FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 25th June 2014

Present: District Councillor Mr. J. Jones, Councillors: Mr. A. Lundberg (Chair), Mr C. Bierer, Mrs. S. Harrower, Helen Jenkins (Clerk), and 3 members of the parish.

010614 Apologies for absence - None received

020614 Minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 4th June (May meeting) 2014 - Approved

030614 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.

040614 Matters arising from last month's minutes.

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

050614 Council Governance

Advertisement for new councillors prepared. This is to be placed on the website and copies printed. Quote for printing still to be received. **Councillor Harrower to action.**

Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms completed

060614 Finance

All cheques approved and signed.

VAT return to be completed when audit finalised. **Clerk to speak to Councillor Bierer.**

H Jenkins – Clerks wages June	£266.88
H Jenkins – Clerk Expenses	£19.03
Paul Gardner Landscapes	£60.70
GPFA (Playground Seminar)	£20.00

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Councillor Lundberg to obtain quote for cutting back dead wood from trees on Saul Pound.

070614 District Councillors News

District Councillor J. Jones gave the following report.

Stroud District Council will be helping financially those Parish Councils that had Parish elections in 2013 and 14, and those who will be having Parish Council elections in 2015, as a result of the District going to all out elections in 2016. From 13/14, only Berkeley Town and Arlingham Parish will qualify for the financial help. It remains to be seen how many there will be next year. The reasoning behind this is that those town and parishes will be facing extra expense through having elections out of their 4 yearly cycle.

A resolution to keep the number of Councillors at the present level was passed on a majority vote.

However, each political group on the Council can make its own representation on this matter, either to amend it upwards, or downwards. There is a school of thought that there should be more, given the proposals to build more homes in the District, thus increasing the population, while another says that there should be a reduction in Councillors, in line with the 10% reduction in staff at Ebley Mill over the last few years.

The initial report of the Inspector's enquiry into the Draft Local Plan Submission in December 2013 shows that he is satisfied on one point, that being the duty of co-operation with adjoining Councils, Gloucester City, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham, but has told the Council to rethink its' projected

housing numbers. He has given the Council six months to come up with a new calculation, showing a different approach, which could result in a decrease in the number of homes needed, but more likely an increase. In the meantime, many parts of the District are vulnerable to predatory developers and their agents putting in applications for development, most of which were not in the Draft Submission as a strategic site. This could well lead to development by appeal, over which SDC have little control, when Government Planning Inspectors overturn SDC refusals and give permission to at lest some of these applications. It will remain this way until the Council can get its' updated Draft Plan accepted by the Inspector, and adopted by the Full Council. This is now unlikely to be before the end of 2015.

080614 Planning Applications

There were two planning applications received following the last meeting :

S.14/1404/ LBC	Fretherne Bridge House, Bridge Rd, Frampton on Severn	Internal alterations to ground floor layout.	No objections by the Parish Council.
S.14/1251/ HHOLD	8 Canal Row, Framilode	Demolition of single storey structure and erection of 2 storey extension. Amended plans (19/6/14) – reduction in size of extension.	Adjourn and look at sub-committee.

090614 Police report and Neighbourhood Watch

No report received	

Neighbourhood Watch – Report received from Neighbourhood Wardens to be included each month. **Councillor Lundberg to contact Mr. P. Drew.**

100614 Stroud Water Canal - Nothing to report.

110614 Allotments

Allotment information to be posted on website. There are training opportunities available, however this will not be taken at present. **Clerk to forward waiting list detail to Councillor Lundberg.**

120614 Councillor and Clerk Training

It was agreed clerk to attend financial training course.

130614 Website maintenance updating etc

Website problems but being investigated.

Councillor Bierer to provide a photograph and information.

140614 SEFRMS, Environment Agency and Severn Estuary Forum

Contact details now received from EA. **Clerk to write to EA and copy to landowners, confirming our concerns that defences which protect the village may be compromised by badgers excavating them.**

150614 War Memorial

Parish Council Interest has been registered. One other website to complete. **Clerk to action.**

War Memorial Fretherne – Quotes still not in. Slabs have already been removed. **Councillor Lundberg to chase.**

160614 Village Design Statement and Emergency Plan

To be put as two separate items in next agenda. **Clerk to action.**

Village Design Statement – Still awaiting responses.

Emergency Plan - **Councillor Bierer to attend to**. He will look at other parishes plan to check what information is required. Empty sandbags can be obtained from Ebley Mill. If flooding extreme District Council would look at a request to cover costs.

