

FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 25 March 2015

Present: District Councillor J Jones; 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 10 members of the public.

- 010315 Apologies for absence – Councillor C Bierer.**
- 020315 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.
- 030315 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 25 February 2015- Approved**
- 040315 Council Governance, roles and co-opting**
Due to the sad news that Councillor Pritchard had passed away, this now means there is one open seat on the Council. Anyone person interested to contact the Clerk or Chairman.
- 050315 Finance**
ACTION CB/Clerk VAT return to be completed. Final invoice now received for completion of work on slide. **Councillor Bierer** and Clerk to finalise VAT return.
- 060315 District Councillor News**
District Councillor Jones advised there were no new issues raised from Stroud District Council this month.
- 070315 Planning Applications**
Planning Ref: S.15/0030/HHOLD Saul Lodge West – Council to look at the review sent by Stroud District Council.
Planning Ref: S.14/2643/FUL Rose Cottage, Moor Street, Saul – Further to meetings with the local council officers and the applicant, the applicant will be discussing the possible options with his architect. There have been further concerns raised re flooding risks.
Planning Ref: S.15/0483/HHOLD Mistle House, Framilode – Council have no objections.
Planning Ref: S.15/0541/HHOLD Fretherne Cottage, Fretherne Lane, Saul.
Council need to view plans which are not currently loaded up on the Stroud District Council website. Clerk to contact the planning dept and obtain plans and circulate to Councillors.
ACTION Clerk
Parishioner Darren Hughes presented a planning proposal for a house to be built on the old School site behind the Pound. They intend to build one house on the site in keeping with the local parish and have consulted numerous agencies regarding construction materials etc. Mr Hughes will submit details of the plans to the Clerk who will forward them to the Council for their consideration. Mr Hughes hopes to submit the formal plans by end of April. The plans are within the Village development boundary. A likely bone of contention may be the driveway as the footpath that runs from the school site gate to the field is owned by the Church and is used for vehicular access on occasions. If any parishioner would like to contact Mr Hughes to discuss the plans further, he has confirmed he is happy to be contacted either by phone: 01452 740830 or by email: Darren.hughes@kerry.com
ACTION All Councillors to provide feedback to chairman to consolidate and discuss with Mr Hughes
- 080315 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

- ACTION CB** **Councillor Bierer** to attend meeting in April. There was a report of a person or persons trying car doors and alarms going off in Saul village. **Councillor Bierer** will attend meeting and report back.
- ACTION CB** **Wycliffe College.** 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.
- 090315** **Stroud Water Canal**
CRT are planning the introduction of remote controlled opening of Sandfield canal bridge before rolling it out to all the other canal bridges. They have been running a trial with bridge keepers using their mobile phones to activate the bridge for some of the openings. The general public and the Council are concerned about the delays for traffic i.e. the length of time of bridge opening, danger to public/animals on the road, delays in access for emergency vehicles and for farm traffic on contract if stuck at the bridge.
- ACTION AL/LM/BF** CRT declined to attend the Severn Voice meeting in April. There will be a consultation group attending this meeting from FWS PC and they will be supplying a report following this meeting.
- 100315** **Allotments**
ACTION Clerk Allotment rental agreement and request for payment sent out to all Allotment Holders. Clerk to monitor payments made.
AL/Clerk Allotment user group set for Saturday April 18th 3 – 5pm at the Memorial Hall. Councillor Lundberg and Clerk to set up and attend.
- 1110315** **Website Maintenance**
ACTION CBartlett Website manager to upload Agenda / Minutes on a monthly basis.
FWS Facebook page now has 60 followers.
Half page editorial to be placed in Severnside Magazine.
- 120315** **SEFRMS**
Following a meeting, the Environment Agency has put the installation of the Fish and Eel pass on hold and hopefully redesign the pass. This will be discussed at the Severn Voice meeting and Councillors attending will raise their concerns. It has been reported that the Inland Drainage Board are against the pass. The pass should have been fitted when the flood defences were first built and it is felt that the current design is wrong and would increase the risk of flooding.
- 130315** **War Memorial**
Interest now registered on two websites.
- 140315** **Rural Housing**
On hold
- 150315** **Village Design Statement**
On hold until emergency plan actioned.
- 160315** **Emergency Plan**
ACTION BF **Councillor Bierer to draft a plan.**
Councillor Findlater to arrange meeting with Councillor Lundberg to arrange handover of key and instructions on usage for pump.
- 170315** **Parish Plan**
ACTION AL/SH/Clerk Community Planning Scheme applied for from SDC. Steering group to be set up and run by Councillors Lundberg/Harrower and Clerk.

