

## FREThERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 28 January 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, Geraldine Delbos (Clerk), and 2 members of the parish.

**010115 Apologies for absence - None**

**020115 Minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 26 November 2014 - Approved**

**030115 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.

**040115 Matters arising from last month's minutes.**

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

**050115 Council Governance, roles & co-opting**

One seat on the Council still available. There are some interested parties.

**060115 Finance**

VAT return to be completed. Councillor Bierer has done paperwork and awaiting

**ACTION** completion of work on slide in playing field.

All cheques approved.

Christmas Carol Event lights etc. £166.46

Administration of council £ 388.72

**Grants** – confirmed by GAPTC (Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils) for the limitation on grants (donations) if there is no other power to administer against the grant is: the Parish Council's annual allowance for such expenditure is the electoral roll x £6.98 for 2014/15 or £7.36 from 1st April. - completed

Dead wood on Saul Pound – completed.

Strawman prepared and precept applied for with an increase of 2% from 2014.

Grass cutting invoice awaited. Expected to be reduced to approximately £300.00.

**ACTION** Clerk to finalise with grass cutter.

**070115 District Councillor News**

The SDC Council meeting on 9th December 2014 was a Special Meeting to consider the Updated Emerging Local Plan to be presented to the Inspector at the reconvened Examination in Public.

Council voted to continue with the Emerging Local Plan.

Council voted to increase the total number of houses required during the life of the Plan (to 2031) by 1700 to 11200 from 950.

Council voted to recommend to the Inspector that the land in the Nupend/Nastend areas, known as West of Stonehouse, be included for development, and that 1350 houses be allocated to that area, along with 9Ha of Employment land.

Council voted to include up to 300 extra homes in the Stroud Valleys, on top of those already allocated there, with as much Brownfield land as possible being found there.

Council resolved that, once adopted, the New Local Plan will be reviewed within five years.

It is hoped that these amendments to the Draft Plan submitted to the Inspector in December 2013 will be sufficient to get his approval, and that the Plan can be adopted by Council in either late 2015, or early 2016. It is imperative that a Local Plan is put in place as soon as possible to prevent predatory developers gaining consent on “cherry picked” sites for development, often by appeal, so that the Council has control over where and when development takes place. Unfortunately, much of the available Brownfield land in the District has already been built on, it is inevitable that more agricultural land will have to come into the equation. Some of the 11200 have already been built, or have consent to be built, since the existing Local Plan theoretically came to an end in 2011. A new Consultant was used to arrive at the new figures, and the method of doing so was also reviewed, as was required by the Inspector at the Initial Examination last year. The reconvened Examination in Public, due to start this week, has been postponed because of the Inspector being taken ill.

The Council Meeting on Thursday of this week is the Budget meeting. There is no increase proposed in the SDC share of Council Tax this year.

#### **080115 Planning Applications**

One application received 12 – 16 Jan 2015.

S.15/0030/HHOLD

Saul Lodge West

Arlingham Road

Saul

Gloucestershire

GL2 7JE

Extension to side of dwelling to form additional living accommodation and construction of single garage. Pending Consideration.

**ACTION** Letter to be sent to Stroud District Council Planning Department to say that the PC had no objections to the specific application but would like SDC planning authority to provide a review of the impact of a large number of historical piecemeal applications on this listed building.

#### **090115 Police report and Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing to report.

#### **100115 Stroud Water Canal**

Nothing to report. A long term plan to be discussed at a future date.

#### **110115 Allotments**

Increase to allotment rental for 2015 – 2016. These will be £10 per plot for parishioners and £12 for people living outside of the Parish. New contracts and letters requesting payment will be sent out before April. After 1 month a reminder letter will be sent out and again after 2 months. If the payments have not been received by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup>

month the contract will be terminated and the plots will be allocated to people on the waiting list.

There are outstanding payments for plots for 2013/14 and due to non-payment these plots will be re-allocated in April.

Anyone wishing to put their name on the waiting list, please contact the clerk.

**ACTION**

Councillor Lundberg to set up user group meeting

**120115 Councillor and Clerk Training**

GAPTC training to be carried out for Councillors on 4 and 5 February 2015.

Clerk to attend further training with GAPTC.

**130115 Website maintenance updating etc**

**ACTION Councillor Bierer to provide personal profile.**

Facebook page now actioned.

IT Business Advert from local business to be put on website.

**ACTION Councillor Bierer**

A link to be provided from the Stroud District Council website to the Fretherne with Saul Website.

**ACTION Councillor Bartlett**

**140115 SEFRMS, Environment Agency and Severn Estuary Forum**

Nothing to report

**150115 War Memorial**

Parish Council interest to be registered.

**ACTION Councillor Bierer / Clerk**

**160115 Village Design Statement**

Village plan on hold until emergency plan actioned first.

**170115 Rural Housing**

On hold.

**180115 Emergency Plan**

**ACTION Councillor Bierer to draft a plan.**

Pump Switch –Councillor B. Findlater has the key and has been shown how to operate switch

**ACTION 2<sup>nd</sup> key to be cut. Councillor B Findlater**

**190115 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**

**ACTION To continue chasing. Clerk to action.**

**200115 Audit**

Internal Audit to be arranged.

**210115 Precept – Chairman has applied for precept for 2015 / 2016 with an increase of 2%. All Councillors at meeting agreed.**

**220115 Grass cutting – to be put out to tender.**

**ACTION Councillor Lundberg**

**230115 Information Exchange**

Road salt to be provided with bins at various places through the Parish.

**ACTION** Gritting plan to be obtained from Gloucestershire County Council. **Councillor Pritchard / Clerk**

**240115 Public Forum**

**The Ship Inn at Framilode**

A member of the parish had raised a concern that the pub was such a valuable asset to the parishioners that strategic protection of it was recommended by proposing listing it as a community asset. Each year more and more village pubs are closing, and for F&S, the Ship was it's only nearby pub. The PC considered the request and agreed that it was a great asset and whilst the current landlord had made significant and welcome improvements to the business and the Parish Council was wholly supportive of the Landlord, that protection of the asset in the long term for the benefit of the community was a priority which the council had to consider. The PC therefore voted in agreement to submit the application.

**ACTION** Dog waste bin. New bin with bag dispenser to be sited on the Memorial playing field. Old Dog waste bin to be re-sited. **Councillor Lundberg**

**ACTION** Signs and posters to be put up on and around playing field to encourage dog walkers to pick up their dog waste. **Clerk to action**

**ACTION** Abandoned car in Frethern Lane causing flooding has been reported to Police and DVLA. **Clerk to liase with PCSO Mark Lifton.**

**250115 Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting 25 February 2015 at 7.30pm.

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