

FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 30th September 2009

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

010909 **Apologies for absence.**

Councillors Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. R. Findlater and the police.

020909 **Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 29th July 2009**

Approved.

030909 **Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.**

Councillors Meredith and Greaves disclosed a personal non-prejudicial interest to the planning application.

040909 **Police report.**

The police sent the clerk the following e-mail report which was read out by the chairman.

Just a quick Email to say that I won't be able to make the meeting tonight. These are the figures from the 23rd July to the 29th September.

1 Burglary non dwelling

1 Theft from a car

2 other theft and handling

1 Criminal damage

I have also been moving the children and young teens on from the old school grounds as they have been using it as a smoking hut.

050909 **Matters arising from last months minutes.**

Work will be starting on the Stroudwater Canal late October.

060909 **Finance**

All cheques were approved and signed. As Mr. Dangerfield was present the Chairman thanked him for his excellent work on keeping the Pound tidy.

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

Hiltone Services – grass cutting as per tender £850.00

070909 **Planning - New applications for discussion.**

<u>S.09/1628/VAR</u> Church View	Removal of conditions 2 and 3 of permission S.01/1150
Fretherne Lane,	- Change of use of outbuilding to holiday cottage.
Saul,	
Gloucester,	
Gloucestershire,	
GL2 7JG	

080909 Councillors approved this application.

District Councillor's News.

District Councillor John Jones gave the following report:-

Leader of the council Chas Fellows is standing down in November. There will be a Conservative group meeting in October to elect a new leader.

At the November meeting the new Conservative leader will become leader of the council if no-one else comes forward. If someone does come forward then an election will be held.

Regarding the housing revenue account overspend:- the Audit Commission and KPMG have been looking into it and scathing reports have been written. 5 senior staff left within 12 months and the remaining staff did not have the relevant knowledge to carry on effectively.

The Audit Commission and KPMG made a list of recommendations, a lot of which have been put in place. The audit has now finished. The Cabinet member for housing was not made aware of any overspend until after the amount reached £300,000. Contractors invoices helped to contribute to the overspend as the contractors would "hold on to" their invoices and put them in all together.

At the Severn Voice meeting – affordable housing was in the agenda with one site in Whitminster being identified for 18 properties, consisting of 1 bedroom flats, 2 and 3 bedroom houses apartments, and 1 four bedroom house. This would equate to approximately half of the number of affordable housing needed for this area. Ongoing negotiations are still place regarding the Oatfield site in Frampton on Severn, and another potential site in Frampton has been put forward. A site in Longney has also been identified.

Concerns were raised at the meeting about the number of houses planned for Whitminster.

Fretherne with Saul will be hosting the next meeting when it is hoped that a discussion about the speed limit and roundabouts on the A38 will take place.

Phil Drew is the new Neighbourhood Watch Warden 07753 725186 for our area. (Clerk to chase proportionate refund for the time we were without a warden).

Councillor Skeats asked District Councillor Jones about the scheme of delegation. This is due to come to council in November. Clerk to contact Phil Skill for more information.

090909 **Allotments**

A meeting will be held to update the tenancy agreement. Clerk to check with environment agency concerning rules for lighting bonfires.

Councillors Skeats, Pocket and Meredith will form allotment sub committee.

No further action is required concerning the manure activity which was raised at the last meeting.

A few of the allotment holders will be asked to meet with the sub committee to discuss new tenancy agreement once councillors have discussed them.

100909 **Inland Drainage**

A land owner in the parish has raised concerns over the work the IDB have carried out on and near his land. An extensive letter was sent to the IDB raising his concerns and an equally extensive letter had been sent from the IDB in response to the letter. (Clerk has letters on file should anybody wish to read them).

Clerk to invite IDB to next parish council meeting to discuss the work with councillors. Councillor Meredith will meet with IDB before the meeting.

110909 **Bus shelter**

Clerk reported to council that the PCC had voted against a lych gate. Various bus shelter options were shown to councillors – it was decided to put an advert in the parish magazine to see if any local builders/carpenters would take up the challenge. A budget of £2500 was set for the bus shelter on Saul pound.

120909 **Standing orders**

Carried forward to next month.

130909 **Notice Board at Framilode**

Carried forward to next month.

140909 **Information Exchange**

Shipton Mill are set to appeal against their refused planning application. Councillor Griffiths and Mike Ounsted will put together a letter to be approved at the next parish council meeting for the parish council views on the application.

Next years precept needs setting.

Councillor Griffiths will look into waste.

GRCC AGM – no-one available to attend.

Citizens Advice Bureau – no donation at this time. (Donations to be put on agenda for next month.)

New road signs have been requested for Church Lane (existing ones have been knocked down).

Clerk has received a complaint from a member of the parish regarding the street light at Moor Street. Passage Road/ High Street junction and has reported it to Highways.

Councillor Griffiths queried the school site progress. A letter has been received from Madge Lloyd and Gibson. School site update to be put on next agenda.

Councillor Pocket raised concerns with the state of the road opposite the Ship. Clerk to contact Highways.

150909 **Public Forum.**

Mr. Dangerfield asked that car parking in the allotments be reviewed at the allotment meeting.
Mr. Ounsted reported that Frampton on Severn have concerns regarding how planning application decisions are made and Mr. David Hagg will be attending their parish council meeting on 7th October to discuss this matter. Councillor Skeats may attend.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

..... Chairman

**Date of next meeting
October 31st 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.

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