

## **FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Present: Councillors: Mr. C. Meredith, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. C. Robbins, Mr. T. Lever, Mr. R. Findlater, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the parish.

**010512 Apologies for absence.**

Councillor Linda Griffiths, District Councillor John Jones, police, District Councillor Haydn Jones

**020512 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Approved after amending a small typing error.

**030512 Police report**

4 incidents reported, no crimes reported.

**040512 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.**

None

**050512 Matters arising from last month's minutes.**

Photos of the rotting zip wire strut have been sent to Monster Play who have offered to supply a free strut but the installation cost of £700 would be charged to FWSPC as the guarantee covers parts and not labour. Councillor Meredith not happy with this has contacted MP who have offered to halve the installation cost. Councillor Meredith will continue to pursue as he feels not charge should be applied for installation due to length of time we have had the equipment. A lot of the points raised in the Highways report have been actioned. Councillor Lever reported that the Canal Row drains need unblocking.

**060512 Finance**

Mel Glover clerks wages 5 weeks	£279.00
Allotments – water rates	£42.75
PAYE (owed from 2011-2012 and first quarter 2012)	£349.10
Alfredo the Magic Clown	£110.00
Punch and Judy	£444.00
Face painter	£150.00
Disco	£50.00
Ollie Crick	£150.00
Disco	£50.00
Bubble Machine	£36.99
Photographer	£50.00
Childsplay bouncy castle	£65.00
Iain Selkirk - audit	£115.00

**070512 District Councillors News**

Councillor Meredith read out the following report: -  
Stroud District Council  
Report from meetings of May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>

The meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> was the first after the recent elections, and was the Council's Annual General Meeting.. At those elections the Conservative Group lost enough seats to have to relinquish control of the Council. Neither of the other Groups have enough seats to establish individual control, after much behind the scenes negotiations, it was announced on the 17<sup>th</sup> that an Alliance had been formed between the Labour, Lib Dem and Green Groups to run the Council. Cllr John Hudson was re-elected as Chairman for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in succession, with

Cllr Mark Rees elected as Vice Chair. Cllr Geoff Wheeler from Dursley was elected Leader of Council after the retiring Leader, Cllr Frances Roden, stood down.

After a couple of housekeeping items, the meeting had to be adjourned for a week, firstly because the Alliance had not had time to sort out any Executive appointments, and also because the Labour Group had to obtain the consent of their headquarters in London to be able to form such an alliance.

The meeting resumed on the 24<sup>th</sup>, when Executive appointments were announced. There is now an Executive, not a Cabinet. There are 8 members of the new Executive, one more than under the previous administration, although each is taking a reduction in special responsibility allowance to compensate for the extra one. Appointments were made to standing committees, with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all except the two Scrutiny committees going to members of the new Alliance. The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the two Scrutiny Committees were awarded, as is the custom, to the opposition (Conservative) group.

There was considerable, sometimes heated debate on the new Civic timetable. The new Alliance had recommended that the times of the Executive meetings, the Development Control and the Licensing and Regulation Committee meetings all become evening meetings, instead of daytime. Following much argument both for and against the changes the new timetable was passed, as the proposers had the majority.

Cllr David Drew was appointed to serve as the SDC representative on the new Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel, which will come into being in July, with Cllr Mark Rees as deputy.

The meeting closed at about 9-15pm.

**080512 Planning Applications**

**S.12/0886/HHOLD Hillfield Cottage Passage Road, Saul**  
**Two storey extension and conservatory**

Approved

**090512 New Councillor**

David Skeats has retired from parish council with immediate effect, item to be put on agenda for next month.

**100512 Approval of audit**

Approved

**110512 School site update**

Nothing to report.

**120512 Playground**

Councillor Findlater has actioned a safety check.

There is a loose fitting on the gravity bowl.

**130512 Village Design Statement**

Clerk to circulate to all councillors – to be discussed at meeting to be held at 7pm, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**140512 Jubilee Party**

Setting up for the party, Monday at 4pm.

**150512 Stroud Water Canal**

Councillor Meredith has received quotes from JPR Environmental for work on the canal.

The following points from the quote were approved for action by parish council: -

The installation of an impermeable membrane.

The pulling of willow seedlings

The cutting back of the brambles and the killing of a willow stump.  
The remaining action points to be discussed at a later date pending the availability of finance.

**160512 Emergency Plan**

David Skeats has forwarded the plan to the clerk who has in turn forwarded to SDC. Councillor Lever will take this on board and report back at the next meeting.

**170512 Bank account form and high interest bank account**

New councillors to be added to the signatories and retired councillors to be removed from the signatory list.

Councillors agreed to leave the money accruing some interest in the high interest account until needed elsewhere.

**180512 Information Exchange**

Councillors agreed to donate £250.00 towards the mower for Framilode Church. Chairman closed the meeting in order that Gardners pool could be discussed and then reopened the meeting.

**190512 Public Forum**

The fallen tree in the allotment pond will be dealt with in the Autumn.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

..... Chairman

**Date of next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 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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