

FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 7th December

Present: Councillors: Mr. C. Meredith, Mr. R. Findlater, Mr. D. Pocket, Mr. David Skeats, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the parish

011111 Apologies for absence.

Councillors Griffiths, Skeats and Hewett, District Councillor John Jones, police.

021111 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 26th October

Approved

031111 Police report

Hi Mel

Mark said your meeting was cancelled due to sickness-I hope you're all better. The figures are: 28 incidents...but don't panic!!! I will explain: -

25 of these are police logs in connection with a local lad breaching bail etc (nothing to do with crimes in the village but show on our system)

2 are showing as Saul incidents but relate to 2x burglaries in Epney

1x possible duck shot on the canal (Which is officially Frampton but I think it came up as Saul due to the police boundary system)

I thought I would give a full explanation just in case anyone went on crime mapper and started to worry!!

Really there are No incidents in the village!

I hope this helps

Regards

Kelly

041111 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None

051111 Matters arising from last month's minutes.

Councillor Meredith has looked at the hedge on Church Lane, it falls into Frampton Parish Council and as such FWS PC has no jurisdiction. Councillor Findlater has spoken to a local hedge cutting contractor who has assured him that the hedge is due to be cut back soon.

Councillor Meredith has met with Julian Smith.

Councillor Meredith has written a report on the Framilode Pound which has been published in the parish magazine.

061111 Finance

All cheques approved and signed

M. Glover - notice board from Leyhill Prison

M. Glover – clerks wages 5 weeks November

M. Glover – clerks wages for December

PAYE January

071111 Planning Applications

Councillors approved the application as long as the neighbours had no concerns.

Councillor Findlater will contact the neighbours.

[S.11/2237/HHOLD](#)

7 Sandfield Crescent
Church Lane,
Saul,
Gloucester,
Gloucestershire,
GL2 7JZ

Single storey extension to
rear of property

081111 District Councillor's News

Stroud District Council meeting 24/11/2011

The meeting started with the Chief Executive reading a letter of resignation from the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council from Cllr Ray Apperley. A new Vice-Chairman will be appointed as soon as possible.

3 members of the public asked questions relating to the Core Strategy consultation, which were answered by the Cabinet Member for Planning and the Environment. The next two agenda items related to, a) the standing list of contractors being put on the Council's website, and updated regularly as necessary, instead of being done so on a two yearly basis. This will enable any company to apply to go on the list at any time should it wish, instead of having to wait until the two yearly review. And b) that the discretionary rate relief that currently applies to the likes of Village Halls, Community Shops etc, should continue. Both these items were passed with a large majority.

The next item dealt with the next steps for Core Strategy, that is, where the 3200 houses Stroud is obliged to build by 2026 should go. The places and numbers identified in the Meeting Papers were; Various Sites in the Stroud Valleys- 600-1000 homes and up to 2000 jobs; North East of Cam, 750-1250 homes and up to 2000 jobs; West of Stonehouse, 1000-1500 homes and up to 3000 jobs; An extension of Hunts Grove in Hardwicke/Haresfield of 500 to 750 homes; and to accept the offer of an intensification of employment at Aston Down.

After much debate, which included several defeated amendments to the original proposal, the following amendment was put forward;

A distribution of homes and jobs in some or all of the following areas

Stroud Valleys, 300-800 homes and up to 1600 jobs

North East of Cam, 200-500 homes and up to 1500 jobs

West of Stonehouse, 1000-1500 homes and up to 3000 jobs.

Hunts Grove extension to stay the same.

Aston Down, 100-200 homes and an intensification of employment

Sharpness, 200-250 homes and an intensification of employment.

Homes to be built in any parishes willing to accept development justified by a Neighbourhood Plan.

It is intended to have as many jobs close to new houses built as possible, to encourage people to live and work within easy commuting distance, and close to good transport links.

This was voted through by a majority vote, one political group in particular wanting equal distribution of homes in smaller groups across every parish and town in the District.

There will be further public consultation on the Core Strategy in the next few months before it is submitted for further examination by the Planning Inspectorate. It must be said that had this item not been decided at the meeting, thus enabling Council to demonstrate it has a five year rolling land supply, there would be a huge risk of development by appeal, with developers getting consent to build where they

want to, and not where the Council, or the public wished, as was the case with Foxes Field between Ebley and Stonehouse.

Council then approved the Audit Committee report, which set out some revisions to the Council Treasury Management Strategy, and then approved some minor changes to polling boundaries in Chalford and Rodborough, and the provision of extra polling stations in Minchinhampton and Rodborough.

