

FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 29th September

Present: Councillors: Chairman C. Meredith, Mr. D.Pocket, Mr. R. Findlater, Mr. D. Skeats, Mrs. L. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Greaves, District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the parish

- 010910 **Apologies for absence.**
Councillor Hewett and the police.
- 020910 **Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 28th June.**
Approved.
- 030910 **Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.**
None.
- 040910 **Police report.**
E-mail report - no Crimes reported, just two incidents which were a suspicious person hanging around and a damage only RTC.
Councillor Jones reported that the police divisions in the county have been reorganised into 6 divisions. The funding for county supporting police officers is up for review. There are currently 62 Gloucestershire county council supporting police officers.
- 050910 **Matters arising from last month's minutes.**
Moor Street repairs are now planned for the 1st week in November.
DC J.Jones has looked into the marina hedge and the details have been forwarded to Frampton PC.
The chairman reported that Councillor Skeats has been updating the parish website and "it looks good".
Footpath by the church has been cut back.
Memorial Hall sign has been cleared of overgrowth.
- 060910 **Finance**
Mrs M. Glover clerks wages 5 weeks 349.88
Moore Stephens 158.63
Both cheques approved.
- 070910 **Planning – New applications for discussion**
All applications were approved.
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| <u>S.10/1801/HHOLD</u> | Victoria Place High Street, Saul, | Installation of air source heat pump. |
| <u>S.10/1205/FUL</u> | Gardeners Pool High Street, Saul, | Retrospective application for improvements to car park at Gardeners Pool. |
| <u>S.10/1795/LBC</u>
<u>S.10/1786/HHOLD</u> | Fretherne Lodge
Fretherne | Erection of boundary wall and guarding to external steps. |
- 080910 **District Councillor's News.**
DC John Jones reported on the following: -
Cabinet meeting 30th September.
Decisions to be taken by Cabinet.
Budget monitoring reports, budget strategy, and the medium term financial plan.
Local land charge,(LLC) legislation being changed. SDC will have to change its service on LLC's and update planning data so that personal search services be provided online for free
Adopt the green travel plan, which is aimed at reducing carbon emissions across fleet services, including its own fleet, some SDC vehicles already run on gas, organising eco-friendly driving training courses at least across the Council.

To use compulsory purchase powers to acquire 12 plots of land in 9 locations to further the Canal project.

Future arrangements for Dursley Pool and Stratford Park Leisure Centre management contracts
Consideration of the new Government's proposals to abolish the regional spatial strategy, and how that could affect the Council's own core strategy.

Cabinet recommendations to Council on 11th November.

Provide information on the proposals to hand back the Vale of Berkeley sports centre, the Nailsworth Recreation Centre and the Wotton-u-Edge pool, and advise Council accordingly
Waste and Recycling. To provide information about the County's joint waste programme, and how SDC should take part in future. To give an update on the arrangements in place with regard to recycling, bulking and baling .of collected materials, ie, continuing in the short/medium term with the depot at Moreton Valence.

Planning scheme of delegation. To consider amending the current scheme, and adopt the recommendations of the task and finish group set up by the Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee.

Adopt as Supplementary planning advice the Bisley with Lypiatt village design statement so that it can be used as consideration in planning decisions.

Reports to note.

These are mainly concerned with housing reports, an update on the Canal Project, and a report on the proposal to close the cash desk in reception, and replace it with a machine. This is at the discussion stage. No decision has yet been taken.

There is to be a Severn Voice meeting at Longney School on 21st October with Lakefield School Admissions and Defra proposals for flood defenced being the main topics.

A neighbourhood warden meeting was held in August and Phil Drew has left the service. A letter will be sent out in October setting out the new N.W. service.

090910 **Fund raising**

Car Boot sale was slightly disappointing with only £116.17 being raised. Councillors agreed to host a talk on fundraising by Monica Jones at the beginning of the next parish council meeting.

100910 **Bus shelter**

Clerk to place order with Greenfields for "Newstead" bus shelter, for delivery and installation week commencing 1st November. Site meeting to be held on Sunday 10th Oct to discuss location.

110910 **School site update**

Dicocese has been unable to source a company to provide indemnity insurance and are talking to London Solicitors to try to set up a legal document between the parish council and the trustees concerning the indemnity liability.

120910 **Playground update**

Chairman read out the following from Louise Holder, County Council:

"Sorry to be the bearer of no news at all, but sadly that is the situation at the moment. I, and my counterparts across the country, are doing battle with the Department for Education, to ask for news of their review of Playbuilder funding. As yet, they have only told us that there is no decision yet, and they do not have a date when we can expect to hear from them.

Our Director of Children's Services plus a number of Gloucestershire MPs have taken up the case, because we do not believe it to be reasonable for the DfE to act this way. As yet, we have not broken through the wall of silence, but we persist and are particularly making the case for situations like Saul's.

I will let you know just as soon as I have any news at all. In the meantime, I can only offer my sympathies in what is a very difficult situation for you"

130910 **Auditors report**

Auditors approved the accounts but wanted to draw attention to the financial regulations that need to be updated and that the fidelity guarantee insurance may be inadequate.

Councillors agreed to review the regulations at the precept meeting.

140910 **Stroudwater canal**

The Willow Tree has been felled and the hole created by the Willow Tree has been backfilled; hopefully this will solve the "leak" in the canal.

150910 **Information Exchange**

Clerk has had communication from Nick Bowkett, Framilode regarding potential for flooding over blocked Highways Drains. Clerk has contacted EA and Highways and assessments will be actioned.

Letter has been received by Parish Council regarding garden waste that is being “dumped” in Gardners Pool. Parish Council will write to Church Lane residents asking for this tipping to decrease.

Letter has been received by Parish Council regarding improvements to the Perryway/A38 Junction. Letter to be sent to Frampton Parish Council stating that unless the criteria for funding changes FWSPC are unable to support at this stage.

3 Barn Court planning application has been refused due to resident bats in the property.

Letter has been received from the Friends of Framilode Church asking if they could “tend the Framilode Pound”. Clerk to advise FoFC to contact Inland Drainage in the first instance due to the very significant drain in the location.

Councillor Greaves plans to attend the Waste debate meeting on 1st November.

Councillor Griffiths would like more information regarding the playing field pond at the next parish meeting.

Councillor Findlater reported that the recycling/rubbish issue has been resolved.

Councillor Meredith reported that a parishioner had contacted Highways about an unlit street lamp and it was repaired the next morning.

160910 **Public Forum.**

There was nothing from the public this meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting October 27th 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.