

FREThERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 26th September 2012

Present: Councillors: Mr. C. Meredith, Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. R. Findlater, Mr.T. Lever, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), District Councillors John Jones and Haydn Jones, Rose Hewlett and 12 members of the parish

010912 Apologies for absence

Councillor Robbins

020912 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 25th July

Approved

030912 Police report

Police were unable to attend but clerk was in receipt of the following report that the chairman read out: -

To keep you posted from our side, I am currently on office only duties, I am still overseeing our area with Marks assistance, our response team have also been assisting with patrols and investigating any incidents that need police attendance. I have checked the incidents from July-now

11 incidents reported:

the main ones are

1x missing watch

1x missing lady at the Junction-police later found

1x flat tyre-no evidence to prove malicious involvement

1x dwelling burglary in Priding- Officers attended and relevant enquires completed

several others including family disputes, suspicious persons (no evidence against them.)

040912 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda

None

050912 Matters arising from last month's minutes

None

060912 Finance

All cheques were approved and signed.

Mel Glover clerks wages August (5 weeks) £279.00

Mel Glover – clerks wages September £223.20

PAYE £167.00

070912 District Councillors News

District Councillor Haydn Jones (elected in May) gave his apologies for not being able to attend any previous parish council meetings. He went on to report that there was a vote in District Council last week on a dog control order. As well as picking up your dog's mess in public places, it is now mandatory to keep dogs on leads on specific footpaths, on all access areas to all schools or colleges, on allotments, cemetarys, car parks and canal towpaths. All areas where dogs must be kept on leads will be marked.

The local plan for Stroud District is looking into how many houses will be needed until 2031 and the figure is between 9,250 -11,000, although there are arguments to say that there is a much lower need. There is a meeting on 3rd October to discuss.

There is very little development planned throughout the Severn Ward.

It is hoped to have the local plan ready by 2013.

Councillor Findlater asked about the Javelin Park incinerator.

This will be discussed at county council level as the decision is county council and not district council. District Council have set the wheels in motion to scrutinise the application as County Council have not replied to questions asked by District Council.

080912 Planning Applications

Approved

S.12/1852/TCA	Willow End 11 Passage Road, Saul, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 7LB	Removal of Willow Tree.
S.12/1799/TCA	Gardeners Pool High Street, Saul, Gloucestershire	Coppice and pollard to trees

090912 Code of conduct

Council must adopt a new code of conduct – SDC version would be the preferred choice of SDC but there is the NALC version as an alternative.

District Council monitoring office has to follow through any disciplinary concerns. Certain information can be excluded if necessary for example if the information disclosed would open the individual to attack. Partners name and address have to be included as well as their interests.

A code needs adopting at next meeting, and members' code needs sending to SDC asap. To be discussed further and a code adopted at the next meeting.

100912 Advance the line

Rose Hewlett very kindly gave a very informative account on recent activity with regard to the Environment Agency and the flood risk strategy.

Rose has been studying land erosion and sadly it is eroding very badly. Saul has the benefit of a tidal defence wall and Hock Cliff.

Frampton warths are eroding and the canal bank is a flood defence but it is anticipated that at the current rate tides will start to reach the canal banks within the next 20 years.

The EA would like to hold the line of defence with canal banks and Saul wall/Hock Cliff and are therefore not inclined to take any action.

“Advance the line” has been formed to improve flood defences.

Councillor Lever asked what effect the Severn Barrage would have if it were put in place.

The EA would have to rewrite the flood risk strategy but they would not take any action until the barrage was in place.

Parish council voted to fully endorse Advance the Line.

110912 Lime Trees

One tree has been felled, residents are keen to see the remaining trees stay.

Councillor Meredith closed the meeting in order that residents could report back on their findings.

Chris Watson reported that a written report was to be forthcoming but the advice he had received showed that the majority of the trees are not badly damaged and

that with positive work on the crowns they should respond positively.

Mr Watson has also been advised that there is no reason why lime trees could not be replaced by further lime trees.

The proposal is that a concise report is sent round to the villagers, conservative work should be taken to at least give the trees a chance, and that the felled tree should be replaced with a lime tree.

Mr. Watson and Mrs. Rudman are prepared to accept the majority if not all of the cost of saving the trees.

Chairman reopened the meeting.

There is no desire by any party to remove the trees unnecessarily and they should continue to be monitored. It was highlighted that at least one further tree needed felling.

The PCC has paid for the tree felling that has already taken place.

Difficulty remains that the ownership of the trees/land is difficult to prove. DC H.Jones suggested that Peter Woodcock at SDC may be able to help re “parish” ownership.

Item to remain on the agenda for next month.

120912 Willow tree – Saul pound

The willow tree on the Saul pound has branches that overhang into the old school site and the new owner would like to have them removed. Ideally the crown should be reduced by 35%. Clerk has received two quotes and will organise a third.

To be discussed further at the next meeting.

130912 Community Payback

Community payback will be attending the allotments for approximately two days in November to tidy up hedges and trees. Firewood will be left for the residents. Volunteers are welcome to attend.

140912 Playground

Councillor Findlater has nothing to report other than the playground matting by the slide needs replacing.

150912 Village Design Statement

Carried forward to the next meeting

160912 Emergency Plan

Councillor Lever has only looked into emergencies that the parish council could handle such as loss of mains water, loss of access, loss of power, flooding, structural damage, disease (human/animal).

Council to meet to discuss and plan the steps to take if any such incident occurs. Meeting arranged for 10th Oct at 7pm at the nurseries.

170912 Environment Agency

The EA have granted an abatement of the abstraction licence.

180912 New Councillor and clerk

Councillor Findlater has resigned with immediate effect from the parish council and the clerk has resigned with effect from 31st Dec.

Advert to be placed for new councillor and clerk on notice boards and in the magazine.

Co-option of new councillors to be added to next months agenda.

190912 Skate park

Chairman closed the meeting in order that Huw and Jack (residents) could report on the skatepark.

Huw reported that users of the skatepark would like to see facilities improve, the surface needs immediate attention and the equipment could do with being

upgraded.

The meeting was reopened, Chairman reported that the Memorial Hall Committee were currently looking into grant options for further playground equipment and that the parish council will look into other options.

200912 Information Exchange

Nothing to report

210912 Public Forum

An email has been received from Dave Blackham advising parish council that he has contacted Highways regarding the state of the road surface on Passage Road. Mrs. Gardner asked if it was known who had purchased the school site.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting 31st October 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.