

## 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 Bierer, Ms G Delbos (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

- 010415 Apologies for absence – Councillor C Bartlett.**
- 020415 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.
- 030415 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 25 March 2015- Approved**
- 040415 Council Governance, roles and co-opting**  
One open seat on the Council. Any person interested to contact the Clerk or Chairman. There has been one expression of interest.
- 050415 Finance**  
**ACTION** VAT return to be completed. Final invoice now received for completion of work on slide. **Councillor Bierer** and Clerk to finalise VAT return.  
**CB/Clerk** Quote from JPR for the canal maintenance has come in at £1390. Council agreed to action this.  
**CBierer** All cheques approved.
- 060415 District Councillor News**  
The District Council AGM will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, when the make-up of all Committees will be agreed and the Council Chair and Vice Chair elected. DC Jones advised that, at the last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April, authority was given to the head of finance and head of asset management to borrow money which will be sufficient for waste collection vehicles, repair and storage of ancillary vehicles eg grass cutting equipment, sweeping etc. There will be a building for the transfer of recyclables and food waste which will be coming into place in July next year. There will be sufficient space for storage, sorting and removal onwards every day. A planning application for this depot is awaited. The Council are spending money to fight the Javelin Park incinerator, going to partial judicial review.  
At the Severn Voice meeting canal bridges, fish and eel pass, school admissions and boundary reviews were discussed. There is a SV sub group meeting to be held on 20 May 2015, to further consider the School Admissions issue. 2 representatives from each parish council in the Severn Voice Group will form a focus group to join with CRT to make sure the boaters' app to open Canal bridges works properly. The fish and eel pass at Framilode is currently on hold.
- 070415 Planning Applications**  
Planning Ref: S.15/0030/HHOLD Saul Lodge West – actions completed.  
Planning Ref: S.14/2643/FUL Rose Cottage, Moor Street, Saul – awaiting amended plans from owner.  
Planning Ref: S.15/0541/HHOLD Fretherne Cottage, Fretherne Lane, Saul. Council have no objections.  
Planning Ref: S.15/0759/HHOLD 6 Canal Row, Framilode – Council have no objections.

Planning Ref: S.15/0700/HHOLD Darrell Cottages, High Street, Saul – Council have no objections.

Planning Ref: S.15/0754/HHOLD Oscar House, High Street, Saul – Council have no objections.

Old School Site: awaiting formal application. Following correspondence between Mr Hughes (parishioner) and the Council, Mr Hughes may be willing to make some changes to the windows, doors etc. Cll Lundberg to look at other houses within the Parish for height concept.

**080415 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

**ACTION** Nothing from the monthly report.

**CBierer**

Wycliffe College have agreed to send out notification of events that may cause parking problems, Cllr Bierer will email Wycliffe with the details of the houses that are particularly affected. A parking warden will also be in attendance on those days to minimise these problems. A presence from the PCSO will also be requested.

**090415 Stroud Water Canal**

**ACTION**  
**ALL**

A consultation meeting was held on Monday 27 April 2015 which was attended by Severn Voice, Parish Councillors and Inland Water Association. There was a presentation by CRT with a team of technical experts supporting. The general public raised concerns about the emergency services and the response was that there will be significantly improved mechanisms for the emergency services to contact the control centre to ensure the bridge is open. The bridge opening and closing cycle by boaters using their apps could be improved from the current timings. If there was a queue of boats coming through, there will be a maximum opening time. This will be dependent upon the time of year, seasons etc. An embargo period on rush hour traffic at busy crossings will be looked at but will be part of the overall concept.

There was concern raised that the apps could be abused by hackers but each app will be monitored by the control centre and will only be available to licensed boaters. If a boater does not have a mobile phone installed with the app, there will be an alternative way of contacting the control centre via VHF radio or mobile phone.

CRT believe it will be able to manage the traffic although admit it is a complex issue. The automatic opening of Sandfield bridge will commence in Summer 2015, bridges north of Fretherne complete by December 2016. The quay and Sharpness bridges will be an exception. There will be focus groups set up for specific bridges to monitor issues, road traffic and boat management. There will be councillors on the focus groups. There will be leaflets available giving more information sent out to householders north of Sandfield bridge and also one pinned to the notice boards. There will be a survey carried out at some point to cover concerns raised.

There will be CCTV monitored by the control centre which will cover approach roads for intelligence when there are issues.

To date on Sandfield Bridge there have been 4,500 successful openings carried out by the bridge keeper on his mobile phone. Each bridge will have its own wi-fi area so it will not be phone dependent.

Each bridge will retain a unit for manual opening but there is a query on whether the bridge keeper's huts will be dismantled.

**100415 Allotments**

**ACTION**  
**Clerk**

To date 20 allotment holders have paid. The outstanding allotment holders have been emailed or posted a reminder letter. Clerk to monitor.

