

FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 14 May 2015

Present: Councillors Mr A Lundberg (Chair); Mrs S Harrower; Mrs L Moule; Mr B Findlater; Mr C Bartlett, Mr C Bierer, Ms G Delbos (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

- 010515 Apologies for absence – District Councillor J Jones**
- 020515 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda**
All Councillors confirmed that they had no pecuniary interests to declare regarding items on the Agenda.
- 030515 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 29 April 2015- Approved**
- 040515 Council Governance, roles and co-opting**
One open seat on the Council. Any person interested to contact the Clerk or Chairman. There has been one expression of interest.
- 050515 Finance**
All cheques approved
VAT return completed. £3220.15 reclaimed from Customs & Excise.
- 060515 District Councillor News**
Although DC J Jones was absent, he sent in the following report which was read out by Cllr A Lundberg:
At the District Council elections held on 7th May, the Conservative Group gained 2 seats from Labour, giving them a total of 23, and still being the largest political party at the Council, but not enough to have an overall majority. At this stage, it is expected that the current arrangement of the existing Alliance of Labour, Green and Lib-Dem parties will continue to run the Council, which has a total of 27 seats, with 1 “Conservative No Group” member.
- 070515 Planning Applications**
Planning Ref: S.14/2643/FUL Rose Cottage, Moor Street, Saul – awaiting amended plans from owner.
Old School Site: awaiting formal application.
- 080515 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**
Nothing from the monthly report.
- 090515 Stroud Water Canal**
Cllr S Harrower attended focus group 2 weeks ago. The presentation by CRT was of good quality. The first meeting was held on Thursday 14 May 2015. Cllr S Harrower attended this. Other attendees were from Frampton on Severn (William Alexander); Highways (Dan Tiffney); 3 x CRT representatives, Inland Waterways.
Topics discussed covered bridge protocols, parking by Sandfield Bridge and the turning for the Stables Café. One of the suggestions is a mini roundabout. Sandfield bridge is one of the most difficult and busiest bridges for CRT to choose to automate first. CRT only have control of the bridge and highways are responsible for the roads. CRT are prepared to say the bridge has to be open for traffic at certain times (i.e. work morning and evening traffic). CRT have land that could be used for parking for long term boaters etc.

The emergency services are all on board. The automation of bridges will make it easier for them as they will only have to contact one main control number instead of individual bridge keepers. There will be an intercom on each bridge so that the control centre can be reached.

Nick Worthington was at the public meeting and the first meeting on 14 May 2015 and confirmed that CRT, Highways and Parish Councils will all work together.

Church Lane is a major problem with parking on the roadside causing obstructions. One idea would be to package all the bridges together for yellow lines etc to control roadside parking although this would still need policing.

Traffic count equipment to be placed on Sandfield Bridge.

The sensor on the bridge could be blocked and cause the bridge to be unable to be opened if for example a large goose was sitting by the sensor.

ACTION Salt / grit needed for bridge as this will freeze before the road. AL to establish
AL whose responsibility this is – Highways or CRT?

SH Notes from the meeting to be forwarded to all Councillors.

100515 Allotments

ACTION To date 5 allotments remain outstanding for payment. Clerk to monitor.

1110515 Website Maintenance

ACTION Clerk to upload Agenda / Minutes on a monthly basis.

CBartlett Half page editorial to be placed in Severnside Magazine re Logo competition.

120515 SEFRMS

Fish and eel pass on hold

130515 Village Design Statement

On hold until emergency plan actioned.

140515 Rural Housing

On hold

150515 Emergency Plan

ACTION Councillor Bierer to draft a plan.

BF/AL Councillor Findlater to instruct on usage and spare key given to AL.

BF Inland drainage plan – Mr Harrower has map. He and Cllr Findlater (or alternative) to walk around with the map to mark ditches, direction of flow etc.

160515 Parish Plan

ACTION First meeting held of Steering Group. AL to put together one page explaining what
AL / CB the group are doing and why and send to Cllr Bartlett to upload onto website.

ACTION Councillor Lundberg to complete and submit forms with support from a
AL parishioner with local knowledge to register the Ship Inn and Silveys garage as community asset.

170515 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground

ACTION Discovery Timber to commence work w/c 18 May 2015.

AL Climbing frame – quotes to be obtained for the bouncy material that needs to be replaced. This could be very expensive. An alternative would be gravel boards around the edge and the area to be filled with bark or sand. Businesses to be asked for quotations on both options.

Clerk Clerk to enquire of the playground inspection company if the area would need to be greater if gravel boards were used around the edging.

180515 Audit

ACTION Council confirmed Ian Selkirk to carry out Internal Audit at end of May

Clerk Grant Thornton to carry out external audit and annual return to be forwarded to them before 8 June 2015.

- 190515 Precept**
First half received.
- 200515 Grass Cutting Tender**
Signed contract received together with Insurance Certificate.
- 210515 Information Exchange**
ACTION Awaiting salt bins.
AL Salt storage to be in Cllr Lundberg shed.
Salt spreader – ordered from GCC. Awaiting delivery.
SH Logo for Parish Council – Council agreed to extend deadline. Notice to be posted
CBartlett on website and in Severnside magazine.
- 220515 Public Forum**
ACTION Land behind old Saul School - awaiting confirmation of Parish Council contribution towards costs.
AL Road Signs – awaiting erection
Clerk / CB Saul Pound – Clerk to check archive records in Gloucester.
AL Lower Framilode Pound – AL to contact John Hewitt.
SH Chain basketball nets. SH to check how these would be fitted.
Clerk Notice board for Upper Framilode. Look at wooden options.
- Old School Site – Vehicular access was discussed. To maintain the Pound access is needed.
- CB** Legal advice needs to be undertaken. Cllr Bierer will seek appropriate solicitor and get an estimate of costs for this. PC to progress on the basis of no more than £500 for the initial guidance consultation. Cllr Bierer will come back to the PC for approval should the costs be higher for ongoing consultations.
- 230515** The Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 June at 7.30 – 8.30 pm prior to the Annual Parish Assembly
- 240515 The Annual Parish Assembly to be held at 8.30pm Wednesday 24 June 2015 following on from the monthly Parish Council meeting.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.45 pm.....Chairman