Councillor Lundberg to contact Mr. C. Robbins for details of holder of key for switch to the pump.

170614 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground

Monster Play to be chased to comment on issues regarding the BS standards for some of the equipment they installed in 2011. New standards were introduced in 2008. **Clerk to action.**

Free annual playground assessments for members are now available from Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association. **Clerk to action.**

180614 Audit

Financial Information forwarded to External Auditor.

190614 Information Exchange

Pharmacy survey details to be placed on notice board. **Clerk to action.**

Frampton Fair – Details for website and noticeboard. **Councillor Harrower to action.**

The local 'Home Show' on 7th September 2014 is in progress.

Notice board items to be put up for one month.

Western Power emergency details to be put on website under Emergency Plan.

Telephone Kiosk – the agreement/contract now received. Paint obtained and there are a few offers of help.

Defibrillator – Electrician will supply parts up to the value of £100 but is unable to fit. Quote obtained from another. **Councillor Bierer to speak to company who supplied defibrillator**. They may be able to help with a contact. **Councillor Lundberg to email defibrillator contact details to Councillor Bierer**. If no other contacts will use quotes already obtained.

GAPTC AGM - No attendees.

200614 Public Forum

Dog Waste Bins – Reply received from Stroud District Council today that they are registered. They will however not be emptied. **Councillor Lundberg has asked how much it would cost for the bins to be emptied. Await reply. District Councillor Jones to take this up with the Head of Community Services, Stroud at the next meeting in September.**

The bin at Saul Junction has been replaced. Canal and River Trust (CRT) paid for the bin. Councillor Bierer spoke to CRT concerning a second bin. They would not look at another. **Councillor Bierer to make enquiries for them to put up another if Stroud council would agree to empty the bin.** Councillor Bierer put the question to District Councillor Jones – Would Stroud Council continue to empty a larger bin if it was changed? It was thought that providing the signs were there it would be.

Severn Voice Meeting minutes have been added to website.

Parishioner raised a question concerning the proposed Memorial Plaque for Saul Memorial Hall. A question had been asked at the Memorial Hall AGM whether formal contact had been made regarding the requirement for a plaque with the names of those who gave their lives. The response had been 'no'. It is believed that a member of the Memorial Hall committee was present at the Parish Meeting when this was first raised and although no formal meeting had taken place at present a discussion would take place before anything was put in place.

Buses – Discussion took place regarding the fact that a smaller bus is now being used and is full before it gets to Whitminster. District Councillor Jones has already been in discussion with Shire Hall as this is a County Council issue.

Fretherne Bridge – Dan Tiffney is to organise changing 'Give Way' to 'Stop' at the Juction from Arlingham. This may take some time. The foliage has already been cut back from other signs. Unable to extend speed limit without a Traffic Order. Extra 'Slow' signs to be painted on the road. Councillor Lundberg has written to Dan Tiffney regarding a 'Solar Slow' sign which details your speed and costs £1500 – awaiting reply. Flashing lights need to be turned slightly and the foliage cut back – CRT lights. Further repeater lights – proposal in place, cost £15000 but not ideal solution.

Sandfield Bridge – Boat Festival August Bank Holiday. Bridge likely to be extremely busy. With cars parked on the road and traffic going past Stables Cafe there is often difficulty getting through.

Suggestions - If Yellow lines were in place unlikely to enforce no parking. Traffic order needed to paint on road. Put up 'No Parking' notices. Cut back Verge – Highways own verge. Purchase land and provide car parking. Car parking already available. **Councillor Bierer to contact Dan Tiffney regarding Yellow Lines.**

Whitminster crossroads closed for next 2 Sundays. Highfield closed on 6/7/14, access on 29/6/14. Road will reopen as soon as tarmac cool which takes around 5 hours.

210614 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting September 24th at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm. .....Chairman

Summary of actions to carry forward to Matters arising from last month's minutes.

Council Governance, roles and co-opting – The vacancies for a further 4 councillors to be advertised by flier. Awaiting Quotes. **Councillor Harrower to action.**

Finance – Request received from Lakefield C of E Primary School to assist with funding a visit from the Play Rangers for school age children living in and around Frampton on Severn during the school summer holidays. Cost £450 per day. Discussion took place and on this occasion it was felt that we were unable to assist. More notice was required and not budgeted for. **Clerk to respond**. There may also be a limit to how much we could give. **Clerk to make enquiries.**

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