FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 25 February 2015

Present: District Councillor J Jones; Councillors Mr A Lundberg (Chair); Mrs S Harrower; Mr A Pritchard; Mr B Findlater; Mr C Bartlett, Mr C Bierer, Ms G Delbos (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

010215 Apologies for absence - None.

020215 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.

030215 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 28 January 2015- Approved.

040215 Matters arising from last month's Minutes

All matters from last month's minutes were included within the planned Agenda.

050215 Council Governance, roles and co-opting

With one remaining seat on the Council and following advertising mail shots, Mrs Lesley Moule was happy to stand for the Council. Mrs Moule was proposed by Councillor C Bierer and seconded by Councillor S Harrower. Councillor Moule then joined the Council. Clerk to ensure Councillor Moule completes relevant

ACTION then joined the Council. Clerk to ensure Councillor I paperwork for Stroud District Council and local files.

060215 Finance

VAT return to be completed. **Councillor Bierer** awaiting final invoice for the

ACTION completion of work on slide in playing field and audit to be finalised.

CB All cheques approved. (Invoice from Discovery Timber has been reduced from

original invoice.)

ACTION Council considered the budget for the upcoming Easter Event and approved a budget of approximately £100 (any spending over this should be covered with the income from cream teas and BBQ). FWS PC Logo competition to be judged at

went

event.

Clerk Council agreed to purchase the Clerk's laptop and relevant equipment. Clerk to

look into long lasting cartridges / laser printers.

070215 District Councillor News

Tomorrow night's Council meeting is to set the Council Tax for 2015/16. There is no increase in the rate from either the County Council, the District Council or the Police and Crime Commissioner, the only increase coming from local Parish or Town Councils. The average increase from P & TC's across the District is 4.54% A Band A house in Saul will pay £1023-68, Band D will pay £1535-52, and Band H will pay £3011-04 . This compares equally and favourably with other local Parishes.

- 2. Council house rents are set to rise by 3%
- 3. An Item to give authority to the Head of Asset Management and the Head of Finance to borrow the required amount of money to purchase and complete the deal for a new depot for the forthcoming Waste and associated business contract, to come into being in 2016, will be debated. The Council's new Contractors, Ubico, which is a consortium of Countywide District Councils, have been consulted on this, it's view, along with the cross-party working group at SDC, is that a new, purpose built depot is the

best long term option. The precise locality of the new depot is confidential at present, for business reasons.

4. The Emerging Local Plan is back on course. If the Examining Inspector does agree with the new proposals on housing numbers, and where they are to go, along with the rest of the resumed Public Examination in the late Spring, it is hoped that the New Local Plan will be adopted by the early part of next year at the latest. If so, the Council has better opportunities to reject predatory large scale planning applications. If the Inspector agrees with the new housing numbers, then SDC is confident it can demonstrate it has more than a five year land supply, which will help defend any appeals on predatory application refusals.

080215 Planning Applications

<u>Planning Ref: S.15/0030/HHOLD</u> – an email has been sent to SDC asking for a review of the impact of a large number of historical piecemeal applications on this listed building.

ACTION Clerk to continue chasing for answer.

<u>Planning Ref: S.14/2643/FUL</u> – construction of two 3 bedroomed semi-detached houses, Moor Street, Framilode, GL2 7LH. The council have raised some concerns about this application:

- a) Building materials not matching in with the village.
- b) Parking restricted by houses and on –road parking would cause obstruction in vision and width. Moor Street is very narrow in places and any on-road parking would restrict emergency services, agricultural and public access.
- c) Public coming out of the Ship Inn would also have even more restricted views if cars parked on road outside new houses.

ACTION

Council will request that this goes to committee sub planning for the reason of parking and restriction. Council would welcome the opportunity to meet the planner officer for a site meeting to discuss the proposals and also the potential problems with obstruction when construction materials are being delivered.

090215 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch

No report received by FWS PC. There is a Police Meeting on 7 March **Councillor Bierer** will attend and report back.

ACTION CB

Concerns have been raised regarding the Wycliffe rowing event which is held twice a year. Wycliffe bring rowing boats through the village and around the bend into Church Lane and this has previously caused cars to be damaged. Wycliffe College in previous years had set letters asking that parishioner's cars

were not parked near the bend to ease this problem. However this was not practical due the parking spaces then being used by visitors to the event.

At this point Councillor Moule declared an interest in this item due the fact that she is on the Education Committee of Wycliffe College.

ACTION CB

The next rowing event is due first week of December and **Councillor Bierer** to write to Wycliffe College (Head of Rowing) and endeavour to ease the problems caused possibly by bringing the boats in a different way. Councillor Bierer to also request prior knowledge of when the 'no parking' signs and bollards are to put near Sandfield Bridge.

Councillor Jones advised of a burglary in Whitminster where a garage roller door was forced open and a trials bike was stolen although later recovered.

100215 Stroud Water Canal

On hold

110215 Allotments

ACTION Contracts and letters of offer to plot holders will be sent out shortly. If you would

AL / Clerk like to apply for a plot, please contact the Clerk.

AL User Group Meeting.

120215 Website Maintenance

ACTION Councillor Moule to provide personal profile for website.

LM

BF

Councillor Bartlett advised there have been 40 hits a month on average on the FWS website. SDC are currently reviewing their website and this should improve

the link between sites.

C Bartlett Half page editorial to be put in Severnside Magazine.

130215 SEFRMS

Councillor Findlater advised Council that the Evironment Agency wish to put a Fish **ACTION** and Eel pass on the outflow of the drum. This is to help the fish and eels move

between the Frome and Severn. Council to contact EA to ascertain the increase in risk of flooding if the pass were to give way. Councillor Findlater to contact EA for

main drainage contact details

140215 War Memorial

ACTION Interest to be registered on one website.

CBierer / Clerk

150215 Rural Housing

On hold

160215 Village Design Statement

On hold until emergency plan actioned.

170215 Emergency Plan

ACTION Council to apply for the Community Planning Scheme. This to be applied for by 13

SH/Clerk March 2015.

2nd key cut for pump switch.

180215 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground

ACTION Calloo bought out rights to Monster Play who did original work. They have supplied estimate to bring playing equipment up to BS. Council to contact

Discovery Timber to ascertain if they would be willing to carry out necessary work.

Caloo on hold until discussed with Discovery Timber.

190215 Audit

ACTION Council confirmed Ian Selkirk to carry out Internal Audit. Grant Thornton to carry

out External Audit. Clerk to contact both companies to arrange.

200215 Precept

Done

210215 Grass Cutting

ACTION Clerk

Clerk

Adverts for Tender out on notice boards and bus shelter. Clerk as main contact.

220215 Information Exchange

ACTION Salt bins – Councillor Lundberg has obtained bins which will be dug into verge at the appropriate corners. Council can obtain bagged salt from Stroud District

the appropriate corners. Council can obtain bagged salt from Stroud District Council. Hand Salt spreaders can be bought for approximately £220 and SDC will contribute half of the cost. Spreaders to be compatible with the salt provided by

SDC.

230215 Public Forum

ACTION Community Asset. The Ship is to be listed as a community asset. The Council to

ACTION
Dog waste bin – Discovery Timber to quote for erecting new bin and moving old one.

ACTION
Dog waste campaign stickers – Clerk to purchase 10 x A3 and 5 x A4 and place around playing field, Bennow bus shelter and other relevant places.

ACTION
Land behind old Saul School – the Church are looking to clear this land for use as a graveyard. Community Service workers could be used for this. Council agreed that the Council would contribute towards this cost up to a budget of £500.

Abandoned car has now been removed.

240215 Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 25 March 2015