

FREThERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 31st October 2012

Present: Councillors: Mr. C. Meredith, Mr. J. Hewett, Mrs. L.Griffiths, Mr.T. Lever, Mr. K. Bierer, Nr, C, Robbins, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), District Councillor John Jones and 2 members of the parish

011012 Apologies for absence.

None

021012 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 26th September

Approved

031012 Police report

As the police were unable to attend this week the chairman read out the following report:-

Hi Mel

2crimes recorded over the month

1x theft of plant pot

1x theft of cover from a motorbike

Nothing else to note

We held our latest panel meeting where it was agreed by the panel that the next SARA plan would be

"To try and address speed of traffic and road safety concerns on the A38 Moreton Valence"

041012 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None

051012 Matters arising from last month's minutes.

Councillor Meredith has "Advance the line" meeting report and other documents to circulate.

Councillor Lever reported that there are limited funds available from the Frampton Country Fair and that a donation may be available towards the skate equipment. Clerk to advise Huw Howell. Donation request must be received by the end of November.

061012 Finance

Both cheques were approved and signed.

Mel Glover clerks wages October (5 weeks) £ 279.00

JPR Environmental £1200.00

071012 District Councillors News

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is going well in Whitminster – any minor incidents get e-mailed out to parishioners on the distribution list. Sadly one NW co-ordinator was burgled while on holiday and it is advised that if you are going away on holiday to use timing lamps or ask a neighbour to pop in to open or close curtains and put lights on and off intermittently.

As reported by the police the next Sara plan is to support road safety improvements on the A38 through Moreton Valence although it is unlikely that the speed limit reduced through Moreton Valence. County council are looking at making the A38 from Cole Avenue to Thornbury more consistent regarding speed restrictions.

W/c 23rd November, National Road Safety week, signs will be placed on the A38 showing previous accident statistics. The meeting was unanimous in

supporting the Moreton Valence request, as it was felt that the majority of local villages use that particular stretch of road regularly.

In the District Council a planning advisory meeting has taken place, the main discussion being how to include the wildlife and wetlands and commons and woodlands in the local plan.

A committee structure to run the council instead of the cabinet is high on the agenda and there is determination to push it through by May. The cabinet will be replaced by 5 or 6 committees. There will be no scrutiny committee as it is felt each committee will self scrutinise.

081012 Planning Applications

There is a planning application in for Shipton Mill which is an extension to the current application that was approved some three years ago, it is a change of date variation for condition one (change of due date for work starting).

Mr. Ounsted has written to object. Clerk to establish what course of action the parish council took 3 years ago and to follow the same course (if an objection was placed to reobject)

091012 Co-option of new councillors and new clerk

Councillor Meredith proposed Mr. Carl Bierer and Councillor Hewitt seconded the nomination. Councillor Bierer was co-opted on to the parish council.

Councillor Griffiths has resigned but will wait until a new councillor is found. Advert to be placed for two new councillors.

There are two candidates for the clerk position. Interview panel will consist of Councillors Meredith, Lever, Griffiths and Robbins. Interviews to take place 14th November at the nurseries from 6.30 pm.

101012 Code of conduct

Councillors are struggling with the new code of conduct. Clerk to contact Peter Woodcock, the District and Parish Councils Monitoring Officer, to ask him to meet councillors before the next meeting in order to discuss further. (maybe at 7pm before the next meeting) Code of conduct to be placed on agenda for next meeting.

111012 Lime trees

Councillor Lever asked if a definitive answer had been given regarding the infectious disease affecting further trees. Councillor Meredith reported that yes we have, it is a naturally occurring disease.

Clerk to contact Mr. Watson as the report he commented on at the last meeting has not yet been circulated to councillors. Lime trees to be put on agenda for the next meeting.

121012 Willow tree – Saul pound

Clerk has received four quotes for reducing the Willow tree on the pound. Councillors elected “Trecreeper” to do the work. Councillor Meredith to contact Mr. West regarding the overall cost and a possible contribution.

131012 Playground

Mr. Findlater has kindly agreed to continue with the playground inspections. Clerk to contact Digley regarding a safety inspection.

141012 Village Design Statement

Councillor Robbins has adapted the questionnaire and will email it to councillors.

Clerk to contact Memorial Hall Committee to see if their questionnaire is ready to go.

Councillor Robbins will write a covering letter – an incentive will be given to

parishioners who fill in the questionnaire by way of a raffle prize.

151012 Emergency Plan

Meeting rearranged for 14th November from 7pm at the nurseries.

161012 Precept

Arranged for 14th November along with emergency plan meeting.

171012 Information Exchange

The lighting of the Christmas tree evening has been arranged for Sunday 9th December at 6pm.

Councillor Meredith will supply the lights, mulled wine and equipment, carol sheets and bubble machine.

Clerk to email poster to councillors. Linda will do the mulled wine. Clerk to get a couple of boxes of biscuits.

Councillor Lever reported that the street light has gone from Framilode (by the pound). Clerk to contact county council.

Clerk reported that playgroup have asked for a donation. To be discussed further at precept meeting as all precepted money for donations has been donated for this financial year.

Councillor Meredith reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Trump regarding the roadside ditch in Framilode - a length of ditch by Fretherne church has had soil heaped on the roadside after the IDB have cleaned it out making it dangerous for pedestrians and the footpath sign has been removed. IDB have responded.

Councillor Meredith will raise the issue with Highways. Clerk to contact Highways regarding the footpath sign.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with Highways.

Councillor Griffiths highlighted her concerns regarding the dangerous parking on the corner by the canal and councillors agreed to add this to the list for discussion with Highways.

181012 Public Forum

Nothing from the public this month.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting November 28th at 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.