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Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 27 July 2016

**Present: Councillors Mrs S Harrower (Chair); Mr R Apperley; Mr B Findlater; Mrs L Moule (part);
DC S Davies; Ms G Delbos (Clerk)
6 members of the general public were present**

010716 Public Question Time

A concern was raised about the news that the 10am Stagecoach bus from Saul to Gloucester will be stopped in September. This bus is used by many parishioners in Saul and other villages and is the only means of transport for many people.

Council will contact Stagecoach and raise this matter with them.

ACTION: Cllr S Harrower / Clerk

020716 Apologies for absence

DC J Jones; Councillors Bierer; Lundberg; Bartlett. Councillor Moule left the meeting early.

030716 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.

040716 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 22 June 2016 - Approved

050716 Council Governance, roles and co-opting

Declaration of interests for each Councillor completed.

060716 Correspondence Received

Email from Mr Hudman, Church Lane regarding an item in previous Minutes

In December 2013 we had a hand delivered letter from 2 councillors regarding the issue. They claimed they tried to discuss the contents of the letter with us but there was no one at home. This is not true we heard the letter box the doorbell did not ring. We responded by email offering dates in January 2014 to discuss the matter but have heard nothing since. Without the verge protection, vehicles used this area as a passing lane churning it up and risking damaging the wall. We also notice that further along Church Lane properties are using kerbstones for the same purpose. We are happy to discuss the matter with anyone at any time.

Council noted these comments

Email from local parishioner

I was just wondering if you had any further information from the last meeting listed on the website, in particular on: minute 110616 'Stroud Water Canal Update from Cllr C Bierer on costs for 3 year contract. Also to confirm when reeds will be gathered. Maintenance of Canal '. I was wondering what the plan is, essentially, as the water level of the top half especially is very low and overgrown with reeds. I am a local resident and spent many summers fishing the canal as a child, so it is sad to see it as it is currently. I have read through previous minutes mentioning removal of reeds, however I wondered if you were aware that the reeds keep growing because of the low water levels due to silt deposition. If silt was removed, the reeds would not grow since they require shallow water, and the canal would not dry up as it currently does.

Council discussed this matter and the outcome is that to remove the silt from the bed of the canal could only be done by a dredger. This would cost too much money and may destroy the wildlife living in the canal. The Council will continue cutting and spraying the reeds.

070716 Finance
All cheques approved

Payee	For	Amount
G Delbos	Administration of Council – July 2016	277.40
Severn Grass Services	Inv: 172 Grass cutting 11 June – 22 June 2016	152.22
S Harrower	Easter Event	28.54
Fretherne Church	Donation as per May Minutes	200.00

Cheques written out in-between meetings: JPR Environmental £ 1,668.00 (Spraying and vegetation works, Stroudwater canal.

080716 District Councillor News (DC S Davies)

The main topic was that the Housing Reserve Account has been inaccurately stated to the tune of £900,000. There is no suggestion that this is any more than an honest mistake but it is likely that this shortfall will have to be found somewhere else in the Housing Budget which will impact the building of affordable housing by the Council or result in some sale of assets.

DC Davies also referenced that the Pump replacement is still scheduled and not impacted by the Brexit vote.

090716 Planning Applications

Application Number: S.16/1449/T5DAY
Location: Land To The Front Of Former Church Of England School, High Street, Saul, Gloucestershire.
Application Type: 5 Days Notice - Trees
Description: Maple - Remove.
Respond by date: 9 July 2016

No objection from Council.

Application Number: S.16/1361/HHOLD
Location: 2 The Cottage, Fretherne Lane, Saul, Gloucester.
Application Type: Householder Application
Description: Two storey side and rear extension
Respond by date: 19 July 2016

No objection from Council.

100716 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch

Mark Lifton to come back with dates and advise on speed cameras. Neighbourhood warden to attend the September meeting.

ACTION: C BIERER

110716 Stroud Water Canal

3 year contract to be investigated for comparison against costs on a yearly contract. Confirmation on when reeds will be cleared.

ACTION: C BIERER

Willow Bank householders have asked permission to clear reeds on canal but only to the extent of the length of his boundary,

Council had no objections.

120716 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Bridges

Ongoing problems with the automation of Sandfield Bridge. The bridge keeper is using the App to open and close the bridge but the success rate is currently unknown.

Double yellow lines – this is going to Public Consultation. The Lines will also be placed either side of the road on the East side of the bridge.

ACTION: S HARROWER

- 130716 Severn Voice Meeting**
The next meeting will be hosted by FWSPC on Wednesday 12 October 2016 at the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.
ACTION: S HARROWER / Clerk
- 140716 Website Maintenance**
Cllr Bartlett to send out tender for quotations with the adjustments advised by Council and obtain quotes for consideration and approval before next Council meeting in September.
ACTION: C BARTLETT
- 150716 Emergency Plan**
Working group may need to be set up to discuss further.
ACTION: C BIERER
- 160716 Parish Plan / Questionnaire**
Councillor Harrower and Moule to meet/discuss with GRCC to advance production.
ACTION: S HARROWER/MOULE
- 170716 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**
Memorial Hall AGM – Councillor Lundberg to report back. He will now attend all Memorial Hall meetings when possible.
ACTION: A Lundberg
Lock for gate now installed. Clerk has contacted Jane Bolton to arrange rota and confirm times for locking and unlocking.
ACTION: Clerk
- 180716 Transparency Code**
Transparency code policies working group to be set up. Clerk to obtain date for Councillors to meet.
ACTION: ALL
- 190716 Policies, Governance and Professional Services**
Outstanding policies are Finance Regulations and Vacancies.
ACTION: S HARROWER / Clerk
- 200716 Village Matters / Improvements**
Cllr Apperley has spoken to Dan Tiffney about the work needed on Church Lane. Mr Tiffney advised that this is too big a job for his 'side crew' and therefore it has been passed onto to the Highways.
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
Incident of local parishioner falling in Memorial Fields and Ambulance took over 3 hours to attend. Council are in contact with the Ambulance Service and they are investigating this complaint. The outcome will be received within 25 – 35 working days.
ACTION: S HARROWER
Western power – phase 1 of the work on the High Street is not finished. They have erected a temporary pole at Wayside until the next phase starts. When completed underground cables, the overhead cables will be removed.
- 210716 Allotments**
Two tenants outstanding on payments.
ACTION: CLERK
- 220716 Tree Inspection and Tree Works**
Final quote came in at £588. Council approved this and Stroud District Council have been emailed to confirm. Works to be carried out asap.
ACTION: CLERK

230716 Drainage Map and Pump Replacements

Councillor Findlater to contact David Lessing and he will write to local parishioner about an issue with a filled in ditch.

The pump which is situated in Framilode by the Frome will be surveyed and replaced at some point. The new pump will need to be the same if not better than the original.

The pump is an electric submersible which when the waters are rising, the pump rises and turns on to pump the water out. On high tides, the flaps close and the water in the Frome will rise. To date this has not caused any flooding. Cllr Findlater inspects the pump regularly to ensure all working.

ACTION: B Findlater

240716 The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 27 July 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.....Chair