The transfer of a part of Haresfield Parish to Moreton Valence Parish was approved, as was the creation of a Parish Council for Moreton Valence, instead of a Parish Meeting. The area of land transferred is the piece between the A38 main road and the M5 motorway, from the lane leading on to the Old Airfield Industrial Estate, to the Shorn Brook, which crosses under the A38 by Road Farm at Hardwicke. With the extra households contained within that area of land, there will now be enough electors on the electoral roll to enable a Parish Council to be formed in Moreton Valence, the critical number being 150.

Finally, Council debated a motion put forward by Cllr Andrewartha, that Gloucestershire County Council provide a full economic, health and environmental impact assessment of the proposed mass burn incinerator at Javelin Park, and compare them with other technological solutions, including mechanical biological treatment, to ensure the comparisons between the different methods of residual waste disposal are fully demonstrated, debated and scrutinised in public. It was felt by many members across the Council that GCC is rushing into a decision to build an incinerator at Javelin Park, with questions aired about the County having enough waste to feed an incinerator of that size to enable it to work 24/7 without imports from outside the area, and that all the alternatives had not been fully explored as yet.

The meeting finished at 11-20 pm, and can be viewed on the Council's website by following the links to webcasting.

091111 Parish Council Update

Sadly Councillor Greaves has retired from the parish council, effective immediately due to the lack of time she has available for parish council duties.

Councillors thanked Councillor Greaves for her support over the years and her service will be greatly missed.

Clerk to purchase a vase (to the value of a maximum of £50) for Councillor Greaves.

101111 School site update

Councillor Meredith reported the following: -

Parish Council had been advised by the Diocese that the site was to be put up for sale.

Reverend Ann Spargo is a trustee of the site and met with Councillors Meredith and Skeats to understand from a parish point of view the activity over the last ten years. Reverend Spargo is not prepared to agree to sell the site unless all avenues have been explored.

Possible way forward – Mr. Lane's claim to be legally recognised. Assuming that this is in order it was suggested that the Diocese should seek the indemnity insurance. Sale of the site is currently "on hold".

Councillor Meredith suggested that Councillor Greaves and/or Mr. Parry may have the necessary proof of the legitimacy of Mr. Lane's claim.

Further meetings will be held in the new year.

111111 Emergency plan

Councillor Skeats will take over the Emergency plan. (to be added to January's

agenda).

121111 Playground

Monster Play have sent the relevant parts for playground maintenance identified by Councillor Findlaters safety checks.

Parish Council have received two free bike stands (clerk had details and applied for).

A working party is needed to install bike stands and maintain playground equipment.

Councillors Pocket, Skeats, Meredith and Findlater volunteered and agreed to meet on Thursday 29th December at 10 a.m.

Monster Play have provided a maintenance contract which includes an annual inspection (£300), two maintenance visits £450 each).

Councillor Meredith recommended one maintenance visit after the Digley Associates Annual report.

Councillors agreed and Councillor Meredith will contact Monster Play to confirm and also get clarification on what the £450 maintenance cost is for.

131111 Village Design Statement

To be put on agenda for January.

141111 Lighting of the Christmas Tree

11th December at 4.45p.m. Rotary club float will be in attendance.

Councillor Meredith will supply mulled wine.

Councillor Meredith has lights and battery all ready for the tree.

151111 £100 Prize money

To be added to next month's agenda.

161111 Jubilee Party

To be added to next month's agenda. Clerk to look into licensing.

171111 School admissions

Councillor Skeats suggested that Mr. Keith Withers may like to come and talk to the parish council at the next meeting in January. Clerk to contact Mr. Withers.

181111 Woodland Trust Jubilee Tree

The Woodland Trust is offering free trees to celebrate the jubilee next year.

Councillor Meredith would suggest areas such as the newly refurbished Framilode Pound area, a strip of trees specifically for dog walkers in the playing field and that also these areas may benefit from some new hedging.

Councillor Meredith will liaise with Jane Bolton.

191111 Footpaths

Councillor Pocket has mapped out three circular footpaths, 2 short and one long.

Councillors Pocket and Findlater will walk the three walks to ascertain length and distance and to see if any repairs would be necessary. To be put on agenda for next month.

201111 Information Exchange

A new clerk is needed for Severn Voice. FWS clerk is not interested in the position and should advise Arlingham clerk that FWS PC are happy for a new clerk to be appointed as necessary.

Councillor Findlater has had an irate member of the parish contact him regarding the hedgerow roadside along Church Lane. Clerk to contact Highways regarding hedgecutting.

Councillor Skeats reported that the Ship Inn has now closed and that he has been approached by parish residents regarding the future plans for the Inn. Clerk to contact Enterprise Inns to establish actual plans (if any).

Councillor Skeats also highlighted his concerns regarding the police meetings he used to attend that seem to have ceased. Clerk to contact Kelly Akers.

211111 Public Forum

Mr. Kitchner reported that regarding badgers that his understanding is that the EA have a plan by they are inundated with paperwork.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting 25th January 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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