

# FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 27 April 2016

Present: Councillors Mr A Lundberg (Chair); Mrs S Harrower; Mr B Findlater; Mrs L Moule; Mr r Apperley, Mr C Bierer; Cllr D C Jones; Ms G Delbos (Clerk)  
Two members of the general public attended

### 010416 Public Question Time

Post has been hit on Pound and chain smashed. Paul Gardener to be asked to fix this.

**ACTION: C BIERER to arrange.**

Farm tractor with manure spreader has splashed all the way up High Street which could become a Health Issue. If anyone notices, please have a word with the driver.

Church lane top end roads a serious risk to cyclists and parking especially by Sandfield farm. Cllr Apperley is already in contact with Dan Tiffney re this problem. Crew coming out to fix potholes.

Concern has again been raised regarding the Householder opposite church with wood marking boundary. Council have already contacted them in the past to advise that the householder would be held liable for any accident or damage caused by these logs. Meeting was asked for but householder declined to discuss. The Highways are aware of the situation.

A member of the public (unfortunately we have no identification) raised the issue of the draft minutes not being published anymore. Cllr Lundberg explained that the council reluctantly took the decision last autumn not to publish the draft minutes anymore after there were issues regarding the misinterpretation of some items on previous draft minutes. The approved minutes from the previous month are published after each council meeting in accordance with legal obligations. Cllr Lundberg agreed to review the decision in three months' time.

### 020416 Apologies for absence

Councillor Bartlett

### 030416 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.

### 040416 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 30 March 2016 - Approved

### 050416 Council Governance, roles and co-opting

All members of the Council were voted in. FWS Annual Meeting to be held on 18 May 2016.

### 060416 Correspondence Received

Clerk received an email from a local Parishioner, Mrs McGregor, regarding a query the Council had raised regarding a planning application and building works. Mrs McGregor advised that she was more than happy to answer any queries the Council had.

### 070416 Finance

All cheques approved

Payee	For	Amount
G Delbos	Administration of Council – March 2016	277.60
Clerk Expenses	PAYE: 61.00 Postage (Allotments) 7.68 SDC – Licence for May Day Event 21.00	97.68

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	Plastic boxes for storage of archived documents 8.00	
GAPTC	Subscription	176.96
P M Mountjoy	Accountant	55.00
Bounce Back Safety Surfaces	Memorial Hall Playing Ground	4596.00
Stroud District Council	Two x bins	585.14
Spring Event	Bouncy Castle	100.00
	Face Painter	50.00
	Maypole Teacher	65.00
Severn Trent Water		20.49
Lucy Moule	Village Plan Data	90.00

### 080416 District Councillor News

This was the last full Council meeting of the current Civic year, which ends in May. There are nine current members not seeking re-election, 2 of which have been members of SDC for many years and verbal tributes were paid to all those not standing again. So there will be some new faces at the next Council. At the meeting, one of the items discussed was the Members' remuneration report, following recommendations by the Independent Remuneration Panel.. The basic level of remuneration will remain as it currently is for all members, and rise by the same percentage increase that Council employees receive annually, if there is one, as agreed with the NJCLG. The Leader's Special

Responsibility Allowance is to increase by £1032 p.a. to recognise the increased workload placed upon him/her with the Devolution negotiations. If Devolution doesn't happen, then that increase will be scrapped. Allowances for Vice-chairs of 3 of the Service Committees will be reduced, while those of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of DCC and Audit and Standards Committees will be increased proportionally to reflect increased workload. These changes will come into effect after the Council's AGM in May, will last for the 4 year Council term, and save around £900 at this year's level

The proposal to build some more Council owned business units at Littlecombe in Dursley was put through, the units to be built so that they could be expanded or contracted within their base size according to new tenants needs. The Waste Contract for recyclates was voted through, although it seems Council will make a loss on selling on recyclates in the first two years or so, because of the extreme fall in market prices for this. However, the contract has to be in place by the end of June, when the current one runs out, or there will not be any means of Council collecting any residual rubbish, garden waste or recyclable items, which it is duty bound to do, so there was little option other than to agree.

As you know, there are all out elections for SDC next week, I will be standing in the new Severn Ward. If I am re-elected, it will be my last term of office, I was first elected to the Severn Ward in 2002, and been there since. By 2020, I will have completed 18 years, and then it will be time for someone else to carry on.

### 090416 Planning Applications

Application Number: S.16/0614/TCA

Location: Lock House, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.

Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area

Description: T1 Sycamore - Fell to ground level. T2 Holly - Reduce two limbs in canopy by 4m. T3 Sycamore - Raise crown by trimming laterals to 3.5m and carry out crown maintenance with regard to the deadwood.

#### No objection from Council

Application Number: S.16/0742/TCA

Location: Land To Front Of Former Church Of England School, High Street, Saul, Gloucestershire

Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area

Description: Birch - Cut down as tree has died.

