

# FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

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(Chair)

## Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 18 May 2016

**Present: Councillors Mrs S Harrower (Chair); Mr A Lundberg; Mr B Findlater; Mrs L Moule; Mr R Apperley, Mr C Bierer; Cllr D C Jones; Ms G Delbos (Clerk)**  
**Four members of the general public attended**

- 010516 Public Question Time**  
No questions were raised by the General Public.
- 020516 Apologies for absence**  
DC S Davies
- 030516 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda**  
All Councillors confirmed that they had no pecuniary or personal interests to declare regarding items on the Agenda, except Cllr Bierer who declared an interest in the planning application of the Old School Site.
- 040516 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 27 April 2016 - Approved**
- 050516 Council Governance, roles and co-opting**  
See Annual General Meeting Notes.
- 060516 Correspondence Received**  
Clerk received a query from Fretherne Church regarding donations. Council agreed that a donation would be made of £200 to Fretherne Church. A cheque will be raised at the next meeting.
- 070516 Finance**  
All cheques approved

Payee	For	Amount
Severn Grass Services	Grass Cutting	228.33
May Day Event	L Moule	22.96
	J Bolton	40.60
	R Apperley	34.05
	J Smith	29.00
	W Lewis	12.23
	J Lundberg	95.38

- 080516 District Councillor News**  
While all the usual work of the District Council has progressed throughout the year, two items stand out as being particularly important.

The first is the Adoption of the new Local Plan, which was done in November of last year, after several years of consultations, re-consultations on responses, a draft submission to the Planning Inspectorate, more consultations on the Inspectors comments on the Draft Submission, then finally, getting the Inspector's approval on a revised submission. Now that a Local Plan is in place, covering the next 16 years, the Planning Team will have much more muscle in their armoury to deal with predatory planning applications on sites not identified as Strategic Sites in the Plan, and to deal with smaller applications that are not within an approved Development Boundary, or are contrary to new policies in the Adopted Local Plan. The Plan will undergo a review over the next five years to see how it is dealing with various applications, and to make sure that a five year building land supply is maintained throughout the District.

This last item was a major stumbling block when appeals against refusal were considered by Planning Inspectors, until the new Plan was adopted, SDC were unable to demonstrate it had a five year land supply, and several appeals were won on this point.

Of course, the West of Stonehouse proposal to build 1350 houses and 9 hectares of employment land around Westend, Nupend and Nastend in Eastington Parish was included in the Plan, on the advice of the Inquiry Inspector, in order to prove a five year land supply was in place. After much soul searching, debate and discussion, which was quite heated at times, the Plan was voted through.

The other main item is the new Waste Collection Contract, which starts in July. Currently operated by Veolia, it will, from July be operated by UBICO, a collaborate of District Councils in Gloucestershire which Stroud has joined. The majority of staff currently working for Veolia will transfer to UBICO. The contract covers not only kerbside collection, it also deals with grass cutting, road sweeping, premises cleaning as in Sheltered Housing complexes, and street cleaning with litter picking in the main District towns, and alongside major roads in the area. One part of the new contract that has already started is Green Waste collection, for garden waste, which can be signed up to for £36 annually, plus £20 cost of the bin. From November, food waste will be collected weekly, with appropriate bins supplied free, and residual, (black bag) waste collected fortnightly, in a black bin again supplied free. Any properties that have difficulties coping with any of these bins will be assessed and in the majority of cases, bags will be supplied instead of bins. The cardboard and recyclable collection will stay as it is now. There will be no tolerance of extra black bags put out for residual waste collection, except for large families, or for overfull black bins. The emphasis is on recycling to raise Councils priority to reduce waste going to landfill, and thus lowering landfill tax.

Now we have the Ecotricity Planning Application in Severn Ward to build a new football stadium for Forest Green Rovers, with many associated facilities, on land adjacent to the A419 off of J13 of the M5, going towards Stroud. On the opposite side of the A419, is a proposal for a 4000 employee Business Park, with associated facilities, which will include offices, distribution warehousing and smaller business units. The proposal includes upgrading the A419 to dual carriageway status, with a traffic light controlled cross roads at the entrance to the stadium/business park complexes. There are no proposals from this application to improve the road beyond Chipman's Platt roundabout towards Stroud. Your District Councillors will do all they can to ensure this application is dealt with within the confines of the Local Plan, and if by chance it gains consent, then as many benefits for local parishes are obtained from it as is possible.

All other activities of the District Council have continued as normal, the Council has gained a higher satisfaction rate within the local communities than for several years.

Your District Councillors for Severn Ward, of which Fretherne with Saul is part, are:-

Cllr Stephen Davies and Cllr John Jones. Both live within the Severn Ward and can be contacted by

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[Cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk) or 07808 922918

### 090516 **Planning Applications**

Application Number: S.16/0908/HHOLD

Location: Thatched Cottage, High Street, Saul, Gloucester.

Application Type: Householder Application

Description: Proposed single storey, detached granny annex.

Respond by date: 24 May 2016

### **No Objection from Council**

Application Number: S.16/0862/FUL

Location: Former Church Of England School, High Street, Saul,

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Description: Erection of 1 four bedroomed dwelling with garage.

Respond by date: 19 May 2016

Resubmission of refused application S.15/1745/FUL

All council member have inspected the plans. This is on a brownfield site and limited development. This wouldn't set a precedent for future development. It is also within development boundary so no issues from local planning view. As this is in a Conservation area nothing can be built to front/side or above without planning permission. Comments were made as to render versus cedar cladding as plans show significant cladding. The owners/developers have shown innovative solutions to the Councils previous concerns. The proposed building is not dissimilar in footprint to original school. DC Jones advised that the applicant and planning authority and conservation team have met. Council felt their concerns have been addressed.

