

FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 18th July 2012

Present: Councillors: Mr. C. Meredith, Mrs. L.Griffiths, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. C. Robbins, Mr.T. Lever, , Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), 9 members of the parish

010712 Apologies for absence.

Councillor Findlater, DC John Jones, police, DC Haydn Jones

020712 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 27th June

Approved

030712 Police report

No police report available.

040712 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None

050712 Matters arising from last month's minutes.

Monster Play have replaced the rotting Zip wire strut.

Chairman closed the meeting in order that the lime trees can be discussed. See item 080712 for details of the outcome.

060712 Finance

All cheques approved

Mel Glover clerks wages £223.20

Mel Glover – paper £25.99

Disco (parish party) £50.00

Photographer (parish party) £50.00

Framilode PCC (lawnmower donation) 250.00

Moore Stephens – audit 162.00

PAYE 167.00

Lakefield School donation 100.00

Chris Meredith – party expenses 177.58

Insurance 890.72

070712 District Councillors News

Councillor Meredith read out the following report from DC J Jones:-

The Council meeting on July 5th went off reasonably well, with no major hiccups, except that the new Executive Lead Member for Regeneration couldn't answer a member's question, tabled four days previously, about whether consultations with all parts of the Licensing Trade, including taxi owners, had been fully consulted on whether they agreed to the meeting time of the SDC Licensing and Regulation Committee, which they might have to attend, moving to 7-00pm evening meetings, instead of 2-00pm daytime meetings.

The questioner felt that 7-00pm would be a more difficult time for the majority of Licensees to be able to attend than 2-00pm

The new recycling collection scheme has started, and is experiencing some teething problems. Please leave your recyclables on the roadside, should they not be collected on the given day, and if collection does not take place within 48 hours contact the call centre on 01453 754424 or email recycling@stroud.gov.uk

The proposed new dog control orders will be going out to consultation again, with a view to confirming the order early in 2013.

This is because many representations have been received from rural Parishes, stating that they should not be included in the same way as more urban Parishes, or Towns, and wished not to have laws stopping dog walkers being able to walk their animals off a lead on roads that have very little traffic on them.

080712 Planning Applications

S12/1083/TCA

St Peter's Church Framilode

Fell and replace 5 x lime trees with a row of Cockspur Hawthorn

1 x Ham Oak crown reduce by approx. 35% (height and lateral spread)

Residents overlooking the trees are very passionate about the lime trees not being felled.

Two independent tree specialists have condemned five of the lime trees due to the presence of a non treatable disease. Further lime trees if planted in place of the felled trees will most likely contract the same disease.

Two of the lime trees are on private land and the others are on non registered land. Framilode PCC are willing to take responsibility for the trees on non registered land.

All concerned parties agreed to fell the very badly diseased and imminently "dangerous" tree as a matter of urgency.

Residents will look into options for determining the depth of the damage to the remaining trees and will report to parish council at the September meeting.

090712 New Councillor and Vice chairman

Councillor Meredith proposed Councillor Griffiths as vice chair, seconded by Councillor Robbins.

Councillors decided to contact previous two applicants for parish councillor to determine if they are still interested. No need to go through interview process as previous results will stand. If previous applicants still happy to become parish councillors they will be co-opted on to council at September meeting.

100712 School site update

Site was sold at auction to unknown party for unknown purpose. Parish council still need to do letter to parish outlining their involvement with the Diocese and the site.

110712 Parish Party financial update

Owing to the successful application for a grant from SDC towards the party, an overall cost of approximately £40 was the only cost to the parish for all the party activities to celebrate the queen's jubilee.

120712 Playground

Councillor Findlater reported to the clerk that a safety check has been actioned – the only concern he had was for the apparent "gouging out" on the smaller of the two tree trunks.

130712 Village Design Statement

Clerk has received copy of Whitminster's parish questionnaire. Councillors Meredith and Robbins to meet to discuss and plan questionnaire for FWS.

140712 Emergency Plan

Councillor Lever will continue to develop the plan and will have another draft for discussion at the next parish council meeting.

150712 Lakefield School donation

Councillors agreed to donate the remaining budget for this year's donations (£100.00) to Lakefield school to help pay towards the play rangers programme in

the summer holiday.

160712 Website/audit/allotments/footpath responsibilities

David Skeats very kindly offered to continue to update the web site – councillors agreed.

Councillor Lever will action quarterly audits.

Councillor Meredith will take responsibility for the allotments

Councillor Robbins will take responsibility for the footpaths.

170712 Parish mag/website – councillor info/photo

Councillors will forward a photo and a short biography for insertion on the parish website and also to be put in the parish magazine. All details to be received by the clerk by the end of July.

180712 Gardners Pool update

Councillor Meredith is in receipt of the letter sent to Caroline Tosh by the GUAA.

Nothing further to report at this stage.

190712 Auditors report

Clerk reported that the audit report from Moore Stephens has been received, all is in order with no notifications.

200712 Information Exchange

Parish council insurance is due in August, renewal cost came through at £1178.25.

Clerk asked for a quote from a different company, this came through at £956.24 (£100 excess) or £836.07 (£1000 excess). Clerk contacted existing insurance company to ask for a “price match”. Aon quoted £890.72 which councillors agreed to take out, providing the excess is at £100.

Councillor Meredith thanked Mrs. Rudman for her letter regarding the lime trees.

Councillor Meredith read out a letter from Mr. Jock Lane, stating that he has no intent on pursuing the money from sale of the school site.

Councillor Meredith read out a thank you letter from Mr and Mrs Clapham regarding the work that has been taken out on the canal.

Volunteers are able to undertake work alongside the canal as long as they are covered by insurance and adhere to the management plan.

210712 Public Forum

Astrid reported that the Framilode pounders (volunteers) intend to try to clear and maintain the stone work alongside the canal. To be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

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

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting 26th September 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.