

FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 24th February 2010

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

1 Apologies for absence.

Councillors Mr. D. Skeats and Mrs. A. Greaves.

2 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 27th January

Approved.

3 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None.

4 Police report.

As both the neighbourhood warden and the police were unable to attend tonight the Chairman read out the following reports:

Neighbourhood Warden: -

I am unable to attend the parish meeting tonight as I am off duty. However, I do have stats (see below) from Kelly Akers for the last month. In terms of community safety, there has been some litter found at the memorial playfield and 1 alcohol bottle found, litter pick conducted. The old school site ok as I have patrolled there at various times. Nothing else to report, no reports of ASB to me.

Police: -

Here are the figures for the month :

We have had: -

1x assault in saul reported where the victim declined to prosecute the suspect

4x misc incidents such as abandoned calls

1x theft of a lorry trailer

5 Matters arising from last months minutes.

Clerk has requested grit bins from Highways and both the repairs for Moor Street and by the Ship. Repairs actioned by the Ship: concrete has not moved, it looks like the ground was "settling". The road has been patched to bring it up to level and will be closely monitored. It is still hopeful to find money in the budget to repair Moor Street.

Re Councillor Griffiths request for numbers of children likely to want a place at Lakefield School in September, Clerk has been unable to ascertain numbers but has spoken with Shire Hall who state that currently it looks as if there will not be a problem with numbers for September. Councillor Griffiths suggested the doctors surgery may be able to help. This item to be discussed at the Severn Voice meeting and follow up at parish meeting in March if necessary.

6 Finance

Agreed and signed

Mrs M. Glover clerks wages £279.90

7 Planning - New applications for discussion

Both applications were approved

23 Passage Road S10/0025/HHOLD Erection of single storey extension
Saul

25 Passage Road S/10/0133/HHOLD Proposed single storey extension
Saul

8 District Councillor's News.

There will be a meeting on Monday 8th March in the Whitminster Village Hall at 6.45 with a slide show on the Core Strategy – a strategy identifying houses that could be built in the area. There will also be an exhibition at Frampton in 3rd March.

A post office has been opened at Highfield Garden Centre.

There will be a District Council meeting on Thursday. On the agenda is the setting of the council

tax for the district.

Also on the agenda will be a review of the joint youth sites (Wotton pool, Nailsworth Rec. and Berkeley Sports Centre to hand back the running to the host bodies.

With regard to the “shared service arrangements”, the council are considering sharing services between Gloucester City and Tewkesbury and there is a recommendation for a shared internal audit for Gloucester and Tewkesbury.

There is also a recommendation to make the streets in the centre of Dursley a non-drinking zone, Stonehouse are thinking about doing the same. Stroud already has this in place and has found it has made a big difference.

One member of the audit committee has resigned.

Colin Spencer has returned as Monitoring Officer on a part time basis.

District Councillor John Jones is up for election in May 2010 as will be Fretherne with Saul Parish Councillors.

9 Stroudwater canal footpath

Councillor Meredith has secured a grant for the footpath alongside the Stroudwater canal to the River Frome to be improved. The hedgerow will be trimmed, a new path laid and the canal fenced off. Work to be started on 8th March. Councillor Pocket to contact landowner with regards to “rubbish” burning. Clerk to contact footpaths to advise them. Councillor Meredith to confirm work with contractors.

A decision was taken not to survey for Great Crested Newts in the canal.

10 Bus shelter

Clerk has spoken with Mr. Turner. Hopefully a new design fitting the budget will be available for the next parish meeting. Clerk to write to local businesses for possible donations.

11 Auditor

Council agreed to use Mr. I. Selkirk.

12 School site development (CM)

Parish Council has been advised to start thinking of possible usage for the site.

13 Campaign to protect rural England membership renewal

Membership approved and council agreed to pay membership by direct debit.

14 Playground update

Clerk has contacted various contractors and plans are being drawn up. A meeting will be held on 11th march between parish council, memorial hall committee and SNAP (Saul needs a playground) to discuss all plans received and plan the consultation process. DC John Jones suggested Parish council become members of Gloucester Playing Fields Association and clerk will organise this.

15 Compulsory Purchase Order (School site)

A meeting was held with David Drew to discuss the site. Sadly little progress has been made with regards to the site. The solicitors acting for the trustees will recommend the sale on the open market of the site in order to clear their fees. David Drew suggested that the Parish council look at a Compulsory Order. Clerk has had advice that this is a lengthy and very costly procedure and this is not a route Parish council wish to follow.

16 Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Clerk to contact Mr. Dangerfield, Mr. Lusmore and Mrs Johnson to see if they'd like to be nominated.

17 Information Exchange

The banks of the River Frome are being damaged by badgers. Councillor Pocket will investigate. Concerns have been raised with regards to “lost” lorries in the village.

18 Public Forum.

Clerk to contact community payback with regards to clearing the school site again.

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

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting March 31st at 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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