**No objection from Council.**

**100516 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

Mark Lifton to come back with dates and advise on speed cameras.

**ACTION: C BIERER**

**110516 Stroud Water Canal**

Reed spraying completed. Local farmer happy for weeds to be placed on his land.

3 year contract to be investigated for comparison against costs on a yearly contract. This year's cost is the same as last year.

**ACTION: C BIERER**

**120516 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Bridges**

Boat trials are continuing. Car parking is becoming very difficult with the parking on church lane. Cllr Harrower to contact Dan Tiffney re yellow lines. Cllr Harrower to meet with CRT re car parking potholes and signage and the possibility of free parking. If there is constant abuse by parking on the yellow lines, then CC can be asked to intervene and ask them to send out a contractor to issue tickets. Evidence could be given to CC with details of car and photographs. Cllr Harrower to ask Mr Tiffney how far the lines will go from the bridge down Church Lane. There is no financial difference if it is 50 or 500 metres. No double lines are in front of any properties. There needs to be alternative available parking to deter people from moving further down the village.

**ACTION: S HARROWER for follow up**

**130516 Severn Voice Meeting**

Cllr Moule to attend meeting with Lakefield governing body.

**ACTION: L MOULE for follow up**

**140516 Website Maintenance**

Cllr Bartlett has had contact with a company who has submitted a proposal to several other councils and this mirror what we have already have plus other options. Gallery etc. Cllr Bartlett to obtain other costings. Cllr Bartlett to email links to existing company emails. A new website would cost approximately £360 then £100 annually. A new website could be up and running within a month. Jigsaw available until November?

**ACTION: C BARTLETT**

**150516 Emergency Plan**

Council to look at the possible risks eg. flooding, trees etc and then assign responsibilities.. Councillors to send information to Cllr Bierer to collate. Working group may need to be set up to discuss further.

**ACTION: C BIERER**

**160516 Parish Plan / Questionnaire**

Cllrs Lundberg, Moule and Harrower to meet. Target by next meeting – do analysis against what we've got and what we had. Take existing copy and use as a strawman to get comparable statistics. Tweak accordingly. Cllr Bierer to take PDF and revert to text.

Asset forms – Cllr Lundberg has completed these. Council has reviewed documents and all happy. Cllr Lundberg to discuss drafts with SDC to see if there needs to be any improvements. Then to be submitted.

**ACTION: A LUNDBERG**

- 170516 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**  
 Combination lock to be fitted on gate and code given to relevant persons. Awaiting installation. Sign will be put up advising Field will be closed at night.  
 Sign to be put up re health and safety issues re pond in the field.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- Skateboard park - some evidence needed for fund raising. William (local parishioner) got a lot of data and Cllr Harrower needs to see what data was obtained from the Village Plan and give to Jane Bolton and see what proposal is.  
 Boat – broken plastic to be removed as sharp. Boards to be replaced. Nigel Bolton to be contacted,  
**ACTION: S HARROWER**
- 180516 Transparency Code**  
 Full funding now received. Transparency code policies working group to be set up. Council need to review other Parish Councils Transparency Codes. Council to look at codes on web, to familiarise themselves with the Code.  
**ACTION: ALL**
- 190516 Policies, Governance and Professional Services**  
 Outstanding policies are Finance Regulations and Vacancies.  
**ACTION: S HARROWER / Clerk**
- 200516 Village Matters / Improvements**  
 Cllr Apperley gave an update from his meeting with Dan Tiffney re Church lane. Dan is sending someone out to assess and provide a proper team to deal with holes. Cllr Apperley met an employee of the County Council who was looking at drains and ditches in the village. Cllr Apperley took the opportunity of speaking to him about several problems the village has with potholes, ditches etc. All council members to go on line and report any potholes.  
**ACTION: R APPERLEY**  
 Plaque for memorial. Cllr Bierer to send Cllr Lundberg the spreadsheet.  
 Draft list to be sent to relevant parishioners to check names.  
 List also to be placed on website and FB.  
**ACTION: C BIERER / C BARTLETT**
- Action relating to fencing at Brooklyn villa. Pipe is outside of the fence, on the Canal side of property and under the road and up the bank. Surface rainwater drainage from Canal Row. This needs to be looked at further. Cllr Findlater to discuss with Steve Robbins or other canal row cottage owners. If further concerns, then Cllr Bierer will deal with it.  
**ACTION: B FINDLATER**
- 210516 Allotments**  
 Return of contract and payment for some allotments outstanding. Clerk to contact relevant allotment holders.  
**ACTION: CLERK**
- 220516 Tree Inspection and Tree Works**  
 Planning application now approved. Tree contractor to be contacted re the dead tree and also the limb on the willow which is splitting.  
**ACTION: CLERK**
- 230516 Drainage Map and Pump Replacements**  
 Cllr Findlater and Mr Harrower walked the ditches identified on the map.  
 A few areas noted as a need for further investigation as they differ from that indicated on map.  
 Ditches at a very low level when walk took place so will have to be done again at a known high level to make sure all are running correctly.  
 After a concern raised by Geoff Martin local farmer regards his riparian rights to an area of what used to be open ditch Cllr Findlater contacted David Lesser water resources Engineer SDC who in the first instance will contact the householder concerned.

Badger sett – there are various setts in the bank. This is becoming a risk to the village as the bank is becoming substandard and could cause flooding. Cllr Findlater to find out who is responsible for the bank and also speak to James Drewitt. This issue needs to be dealt with as soon as possible.

**ACTION: B FINDLATER**

**240516 Mayday Event**

Council wished to thank everyone who supported and attended this event. It was a good combination of activities and very popular. September event to be looked at next meeting on 22 June 2016.

**ACTION: L MOULE**

**250516 The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 8.30pm.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.....Chairman