and cows on footpaths, who is responsible for them (clerk to pass on this query to footpaths).

Mrs. Gardner asked if priority arrows could be put in place at Sandfield Bridge. Highways have recently told councillors this is not a possibility. Councillors to monitor the "keep clear" boxes to see if this alleviates the traffic difficulties in any way.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

..... Chairman

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

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