

FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 24 June 2015

Present: Councillors Mr A Lundberg (Chair); Mrs S Harrower; Mrs L Moule; Mr B Findlater; Mr C Bartlett, Mr C Bierer, DC J Jones, DC Haydn Jones, Ms G Delbos (Clerk)

No members of the general public attended

- 010615 Apologies for absence – none**
- 020615 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda**
Councillors Lundberg and Bartlett declared person interests in Planning Application number: S.15/1394/FFUL 29 Passage Road, following advice from Councillor John Jones. All other Councillors confirmed that they had no pecuniary interests to declare regarding items on the Agenda.
- 030615 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 14 May 2015- Approved**
- 040615 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.
- 050615 Finance**
All cheques approved
- 060615 District Councillor News**
A seminar was held at Ebley Mill re devolution as identified in the Queens speech at the opening of parliament. The format currently anticipated to be used in the Manchester area, could happen in Gloucestershire. The 6 District Borough and City Councils, and the County Council can join together to ask government to devolve health services, education, transport, police etc. which are usually controlled by Whitehall, to a locally formed body.. This is in the early stages. Notts and Derbys have put together a programme to attract government funding. A wide range of County organisations would also contribute towards it. It is possible that, in order to make this happen but yet to be decided, a Mayor would need to be elected from the participating Councils. It would not mean creating a Unitary Authority.
- The Internal Drainage Board, at its recent meeting, considered the fish and eel pass and how it will affect the pumps in the Severnside villages. According to European legislation, every pump station will require a Fish and Eel pass by 2021 and will need the installation of a small pump bypass chamber. The Drainage Board has responsibility for the pumps and the Association of Drainage Authorities, (ADA) have advised the finish date may be extended so that every pump can be replaced when at end of its working life. The first quotation for new pumps, which have to be of a Spiral type, not Impeller driven, obtained by the IDB at Thornbury was very expensive. Consultation is being programmed in and a consultant will be engaged to show how the new pumping stations will look. Efficiency and practicality are important and with a cost effective manner. The Environment Agency (EA), as agents for DEFRA, have cut back on requirements and the work, even if spread over the next few years may not all be done by 2021. ADA to put planned approach to the EA.
- A question was raised re FWS who previously contributed towards the cost of the pump in the village, would they be asked to contribute again. No answer was given.
- 070615 Planning Applications**

Planning Ref: S.15/1092/HHOLD – Saul Lodge West – objection lodged.

**ACTION
CB**

Planning Ref: S.15/1394/FFUL – 29 Passage Road
Concerns were raised on the application re parking, access and egress on blind bend and over development of plot. The impact on the village is visual on Passage Road. Objection to be lodged. **RESPOND DATE: 13 JULY 2015**

Planning Ref: S.15/1375/HHOLD – Lock House, erection of summerhouse – no objections from Council

Planning Ref: S.14/2643/FUL Rose Cottage, Moor Street, Saul – awaiting amended plans from owner.

**ACTION
CBIERE**

Old School Site: awaiting formal application.

**ACTION
Clerk**

Awre Solar Estate – the planned solar panel estate as panels 2.5 times the panels on the M5. They are higher due to flood risk. The minimum at the highest point being 2.8m. These will be seen from many angles. If they were to be smaller and not so high, these would be more acceptable. We need to support Awre in their objection. Save our Riverside Awre. This is also on Facebook. Council to issue letter of objection.

Additional notes:

**ACTION
SH**

Affordable housing open evening meeting on July 6 2015 4 – 6 pm. SH to attend

**ACTION
AL**

John Longmure, SDC to be contacted re planning training/talk.

080615

Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing from the monthly report.

090615

**ACTION
CBIERE**

Stroud Water Canal

Canal at Framilode owned by FWS PC: EA have approved the spraying of reeds and then cutting back 2 weeks after that. JPR Environment to carry out work.

Sandfield Bridge – Cllr SH spoke to Nick Worthington at recent meeting, together with Madge, Project Leader and raised the issue of parking and boats. They have agreed this was a difficult bridge to begin with. Highways have issues that already exist and they must work with CRT to resolve these. The remaining funding for the other bridges depends on how the trial bridge works. If it goes well then they will get the funding to roll out through to the other bridges. The issues of waiting restrictions may restrict parking on roadside near bridge. The full automation has now been moved to January 2016 due to the issues raised.

NFU Meeting was attended by Cllr J Jones. Farmers are concerned regarding the movement of silage etc. as contractors are used a lot of the time and contractors time if money and they use the bridge all day long.

CCTV on the bridge may have automatic plate recognition.

24 hour Traffic counting is being done on all bridges for traffic data.

Highways would be responsible for gritting the bridge surface.

100615

**ACTION
Clerk**

Allotments

2 payment outstanding for allotments. Clerk to monitor. Notes from user group meeting to be forward to allotment holders.

Complaint received re dog mess on allotments. Sign to be erected on allotment gate. If it continues, requirement for all dogs to be on leads on the allotments will be enforced.

1110515

**ACTION
CBartlett**

Website Maintenance

Link to FWS website re Awre website re solar panels.

Link to FWS website re Canal survey link.

Both to be put on FWS Facebook page

120615

SEFRMS

Fish and eel pass on hold – see notes on DC Jones report.

- 130615 Village Design Statement**
ACTION On hold until emergency plan actioned. Cllr SH to attend meeting at Uley.
SH
- 140615 Rural Housing**
On hold
- 150615 Emergency Plan**
ACTION Councillor Bierer to draft a plan and circulate to Councillors.
BF Councillor Findlater to approach local parishioner re back up for key etc.
AL Inland drainage plan – Mr Harrower has map. David Davis to be introduced to G Harrower to assist with plan.
- 160615 Parish Plan**
ACTION First meeting very productive. Members to review ideas. Questionnaire examples
ALL have been sent out to members. Top 10 issues to be voted by each member for next meeting.
- 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.
- 170615 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**
ACTION Discovery Timber to move old dog bin to new site on Canal. Clerk to obtain new
Clerk number for old bin.
CBIERE Safety material for slide – quotation to be obtained.
Framilode – bin outside the church has disappeared. Clerk to contact to contact
Clerk SDC re replacement bin.
- 180615 Audit**
ACTION Internal audit completed. External Audit with Grant Thornton.
Clerk
- 190615 Information Exchange**
ACTION Salt spreader awaiting collection.
AL Salt storage to be in Cllr Lundberg shed.
Logo for Parish Council – deadline was extended but no further designs were
Clerk received. Council considered all logos and the winner was declared to be Linda Griffiths.
Clerk Wheelie bin stickers to be bought and given to parishioners for display on wheelie bins. 20 is plenty etc.
Council to look at monitoring the speed of traffic on Passage Road and the High Street.
- 200615 Public Forum**
ACTION Saul Pound – Cllr CB / Clerk to check archive records in Gloucester and Land
Clerk / CB Registry.
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.
- The next Severn Voice Meeting to be held at Arlingham on 19 October 2015. Nick Worthington to attend to discuss bridges.
- 210615** The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 5 August 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.....Chairman