

FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 30th March

Present: Councillors: Chairman C. Meredith, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. D. Skeats, Mrs. A. Greaves, Mrs. L. Griffiths, District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), 7 members of the parish

010311 **Apologies for absence.**

Councillors Mr. D. Pocket, Mr. R. Findlater

020311 **Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 23rd February 2010**

Approved

030311 **Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.**

None

040311 **Police report.**

Police were unable to attend – the following report was e-mailed to the clerk after the meeting so this section is for interest only: -

Hi Mel,

Just wanted to pass on apologies for lack of attendance at last nights meeting.

Unfortunately, I was down to come along but was called away to an urgent incident just as I was about to leave the station.

Just for information I thought you might want the crime statistics for the past month.....

◆ Violence against a person - 1

◆ Burglary (non dwelling) - 2

◆ Auto crime - 4

◆ Criminal damage - 1

Total of 8 crimes

050311 **Matters arising from last months minutes.**

Councillor Skeats wanted to know if the bollards were going into the grass verge along Moor Street – clerk to chase with Highways.

Regarding play equipment safety checks – cheapest quote came from Digley Associates – clerk to organise asap. Regarding the play equipment monthly checks are needed from a person qualified to do the checks. Duncan Carter attended a course last year – clerk to check if he can do it.

Councillor Skeats reported having trouble uploading information to the web site – he has contacted SDB webmaster for help.

Councillor Meredith reported the litter pick had been a success although not so well attended as previously 8 bags of litter was collected.

Councillor Greaves wanted some more information on managing the flood risk as a parishioner had contacted her regarding this. Councillor Meredith reported that the Severn Voice minutes had been circulated and these contained relevant information. Councillor Greaves wanted to know more about the “protest group” and Councillor Meredith reported that at the Severn Voice meeting an “awareness” group was raised to hopefully stop the Environment Agency from withdrawing from its future plans regarding flood defences. The group was to be made up from Severn Voice members.

DC J.Jones reported that the N.F.U. has submitted a report regarding the EA questionnaire, as has an officer from SDC, and both Arlingham and Frampton Parish Councils.

All parties concerned have been unable to find indemnity insurance.

Councillor Griffiths has relevant information pertaining to the above e-mail from her dealings with the Save the Site Group. Councillor Griffiths to supply the clerk with relevant info for distribution to councillors.

Councillor Skeats reported that the e-mail suggests no claim will be possible for future claims on the site whereas previous suggestions leave parish council open to future claims on the site. A meeting was arranged for councillors for Thursday 7th April (Ashbrooke, 6.30) to discuss further.

110311 **Notice Boards**

Councillor Hewett reported that the notice board was an “indoor” notice board and as such was completely unsuitable for outside use.

Clerk to contact SDC regarding potential for notice board from Leyhill Prison.

120311 **Royal Wedding**

Councillor Meredith closed the meeting in order to have a public discussion regarding the Church Lane Street Party.

Meeting was re-opened and it was felt that it was very difficult for Parish Council to agree to help with funding for the party if a cost was being made for the tickets.

Currently seems there are 3 options – cancel the party/parish council takes over/parish council donates a capped amount towards estimated costs.

Estimates of the costings to be given to the clerk by the party organisers in time for the meeting Thursday 7th April for councillors to discuss further.

130311 **Framilode Pound**

To be carried forward to next month as Councillor Findlater absent (he was looking into grill costings).

140311 **Auditor**

Council agreed to employ Iain Selkirk as auditor.

150311 **Playground Extras**

A meeting was held where PC met with Mem. Hall Committee to discuss the future plans of the playing field. Agreements were made and as a result trees have been planted.

Clerk has had quotes for the playground sign and councillors agreed to Fast Signs quote for £41.53. Clerk to organise.

160311 **Grass Maintenance contract**

Memorial Hall Committee has asked Parish Council to take over and pay for grass cutting contract on the playing field as VAT can be claimed back by parish council. Memorial Hall Committee would then donate a financial amount to the parish council to cover the cost.

Councillors agreed to this as long as it was legal. Clerk to investigate further.

170311 **PAYE**

Councillor Meredith has contacted HMRC – parish council need to register as a business. The advice he has been given is to not register until 6th April 2011. He will register and follow the process as necessary.

180311 **Planning Applications**

Clerk required a process in place regarding planning applications as currently applications may come in that need commenting on before councillors can meet and discuss. A sub committee may be formed to discuss as long as the comments are minuted at the next parish council meeting. Theoretically may be done by E-mail as long as all the sub committee can see the plans and that the comments are minuted at the next parish council meeting.

190311 **Information Exchange**

DC J Jones recommended checking the bank account signatories list with the bank

200311 **Public Forum**

Clerk reported a request from Mr Harris regarding a new shed on the allotments. Clerk to supply Mr. Harris with a tenancy agreement.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.