Councillor Lundberg to complete and submit forms with support from a

- ACTION** parishioner with local knowledge to register the Ship Inn and Silveys garage as
AL community asset. The community grant has been applied for.
- 180315** **Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**
ACTION The quote from Discovery Timber was considered by the Council and all agreed to
the replacement of chains and boards and to the erection of the new dog bin for a
Clerk total of approximately £600. The climbing frame needs new safety bouncy
surfacing material replaced underneath but this is very expensive and will be
discussed at a later date. Clerk to forward all relevant details to Councillors.
Signs and posters for the 'we're watching you' dog waste campaign have been
ordered and will be placed in strategic places around the playing field, public
footpaths and on dog waste bins.
- 190315** **Audit**
ACTION Council confirmed Ian Selkirk to carry out Internal Audit date to be confirmed.
Clerk Grant Thornton to carry out external audit and annual return to be forwarded to
them before 8 June 2015.
- 200315** **Precept**
ACTION Form submitted. Awaiting confirmation from SDC. Clerk to monitor.
Clerk
- 210315** **Grass Cutting Tender**
ACTION 4 tenders were issued by the Council, 2 tender returns being compliant, both
applicants being within the Parish. Council considered both applicants and agreed
to award the contract to Severnside Grass Cutting Services.
- 220315** **Information Exchange**
ACTION Salt bins – Councillor Lundberg has confirmed with Highways where these are to
AL / Clerk be placed. Hand salt spreader has been ordered and Clerk to contact SDC re
reimbursement of half the cost of this. Pallet of salt has been ordered and this will
be stored. Spreader and salt must be compatible.
8 Canal Row – Council agreed that the owner can erect scaffold over the canal
path but must ensure the path is maintained and ensure no risks to passers-by.
Clerk to contact owner.
Western Power/Glendale – have submitted plans for Playing Field hedges/trees to
cut down to relevant heights beneath power lines. Jane Bolton / Councillor
Lundberg and Clerk to visit site and go through plan.
Design Statement – Council decided against using Planning Resource to assist
with this.
- 230315** **Public Forum**
ACTION Land behind old Saul School – the Church are looking to clear this land for use as
C BIERER 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.
Fretherne Church – applied for contribution towards costs. As this is not a closed
Clerk churchyard the Council are not duty bound to assist. The budget for this year has
already been allocated to Saul church for the archaeological survey to extend the
church graveyard. Next year, Council will consider the needs of all 3 churches
within the Parish and funds will be allocated on a needs basis. Clerk to inform
Fretherne Church of decision.
- AL** Road Signs – all 3 road signs into the Village are in bad repair. Amey have
provided costs for replacement of signs similar to those already sited. Costs for all
3 will be in the region of £414 and GCC will be asked to contribute towards this
cost. A meeting is needed with Amey re placement of signs as limited space on
verges for erection. Council agreed to order the 3 signs.
- Clerk** Items raised by parishioners attending the meeting:
Saul Pound – this is owned by the Parish Council. Clerk to investigate the
protected status. Is it registered as a village green?
AL Lower Framilode Pound – AL to contact John Hewitt.

Canal Parking – Highways to be contacted re cars parking dangerously and possibly limiting emergency vehicle access. There is a need for a sign to be erected. Dan Tiffney to be contacted re white line painting. Flyers to be printed and placed on cars parked there. AL set up meeting with Yakub from Amey to arrange tour of parish and to set up six monthly liaison meeting.

Policy for planning apps – this would cover where building can be done etc.

Village settlement boundary - district planning authority use this on occasions.

The Parish Council is only a consultee and has no authority. Individuals will get notice if a building or extension is to be erected next or near to them and any individual can make a comment on the SDC planning website. People are encouraged to discuss any pre planning applications with their neighbours etc.

SH Parishioner requested if the Council could invest in some chain basketball nets.

ALL Date Annual Parish Meeting to be arranged.

240315 Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 29 April 2015

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pmChairman