

# FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Fretherne with Saul Parish Council will be held at Saul Memorial Hall at 19.30 Wednesday 24 February 2016 at which your presence is requested.

## Agenda

- 010216 Public Question Time**  
20 Minutes is allocated to allow members of the public to address Council. Speakers are requested to keep their comments brief.
- 020216 Apologies:** To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.
- 030216 Declarations of Interest:**  
Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.  
To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
To declare any pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
(Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant items.)
- 040216 Minutes:** to consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.
- 050216 Council Governance, roles & co-opting**
- 060216 Finance:** to consider payments to be made as on list below:
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| Administration of Council | £ 259.72 |
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- Cheques written out in-between meetings:**
- 070216 District Councillor's News**
- 080216 Planning Applicatios**  
**None**  
Any other applications received after Agenda was issued.
- 090216 Police report and neighbourhood watch**
- 100216 Stroud Water Canal**  
Update on reed clearance. CBierer
- 110216 Gloucester & Sharpness Canal Bridges**  
Awaiting next meeting in February 2016 for update.
- 120216 Severn Voice**  
Next meeting 18 March 2016.

- 130216 Website Maintenance**  
Councillor Bartlett to update Council on Facebook and website. Support from Jigsaw for the SDC Website is being withdrawn in approximately December this year. Cllr Bartlett to discuss options.
- 140216 Emergency Plan**  
Cllr Bierer to report on progress.
- 150216 Parish Plan**  
Results to be collated on spreadsheet.  
Community asset forms for Ship Inn and Garage.AL
- 160216 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground.**  
Climbing frame – safety material.  
Dog warden – sign spraying on pavements (Clerk)
- 170216 Transparency Code**  
This to be looked at again in connection with Website. Closing date 29 February 2016 for last application.
- 180216 Policies, Governance and Professional Services**  
Outstanding policies are Finance Regulation and Vacancies.
- 190216 Public Forum**  
Ditch maintenance – responsibility and ownership. Update from Cllr Apperley
- 200216 Allotments**  
Council to discuss an increase to the rental of allotments. 2015 rates were £10 (local parishioners) and £14.00 outside of Parish.
- 210216 Tree Inspection and Tree Works**  
Email from SDC: “Stroud District Council is currently in the process of tendering for suitably qualified contractors to carry out tree works and tree inspection on behalf of the Council. It is our intention to make this contract available to Town and Parish Councils within the district, and as we progress with the contract procurement process we will be able to confirm this. If you are currently responsible for the management of trees, utilising this contract would save time and comply with audit requirements in respect of procurement. Because of the economy of scale that can be achieved through joint procurement, it is likely that the contracts will also result in considerable financial savings. A similar internal exercise involving the joint procurement of a tree works contract by various departments within SDC resulted in considerable savings.
- The tendering process will include an assessment of the capability and proficiency of the tendering contractors including levels of staff qualification, Risk Assessments; Method Statements; levels of insurance cover and a visual assessment of a piece of work that will be set for each Contractor. It will also include an assessment of the benefits that will accrue to the local economy. Individual Councils utilising the contract would deal directly with the contractor utilising the terms and conditions and schedule of rates set out in the contract.
- If you feel you might be interested in having access to the Tree Works and/or Tree Survey contracts please contact me so that I can try to estimate what the potential value of the whole contract might be. In showing an interest you won't be tied to the contract but would be able to make use of it as and when you see fit.”
- 220216 Date of next meeting**

Signed:

*A Delbos* 16/02/16

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*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.*