- 1110415 Website Maintenance**  
**ACTION** Website manager to upload Agenda / Minutes on a monthly basis.  
**CBartlett** Half page editorial to be placed in Severnside Magazine.  
 Parishioners can sign up to an alert from the FWS website when new items are uploaded. They would have to supply their email address and the Data Protection act would have to be adhered to.
- 120415 SEFRMS**  
**ACTION** Engineers from the Internal Drainage Board will be holding a meeting to discuss  
**JJ** Fish and Eel pass. DC Jones will attend and report back.
- 130415 Village Design Statement**  
 On hold until emergency plan actioned.
- 140415 Rural Housing**  
 On hold
- 150415 Emergency Plan**  
**ACTION** **Councillor Bierer to draft a plan.**  
**BF** Councillor Findlater covers the emergency pump switch during the week. Another person needs to be available at the weekend. BF to approach local parishioners to arrange possible back up. This person would need to be instructed on usage and given key.  
**BF** Inland drainage plan – Mr Harrower has map. He and Cllr Findlater (or alternative) to walk around with the map to mark ditches, direction of flow etc.
- 160415 Parish Plan**  
**ACTION** Community Planning grant confirmed for £500. Steering group first meeting  
**ALL** arranged for **Wednesday 13 May 2015** at Cllr Lundberg's house. Clerk to look at  
**Clerk** other Parish Council surveys for examples .  
**Councillor Lundberg** to complete and submit forms with support from a parishioner with local knowledge to register the Ship Inn and Silveys garage as community asset.  
**ACTION**  
**AL**
- 170415 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**  
**ACTION** Discovery Timber to commence work w/c 18 May 2015.  
 Stroud District Council have agreed to empty the new bin in the Playing Fields and the old bin which will be re-sited at the Canal. Posters to be erected around playing field and public footpaths.  
**AL** Climbing frame – quotes to be obtained for the bouncy material that needs to be replaced. This could be very expensive. An alternative would be gravel boards around the edge and the area to be filled with bark or sand. Businesses to be asked for quotations on both options.  
**Clerk** Clerk to enquire of the playground inspection company if the area would need to be greater if gravel boards were used around the edging.
- 180415 Audit**  
**ACTION** Council confirmed Ian Selkirk to carry out Internal Audit at end of May  
**Clerk** Grant Thornton to carry out external audit and annual return to be forwarded to them before 8 June 2015.
- 190415 Precept**  
**ACTION** First half of Precept received.  
**Clerk**
- 200415 Grass Cutting Tender**  
**ACTION** 2 cuts have now been carried out by Severn Grass Cutting Services and first  
**Clerk** invoice received. Awaiting signed contract from SGCS.

**210415 Information Exchange**

**ACTION** Awaiting salt bins.  
**AL** Salt storage to be in Cllr Lundberg shed.  
Salt spreader – ordered from GCC. Awaiting delivery.  
Playing Fields – Jane Bolton dealing with this.  
**SH** Logo for Parish Council – Council agreed to extend deadline. Notice to be posted  
**CBartlett** on website and in Severnside magazine.

**220415 Public Forum**

**ACTION** Land behind old Saul School - clearance has been completed. Approximately 4.5 days taken for completion. Awaiting final cost of PC contribution.  
**Clerk** Fretherne Church – response sent to Fretherne PCC.  
**Clerk** Road Signs – Cllr Lundberg met a representative of Amey and toured the Parish. The positioning of all 3 new signs were discussed and agreed. Sign at junction of Fretherne Lane and Church is also in need of replacing. Amey will see what they can do.  
**AL** Pond now filled in with gravel. Amey will place more tarmac and put a drain in.  
**Clerk** Saul Pound – Clerk to check archive records in Gloucester.  
**AL** Lower Framilode Pound – AL to contact John Hewitt.  
**AL** Canal Parking – There are ongoing problems with parking at Sandfield Bridge and when the Bridge is automated this could increase. Hash box, white lines or white hash lines to possibly be put in place.  
At Fretherne Bridge the lines need to be re-marked and the advance warning sign needs to be moved. The give way sign is old and will be replaced by a hi vis sign and placed higher up but not so as to obstruct the flashing bridge lights. Slow signs to be painted on road. Some of the above will be referred to Dan Tiffney GCC Highways.  
**SH** Chain basketball nets.  
**Clerk** Notice board for Upper Framilode.  
Old School Site – John Swann raised the issue of this site and access to the field at the rear. The Hughes are now owners of the old school site and have objected to the positioning of the Portaloo which was used for the clearance of the field behind. John Swann was very upset over the manner in which the objection was made. Concern was expressed over the future of the access to that field and the churchyard for disabled access.

**230415** Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 14 May 2015 together with the normal Parish Council meeting.

**240515** Date of Next Meeting - THURSDAY 14 May 2015

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm .....Chairman