

## FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Present: Councillors: Chairman C. Meredith, Mr. D Pockett, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. R. Findlater, Mr. D. Skeats, Mrs. L. Griffiths, District Councillor John Jones, PCSO Debbie Flay. Mel Glover (Parish Clerk)

010410 **Apologies for absence.**

Councillor Ann Greaves.

020410 **Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Approved.

030410 **Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.**

None.

040410 **Police report.**

PCSO Debbie Flay reported that in the last month the following four incidents had been reported: -

1 ASB (moped rider with no helmet, Passage Road),

1 Car break in – Fretherne,

1 possible cheque card fraud

1 possible drunk in charge (no further action taken as drivers keys were taken away!)

Councillor Skeats asked how we could have a “no cold callers” area instigated.

PCSO Flay said it was relatively easy to set up, 51% of residents had to agree to having it and the police would enforce it.

Councillor Findlater reported on the parking troubles at Sandfield Bridge – the police will monitor the situation.

050410 **Matters arising from last months minutes.**

Clerk has written to Highways re frog road signs, snow plough, grit bins and a village walk with Chris Riley.

Clerk has spoken to Environment Agency with regards to the badgers on the banks of the Frome. E.A. feel no action is necessary.

Clerk has written to Footpaths with regards to footpath problems.

Councillor Meredith reported that a very successful litter pick had taken place with 12 bags of rubbish being collected. Approximately 12 – 15 people took part. Councillor Meredith thanked all those who did take part.

060410 **Finance**

Both cheques signed and approved.

**Mrs M. Glover clerks wages**

**£279.90**

**Stroud District Council – contribution to neighbourhood warden**

**£200.00**

070410 **Planning - New applications for discussion**

None this month.

080410 **District Councillor’s News.**

District Councillor John Jones reported that a “alcohol free zone” would cost a lot of money to set up – an application would be made to SDC who would review to see if it was necessary. A consultation would take place and ultimately it would go to a full council meeting for approval. This is quite a long drawn out process and expensive too.

There was a meeting last Thursday, the last one of this current year.

Items of housekeeping – adoption of risk management policy and strategy and environment policy.

The report from the overview and scrutiny committee was adopted (this was nothing to do with the planning review that is being carried out).

Land in Moreton Valence on the right of the A38, north of the access road to the old airfield is currently in the parish of Haresfield. Residents actually live in Moreton Valence but are in Haresfield parish. Residents have asked for this land to be moved from Haresfield to Moreton Valence parish

and the process has been set in motion for this to happen. District Council have the authority to follow this through and the process will take about a year. Moreton Valence will then have enough residents to form a parish council.

090410 **Village Plan**

Councillor Griffiths has updated the village plan and will circulate to councillors for their input before next meeting.

100410 **Bus shelter**

Clerk has spoken with Mr. Turner who can with various cutbacks (pine instead of oak) and donating his time, could make the bus shelter for £4,400. Letters have been sent to local prominent businesses asking for donations.

110410 **Asset valuations**

Despite repeated assurances from Mr. Daniel Lord that the asset valuations were in the post, nothing has yet been received by the clerk or the chairman.

Clerk has contacted Bruton Knowles with regards to the necessity of asset valuation as the land may have no value because of its community ownership and is awaiting their response.

Clerk to contact NSALG and Kim Bedford for advice.

120410 **School Site**

Rowbis solicitors have been instructed to act for parish council and have written to Madge Lloyd and Gibson, the trustees' solicitors. Rowbis have agreed to cap the rates at £500. Parish Council were in full agreement in still trying to secure the site for the parish.

130410 **Playground and training course**

Update on the playground – the equipment has been decided upon and consists of the following:-

One zip wire, one gravity bowl, two bike ramps, two nest swings, one triple slide with boulders and logs, one fallen tree and one multi play unit. These items have been approved by both SDC and CC. There is a meeting taking place April 29<sup>th</sup> with the residents bordering the playing field to establish specific equipment locations. Andy King from Monster Play will be in attendance.

Parish Council voted unanimously to locate the equipment along from the Memorial Hall, behind the back of the houses due to accessibility ease and this ground being higher and less likely to flood, the two bike ramps to be placed down by the existing skateboarding equipment, with the zip wire going along the hedge line running away from the houses.

Duncan Carter and Chris Meredith will attend the playground training course and Parish Council is happy to pay for this.

140410 **Road Signs**

Councillor Greaves has cleaned her village signs – rest of council will do theirs this month (time permitting) and report back next month. Councillor Hewett will repair the two village signs (again when time permits).

150410 **Insurance and Safety checks**

Clerk has contacted insurance company and public liability for the playground equipment will be in force. Specific item insurance will need taking out. It is essential that weekly safety checks are carried out and Councillor Pocket has been and will be responsible for this with our existing equipment.

160410 **Annual Parish Meeting**

Date set for 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7 for 7.30pm. Stroud Valleys Project will be presenting and it is hoped to have a plan of the playground in place too.

170410 **Information Exchange**

Councillor Hewett raised concerns over the Passage Road potholes.

Councillor Findlater has had concerns raised with him over the traffic congestion at Sandfield Bridge. Clerk to contact Highways.

Councillor Findlater has had concerns raised with him with regard to the “pond” in Church Lane – clerk to contact landowner to establish ownership.

Councillor Meredith has a “land and water” meeting next week to discuss the “leaking” canal.

180410 **Public Forum.**

Clerk is in receipt of an e-mail from Mr. Blackham raising concerns over the traffic calming in Bridge Road, Frampton on Severn. Council decided not to endorse Mr. Blackham's concerns as they felt the traffic calming was indeed doing exactly that. However they did feel the parking of the vehicles close to this area was hazardous and also that the traffic calming unit should be of higher visibility and that these items should be addressed.

District Councillor John Jones reported that Whitminster Lane is due to be closed this month for resurfacing works.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.24 p.m.**

..... Chairman

**Date of next meeting May 26<sup>th</sup> 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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