#### No objection from Council.

### 100416 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch

Report from Co-ordination meeting held on 30 March 2016 from Cllr Bierer.

If action to be taken against speeding, it would be possible for some members of the public to be trained on speed camera. If a car is then caught speeding then they can be reported to the Police and a warning letter would be issued to the owner of the vehicle. If there was a PC in attendance then a ticket could be issued. A trial could be run to see if there is an issue and then have a PC. Perryway and Berkley are an issue. An analysis of the village plan will show some areas of issue. One of the other parishes reported that it is now significantly harder to get warning flashing signs. They need to be approved and the Police are not keen on them anymore. Rodborough is having good results with a borrowed camera. Review on next agenda. Six people to be trained as volunteers.

**ACTION: C BIERER**

**110416 Stroud Water Canal**

Reed spraying completed. Currently waiting for Environment Agency approval for removal of reeds, this should be within the next two weeks. Council to then contact local farmer re - reeds to be cleared and recycled.

3 year contract to be investigated for comparison against costs on a yearly contract. This year's cost is the same as last year.

**ACTION: C BIERER**

**120416 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Bridges**

Trial with boats being carried out which are going quite well. Trial to continue until September.

Concerns have been raised that when CRT paint yellow lines by Bridge that the parking will just move down further into Church Lane, causing more problems. Existing car parking to be looked at. Cllr Harrower to meet with CRT to review both parking areas. Alternative parking must be available if yellow lines on road. Signage is key to help with this problem. Despite trivial costs for car parking, cars are still parking on the road causing traffic flow problems.. Legal obligation with yellow lines are with highway.

CRT are working with Wycliffe and rowing club re issues with rowers ducking under the bridge and the dangers that could arise. Canal lights are now red, amber and green. Whilst on amber rowers can go through; on red they must not go through. There will be a maximum time for bridge to be shut to road traffic

**ACTION: S HARROWER for follow up**

**130416 Severn Voice Meeting**

**ACTION: L MOULE for follow up**

Ecotricity Development – Email sent to Steve Davis confirming Council support with objection.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Tony Blackburn has confirmed that there will be funds available for PC's for local road repairs. Church Lane is a particular problem with potholes. Photographs to be taken and emailed to Tony Blackburn.

**ACTION: R APPERLEY**

**140416 Website Maintenance**

New websites costs to be looked at. Liaise with other Parish Councils.

**ACTION: C BARTLETT**

**150416 Emergency Plan**

Council to look at the possible risks eg. Flooding, trees etc and work out who is responsible for these.

Councillors to send information to Cllr Bierer to collate. Working group may need to be set up to discuss further.

**ACTION: C BIERER**

**160416 Parish Plan / Questionnaire**

Parish Plan to be updated using data from village plan questionnaire. Draft to be issued to all Councillors.

**ACTION: A LUNDBERG / S HARROWER**

Community asset forms for Ship Inn and Garage. To be completed in New Year.

**ACTION: A LUNDBERG**

**170416 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**

Combination lock to be fitted on gate and given to relevant persons. (Clerk to ask local business to fit this). Sign will be put up advising Field will be closed at night.  
Sign to be put up re health and safety issues re pond in the field.

Skateboard park. Group of children who are of the age who are using skateboard ramp. Ridges on ramp which are dangerous. Funding may be available to improve the skateboard with Memorial committee if PC agree. Children will help with fundraising by teas through the summer from hall.

**ACTION: CLLR HARROWER**

**180416 Transparency Code**

£131.99 received. Amount to be queried as £1328 applied for to help with costs of new website.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**190416 Policies, Governance and Professional Services**

Updated policies uploaded to website.

Outstanding policies are Finance Regulations and Vacancies.

New CoC forwarded to monitoring officer.

**ACTION: S HARROWER / Clerk**

**200416 Village Matters / Improvements**

Cllr Apperley met with pollution and environment agency and spoke to farmer's brother as well. Water table is so high that it is causing more problems with drainage. Land drain which runs across to Arlingham is running ok. To be updated.

Church lane – schedule to be sent re potholes. List of works to be created. Cllr Apperley to meet with landowner and Dan Tiffney to discuss Sandfield farm entrance as this is causing many problems.

**ACTION: R APPERLEY**

Plaque for memorial. 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**

**210416 Allotments**

Return of contract and payment for some allotments outstanding. Clerk to contact relevant allotment holders.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**220416 Tree Inspection and Tree Works**

Tree on village Pound as in conservation area. Planning Notice now actioned.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**230416 Drainage Map and Pump Replacements**

Drainage map inspection to be carried out shortly and map marked accordingly. Cllr Findlater responded to James Drewitt with the information requested which Mr Hewitt found very helpful.

Badger setts are eroding part of the river bank. Owner of land to be contacted re plan of what they are aiming to do.

**ACTION: B FINDLATER**

**The Annual Parish Assembly meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 6.30pm.**

**The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 7.30pm.**

**The Monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 8.30pm.**

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

