

FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 27th October

Present: Councillors: Chairman C. Meredith, Mr. R. Findlater, Mrs. L. Griffiths, Mr. J. Hewett, District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), Nadine- Stroud Valleys Project, 4 members of the parish

011010 Apologies for absence.

Councillors: Mr. D. Pocket, Mrs. A. Greaves, Mr. D. Skeats, Police

021010 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 29th September

Approved.

031010 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None.

041010 Police report.

As the police were unable to attend the Chairman read out an email from the police that reported there had been no crimes committed during the past month with one incident of a missing dog.

051010 Playing Field Pond – Nadine Stroud Valleys Project

Nadine kindly attended to report on the proposed pond in the playing field, instigated by the Memorial Hall Committee.

Jane Bolton from the MHC said that the proposal was for a shallow pond to allow pond dipping for local children. It will require planning permission and SVP have prepared all the paperwork for Parish Council to submit. The pond will be approximately 8m long, 4m wide and 1m deep and will be lined with two different shelf levels, will be fenced in with rails and chicken wire and will have a spring loaded gate. It will be rain water fed.

There are no concerns from the Environment Agency as the pond will be relatively small.

Although the Parish Council will be submitting the planning application the pond will be owned, maintained, insured by and be the responsibility of the Memorial Hall Committee.

Councillors agreed to sign and submit the application.

061010 Matters arising from last months minutes.

None.

071010 Finance

All cheques agreed and signed.

Mrs M. Glover clerks wages 279.90

Hiltone Services 892.50

National Society of Allotments and Leisure 64.93

081010 Planning – New applications for discussion

Approved.

[S.10/2061/TCA](#) Clarence Villa Reduce height and spread of apple tree and
Church Lane, birch tree
Saul

091010 District Councillor's News.

DC John Jones commented that with regard to the pond planning application it was important to highlight that a pre- application discussion had taken place with Darrell Rogers and that his feedback was positive.

With regard to the Neighbourhood Warden Service – Pete Gleed and Dan Parker will be patrolling Dursley, Cam, Berkeley and Whitminster only. All other areas will be response areas only.

Clerk to contact Debbie Miles as SDC with regards to a rebate as full service has been paid for.

101010 Bus shelter

Work starts on the bus shelter 4th November 2010.

111010 School site update

Nothing to report.

121010 Playground update

News has been circulating that the playbuilder funding was secure as indicated by general letter from Michael Gove. However, clerk has received the following e-mail from County Council that the Chairman read out: -

I am trying to secure agreement that sites such as Saul (where a local council has entered into a contract) need to be honoured, but I am doing so against a backdrop of the complete termination of all GCC capital spend for the remainder of the year. Playbuilder funding is no longer ring-fenced, so theoretically could be used to finance other pieces of work in the county. As always, I am making a clear and strong case for Saul given your contractual obligations.

The Playbuilder Project Group will meet on 8th November to discuss how to proceed, and I hope to be in touch with you again very shortly with their decisions.

Councillor Skeats had e-mailed the council to recommend press releases to fight our case. The Chairman closed the meeting in order that the parishioners attending the meeting could take part in this discussion.

Once the Chairman re-opened the meeting Parish Council took a vote as to whether or not to proceed with a publicity drive, with the outcome being one for, one against, two abstainers. The Chairman used his casting vote and the decision was made not to proceed until after the outcome of the meeting on 8th November.

131010 Finance meeting

Date set for Weds 3rd November at 7pm to discuss financial regulations and the precept.

141010 Christmas Carol/Tree evening

Date set for 12th December at 6pm.

Councillor Meredith to source big Christmas Tree, lights.

Clerk to contact playgroup for decorations.

Councillor Griffiths – refreshments.

Councillor Meredith will contact Rotary Club for possible sleigh attendance.

151010 Salt bins – Fretherne/Frampton Bridge

Clerk to get confirmation from Highways that a supply of salt/grit will be available.

Clerk to order two 200l green salt/grit bins providing Highways will supply salt.

161010 Framilode drains

Mr. N. Bowkett has highlighted concerns regarding the river flap and the possibility of blocked drains in Framilode Passage and the possibility of the houses flooding if the drains and flap are not attended to. Clerk has already contacted Highways and they have assessed and cleared the drain on the green. Clerk to obtain confirmation that Highways have followed the same process with the drain on the road corner.

Clerk has already contacted EA with regards to the flap in the river and will check with the EA that they have been out and assessed it. Clerk to establish EA policy for ongoing river bank flap clearance.

Clerk to contact IDB for Framilode pump maintenance schedule.

171010 Information Exchange

Chairman read out a letter from Mr. M. Snudden regarding an issue of speeding cars along Moor Street. Clerk to reply to Mr. Snudden.

With regards to the Fire and Rescue service meeting DC JJ will be attending and will report back.

Planning Scheme of Delegation – clerk is in receipt of e-mail from Eastington PC which had been circulated to councillors on e-mail. DC JJ clarified that the automatic right is being removed – there will not be an automatic referral to the planning committee if the officer and the parish council disagree only after it has been vetted by a sub committee. Planning will not disregard the views of the Parish Council; any controversial application will go to committee.

No action to be taken by FWS PC.

Clerk to apply for grants for notice board, bus shelter and wildlife boards, forms to be filled in at finance meeting.

Concerns were raised by Councillor Griffiths with regard to the (marina) hedge on Whitminster Lane obscuring visibility. DCJJ reported that in the Enforcement Officer's opinion the planning condition should not have been put in in the first place. Councillor Griffiths asked if SDC would consider putting a mirror in place in order to ease visibility for traffic turning into Whitminster Lane. DC JJ reported that this would be a Highways matter. Chairman will contact Frampton Parish council as this falls within their parish.

DCJJ reported that the Severn Voice meeting cancelled due to the Education Cabinet member not being available is to be rescheduled for early spring.

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Public Forum.

There was nothing from the public this meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.31 p.m.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting 24th November 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.