

## FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish council meeting dated 5 August 2015

**Present: Councillors Mr A Lundberg (Chair); Mrs S Harrower; Mr B Findlater; Mr C Bartlett, Mr C Bierer, DC J Jones, Ms G Delbos (Clerk)**  
**4 members of the general public attended**

- 010815 Apologies for absence – Councillor L Moule.**
- 020815 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.
- 030815 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 24 June 2015-** Approved with an amendment to two Declarations of Interest regarding 29 Passage Road.
- 040815 Council Governance, roles and co-opting**  
One open seat on the Council. There is a person interested in the seat. Andy suggested giving him 2 months before asking him to confirm his interest as he had recently retired. Any person interested to contact the Clerk or Chairman.
- 050815 Finance**  
All cheques approved
- 060815 District Councillor News**  
From SDC, you will have had the recommendations from the Boundary Review Commission, with the number of Councillors on the District Council remaining at 51, and on the final Warding arrangements starting in May next year, once Parliament has rubber stamped them. There is no difference to the Fretherne with Saul Parish, it remains in Severn Ward.

However, Severn Ward loses Moreton Valence and Slimbridge parishes, MV to Hardwicke Ward and Slimbridge to a newly created Berkeley Vale Ward. Both of these will become three member Wards. Severn Ward gains Eastington parish, and will remain a two member Ward.

There is much disquiet that the Commission took no notice whatsoever of any proposals put forward by several parishes and Councillors, or even SDC, in the consultation on their original proposals, to make the new Berkeley Vale and enlarged Hardwicke Wards smaller and more manageable, it just went ahead and did as it proposed in the first place. The Commission is entirely an Independent Body, and is not politically orientated at all.

#### **The Emerging Local Plan.**

The interim feedback from the Inspector conducting the Inquiry into the Emerging Local Plan shows positive results as far as SDC is concerned. Although the Developer arguments at the hearings in May and June put forward figures suggesting the District would need well over 12000 new dwellings from 2006 to 2031, the Inspector has indicated that if SDC will accept a minimum of 11400 new dwellings in that period, he would be minded to accept that the plan is sound and robust in his final report. As the numbers add up at the moment, there are a considerable number of houses already built, or with extant permission to be built, at 1st April 2015, leaving a total of 4400 outstanding to be built up to 2031. Should a number of those with extant permission fail to be built, that figure will be added to the outstanding number. Given these figures, the Planning Strategy Dept at Ebley Mill are confident that well over 5 years of land bank supply can be shown as of now. This will enable the Planning Dept. to defend, they think successfully, appeals lodged by speculative developers across the District on refusals of Applications on land not included for development in the Emerging Local Plan.

This does not mean that all Applications for development will be refused if the sites are not in the Local Plan, as there is a contingency of 750 for Windfall sites within that Plan. Planning Officers can also use the Inspector's interim feedback when deciding on current applications.

When the Inspector sends his final report, hoped to be in August, there will have to be a small consultation period on any changes suggested in that report. Provided all comments or objections received within that consultation period are not insurmountable, then it is hoped that the new Local Plan will be adopted by full Council either at the end of this year, or early in 2016.

As you are probably aware, SDC lost its partial Judicial Review into the building of the Incinerator at Javelin Park. At the moment, building work is due to begin in 2017.

You may also have seen the announcement that the Chairman of Forest Green Rovers Football Club is looking at plans to move the club, its stadium, training pitches and an athletics track to land between the Chipman's Platt roundabout and Junction 13 of the M5 motorway, alongside the A419. This part of the proposal will be on the left hand side of the A419, coming from the Stroud direction, while on the opposite side, there is planned to be a "Green, Light Industrial Park", which could also incorporate a Park and Ride scheme for commuters working in Stroud and adjacent areas. The plans are in the very early stages of discussion, and could take at least 5 years to get to the Application stage. While this proposal is not likely to impact on the Severnside parishes yet, when Eastington Parish joins Severn Ward next year, there could be more implications locally.

## **070815**

### **Planning Applications**

**S.15/1608/TCA** The Barn, High Street, Saul, Glos. No objection from Council.

**S.15/1482/LBC** Malt House Farm, High Street, Saul, Glos. No objection from Council. However, a parishioner has raised a concern about the sale of the farm if the planning went ahead.

**S.15/1245/HHOLD** Clifton Place, Moor Street, Saul, Glos – No objections from Council

**S.15/1602/FUL** 6 Sandfield Crescent, Church Lane, Saul, Glos. This house had previous planning application for an extension. This application is for a separate dwelling. Council have lodged an objection.

**S.15/1745/FUL** Former Church of England School, High Street, Saul, Glos  
Following the pre application consultation to the Council by D Hughes, comments were passed onto Darren Hughes (DH) who subsequently responded and has made some changes to the plans, i.e. door and sky light, chimney. Councillors are concerned about the height and massing of the development. DH had previously explained that the scale of building suited family purposes.

Council are concerned that currently no drawings are available with full dimensions. The Council decided in the interests of fairness to delay a final decision on the site until dimensions were received in order to make an informed decision. Following a discussion with SDC Planning, the dimensions should be available shortly. It was decided that an Extraordinary meeting would be called to review the situation pending receipt of the dimensions

Regarding the willow tree on the Pound, a root protection area needs to be looked at further. Canopy to be dimensioned and also a Tree Protection Order to be investigated for the tree.

