

FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 29th July 2009

Present: Councillors: Mr. C.Meredith, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. R. Findlater, Mr. D. Skeats, District Councillor John Jones, Councillors Mel Glover (Parish Clerk) and one member of the parish.

010709 Apologies for absence.

Mr. D. Pocket, Mrs. L. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Greaves, police

020709 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 24th June 2009

Approved

030709 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None

040709 Police report.

Police unable to attend but clerk received the following report via e-mail:-

2 crimes reported between 22/06/08 and 28/07/08.

5 Year to date.

050709 Matters arising from last months minutes.

Clerk to look into outcome re Footpath EFL14.

Farmer has taken sensible precautions with regards to cattle on public footpath.

060709 Finance

All cheques approved.

Mrs M. Glover clerks wages – July 5 weeks £281.29

Mrs M. Glover clerks wages – August £225.03

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070709 Planning - New applications for discussion.

Cedar Cottage High Street Saul, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 7LW	S.09/1042/HHOLD	Erection of a two storey extension to replace single storey conservatory
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Councillors approved this application.

080709 District Councillor's News.

Regarding the scheme of delegation:- policy seminar was postponed. Scrutiny committee will form a working party of three or four members. Once the working party has reported back it will go to cabinet. Public speaking may be introduced at meetings and objections to planning applications may be voiced instead of being written, favourable opinions may also be heard.

There have been two meetings at District Council – one a special extraordinary council meeting to change the name of Overstroud Ward. This has been changed to Whiteshill, Randwick and Ruscombe Ward as no objections were raised.

Housekeeping regarding accounts – Overspend on housing figures is down from 1.2 million to £880,000. Auditors have been brought in to ensure this overspend does not happen again. Recommendations will be put in place.

Inland Drainage Board have been doing a lot of maintenance work on the ditches in the area. Negotiations are still in place with one landowner.

Councillor Skeats asked if the scheme of delegation with come to parish council for consultation.

District Councillor Jones will ask the question and report back. Scheme of delegation to be put on agenda in September.

Councillor Findlater reported that the Fretherne Bridge closure will cause all diverted traffic to come through Moor Street which is already in a state of disrepair. This will also have a huge impact on local business heavy duty traffic, for example milk marketing board and R. A. Merediths. Clerk to contact John Roberts.

090709 Tool share/Job Share/Lift Register

Sadly there has been no interest in this scheme.

100709 Stroudwater Canal

Clerk and chairman met with JPR Environmental to discuss the action plan. Councillors are happy to proceed with the work they have quoted for, Clerk to contact SDC regarding the conservation area and possible funding, although there is sufficient money in the “ Alliance and Leicester money” in the account to cover it.

110709 Long term plan/Village Plan

Stroud water canal and school site are currently the main priorities.

120709 Bus shelter

Clerk to organise a meeting with relevant people from SDC, Diocese and Parish Council.

130709 Standing orders

Councillor Skeats has read and amended his version of standing orders. Clerk to circulate and distribute. To be put on the agenda for September.

140706 Notice Board at Framilode

Clerk has received an e-mail from Mrs. Bowkett concerning the state of this notice board. Clerk to look into notice board replacements and Councillor Hewett will remove the existing notice board. Clerk to contact Mrs. Bowkett.

150709 Information Exchange

Severn Estuary Forum – unfortunately no-one is available to attend this meeting. Clerk to ask for minutes.

Community Crime Fighters - unfortunately no-one is available to attend this meeting.

Councillor Findlater has received complaints about the waiting times at Sandfield Bridge. Parish Council notes the concerns and complainants should address the issues with British Waterways.

160709 Public Forum.

Mr. Tony Dangerfield informed that there had been problems at the allotments. Mr. Dangerfield had a delivery of manure which was dropped very close to Mrs. Mayo’s house. Environmental Health had been called and Mr. Dangerfield assured the council that the manure would be moved by the weekend. Chairman will contact Mrs. Mayo.

There have also been complaints concerning fire lighting and car parking issues.

Clerk to look into parish council allotment rules.

Allotments to be put on the agenda for September.

Mr. Dangerfield also reported that some posts around the pound had been damaged. Clerk to contact Ian Palmer in order to clarify who was responsible for the damage.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting – September 30th 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.