A site visit has been arranged with SDC planner to discuss the site

Following legal advice, Council to apply for legal access up to gate at back of church for disabled and vehicular access and access to ensure maintenance of the pound. Potential cost of £2200 plus. Council voted to carry this out.

Council have been granted an extension to the deadline of 19 August to the 27 August 2015.

**Planning Ref: S.14/2643/FUL** Rose Cottage, Moor Street, Saul – awaiting amended plans from owner.

With so many planning applications coming through that require an understanding of planning Councillors decided to seek expert planning help to advise them. This help would consist of 1-2 hours per application if the council decided it was complicated enough to require advise. This was approved.

**080815 Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing from the monthly report.

**090815 Stroud Water Canal**

Low water was raising concerns but Cllr Findlater to arrange for water to be pumped in. This together with the rainfall should resolve matters. Local parishioner to advise if low water occurs again.

**100815 Allotments**

**ACTION**  
**Clerk**

Notice to be placed on gate re dog fouling. One allotment holder, due to lack of payment and allotment not being utilised, has been given notice. User group meeting notes to be forwarded to allotment holders.

**1110815 Website Maintenance**

**ACTION**  
**CBartlett**

Link to FWS website re Awre website re solar panels.  
Link to FWS website re Canal survey link.  
Both to be put on FWS Facebook page

**120815 SEFRMS**

Fish and eel pass on hold.

**130815 Village Design Statement**

On hold until emergency plan actioned.

**140815 Rural Housing**

Cllr S Harrower attended meeting at Uley who have had properties consisting of 4 flats and 3 houses done attractively in Uley. GRCC and SDC discussed needs, elderly, downsizing, and affordable housing for young.

The Farmer who gave who gave the land for houses and allotments gave a talk. FWS Council are interested in pursuing the idea of affordable housing in community. The local need will be looked at within the Parish Plan. A farmer would also need to be willing to give the land. The Housing Association team, builder, architect etc. would be involved and once agreed the Council would withdraw from input.

Cllr S Harrower raised concern with SDC as Saul is on flood plain but all depends on where these properties would be built.

Housing needs questionnaire sent by GRCC who are quite happy to do survey for us. This will be incorporated into Parish Plan.

**150815 Emergency Plan**

- ACTION** Councillor Bierer to draft a plan and circulate to Councillors.  
**BF** Councillor Findlater to approach local parishioner re back up for key etc.  
**AL** Inland drainage plan – Mr Harrower has map. David Davis to be introduced to G Harrower to assist with plan.
- 160815 Parish Plan**  
**ACTION** Parish Plan has been developed in draft form. Proposed survey to be sent to all  
**Clerk** Council members.
- ACTION** **Councillor Lundberg** to complete and submit forms with support from a  
**AL** parishioner with local knowledge to register the Ship Inn and Silveys garage as community asset.
- 170815 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground**  
**ACTION** New Dog Poo bin is loose. Discovery Timber to re-concrete in.  
**Clerk** Bins at Framilode and Fretherne – SDC will not replace FOC. Clerk to order two bins at a cost (inc. installation) of £235 each plus VAT.  
**C Bierer** Survey to be carried out on bouncy material w/c 17 August 2015.
- 180615 Insurance**  
**ACTION** Renewal Premium very high. Cllor Lundberg has looked at assets covered and  
**Clerk** revised. Clerk to contact AON to advise and obtain revised premium. Clerk also to contact other Councils about who their insurers are etc. Consider joining other Councils in a bulk buy insurance.
- 190815 Audit**  
**ACTION** Internal audit completed. External Audit with Grant Thornton.  
**Clerk**
- 200815 Information Exchange**  
**ACTION** Salt spreader awaiting collection.  
**AL** Salt storage to be in Cllr Lundberg shed.
- Clerk** Wheelie bin stickers to be distributed to parishioners for display on wheelie bins.
- Charity Donation – Policy to be created and to be included on budget for 2015 / 2016. To be put on next Agenda.
- September Event – This to be a Bring and Buy. Table Tops will be rented out for people to sell produce/second-hand items etc. There will be a bouncy castle and slide, BBQ and Bar, Face Painter, Treasure Hunt. Marquee to be donated by Attwools. As weather uncertain, a second marquee to be hired. A budget of £200 was approved by Council.
- 210815 Public Forum**  
**AL** Saul Pound – Cllr C Bierer will ensure that this is registered as a Village Green  
 Framilode Passage Pound – AL to contact John Hewitt.  
**Clerk** Chain basketball nets – no nets available that fit.  
 Notice board for Framilode to be ordered.
- The next Severn Voice Meeting to be held at Arlingham on 19 October 2015. Nick Worthington to attend to discuss bridges.
- Mr J Swan gave an update re graveyard. The Council agreed to help the church with the application for change of use.
- Where else can people be buried if not their local graveyard?

Council to write to John Jones, Haydn Jones, Tony Blackburn and Neil Carmichael to request support for the application as the current graveyard at Saul is sustainable for new burials for the possibly only the next 2 or 3 years.

FWS Parish Council to assist Mr J Swan with these applications. Cost limit £1200 for advice – application fees to be paid either directly or indirectly by the church.

**220815** The Monthly Parish Council meeting with be held on Wednesday 30 September 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.....Chairman