

FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 30th October 2013

Present: District Councillor Mr. J. Jones, Councillors: Mr. J. Hewett, Mr. A. Lundberg (Chair), Mrs. S. Harrower, Helen Jenkins (Parish Clerk), and 8 members of the parish.

011013 Apologies for absence.

District Councillor Mr. H. Jones, Councillors: Mr. C. Robbins, Mr. C. Bierer.

021013 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 25th September.

Minutes approved.

031013 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.

041013 Matters arising from last month's minutes.

All matters arising from last month's minutes were included within the planned agenda and are detailed below.

051013 Council Governance.

Declaration of Acceptance Forms.

Completed forms received from Councillors Lundberg and Harrower. **Forms still to be completed by Councillors Robbins and Bierer.**

Declaration of Interest Forms.

Completed forms received from Councillors C. Bierer, A. Lundberg and S. Harrower. It was established that Councillors elected prior to The Localism Act and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012 are not required to complete the documentation. **Clerk to ensure all forms completed and forward to the relevant department at Stroud District Council.**

061013 Finance.

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| H Jenkins – Clerks wages October (5 weeks) | £333.60 |
| H Jenkins – Clerk Expenses | £20.89 |
| Mrs L. Ireland (Severn Voice) | £25.00 |
| AON Insurance (Waterplay) | £86.49 |
| RBL Poppy Appeal | £20.00 |
| Severn Trent Water Ltd (Allotments) | £205.43 |

All cheques approved.

Precept is to be decided next month. **A Finance committee will meet to discuss and report back at the next meeting.**

The bank forms have now been completed to include the new signatories. **Clerk to forward to the bank .**

Leaving gifts were discussed. **Clerk to provide a list of names of previous councillors that have not yet received gifts. GAPTC to be contacted regarding appropriate limits.**

071013 District Councillors News - District Councillor J. Jones

District Councillor J. Jones delivered the following report.

The following items were discussed at the Full Council Meeting on 10th October 2013.

Chairman's Charities this year will be the Local Branch of The Autistic Society and G 11 Project.

Stroud District Council has now joined some other authorities in the County in paying a minimum £7.45 per hour thus becoming a Living Wage Employer.

A Cross Party Working Group is to be re-convened to assess whether the Committee System of Governance is working properly or not.

Council agreed to write to The Secretary of State for Education, supporting Kings Stanley Primary School's request that, the recent Ofsted report that could force the school to become an Academy, are against the wishes of the Governors, Staff and Parents wishes.

Council considered and approved reports on increasing the Housing Revenue Account budget, including bringing forward Renewable Energy work from next years, increasing Asbestos Survey budget, increasing Voids(those council houses vacant for longer than the average time taken to fill them around 24-26 days) budget. Energy budget will include £880K awarded to install Air Source Heat Pumps in Off Gas Council Houses.

Approved report from Community Services Committee to add £61000 to this year's budget from next year's, to complete the upgrading of toilets and changing facilities at Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

Motion on providing £12500 over 5 years to match money raised by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for investigation into vaccination against TB in badgers provoked considerable and sometimes heated discussion for about 1 ½ hours. Meeting ended at 10.20pm.

081013 Planning Applications

There were two planning applications in the month :

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| S.13/2100/ LBC | Lock House, Framilode | Remove partition wall & bathroom in dressing room to create bedroom. Install shower room in place of water tank & replace original wall. Create 2 shower rooms with lavatories in upper floor bedrooms. | No objections by the Parish Council |
| S.13/1739/ HHOLD Revised plans – | 7 Canal Row, Framilode | Demolition of single storey extension and erection of 2 storey and single storey extension. | No objections by the Parish Council |
| S.13/2309/ HHOLD | | Revised plans – Extension moved away from boundary. | |

Clerk to write back to Stroud District Planning and confirm Parish Council views

091013 Police report and Neighbourhood Watch

The following report from the police was read out by the Chairman:

Went into garden after hearing someone out there, appeared bike shed had been opened and footsteps in garden. (Crime prevention given by Police and victim given shed alarm) nothing was stolen.

Fretherne burglary Non-Dwelling. 2 workshops and a garage had been entered. The following items taken stihl chainsaws and other items taken, crime prevention given by Police and victim offered Smartwater. They have been given shed alarms to put up on the property that was targeted, victim has also joined our Rural Watch scheme (same as Neighbourhood Watch but they are rural contacts).

3 males stopped and found with possession of Cannabis given cautions.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme set up in Saul. 3 signs have now been put up and 2 more are to be ordered. 10 Information packs have been distributed. 6 more packs are to be given to Councillor J. Hewett to be distributed in the Moor Street/High Street area.

District Councillor J. Jones advised Stroud Road Safety Group annual drink driving campaign will check car headlights, rear lights, brake lights and Bicycles without lights. **Councillor Lundberg to discuss possibility of PCSO Lifton attending next meeting to give talk on Neighbourhood watch**

101013 Stroud Water Canal

Councillor Hewett to check fence.

111013 Allotments

Letters issued chasing outstanding rent. Have until 30th November to pay or plots offered to those on waiting list.

Tree next to allotment pond can be removed. Mr D. Davies to assist Councillor Lundberg.

121013 Councillor and Clerk Training

Councillor Harrower to attend course on 19th November – Being a Better Councillor. **Clerk to action.**

131013 Website maintenance updating etc.

Mr S. Robbins is no longer assisting and will hand over to Councillor Harrower.

Clerk to forward contact number for Mr. Robbins to Councillor Harrower.

Playgroup have been informed of Council's agreement to their advertisement request.

141013 SEFRMS, Environment Agency and Severn Estuary Forum

No information received.

151013 War Memorial

Memorial Hall name Plaques – It was decided that this was a good idea. There is a list of the names of the Parish deceased in Framilode Church. Beryl also has a list and will let Councillor Lundberg have a copy. Do Fretherne have a list too?

Councillor Lundberg to action.

Highways are still to come back to the clerk.

Clerk to chase.

161013 Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground

Jane Bolton provided an update. Shed providing changing facilities for disabled families. Playroad being laid in a few weeks.

Slide mound – no funds left now. Jane looking for more grants.

171013 Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Service

Mr. C. Meredith agreed to gift the lights to the council. Santa float to be booked.

Councillor Harrower to action and discuss with Linda Griffiths.

Councillor Lundberg to obtain lights from Mr. Meredith.

181013 Communication

244 copies of the parish magazine are printed of which approx. 9 are delivered outside of the parish. There are 568 registered on the Electoral Role.

It was decided to research how best to communicate to all parishioners – magazine, website or both?

To be discussed at committee and looked at again in 2 months time – What the options are/proposals.

191013 Information Exchange

Scan posters down to A5 and put on notice boards.

Severn Voice meeting minutes to be placed on notice board. **Clerk to action.**

201013 Public Forum

Website - Mr. M. Ounsted encouraged the council to update the website as this may be the best way to connect with the parishioners.

SEFRMS – Mr M. Ounsted identified himself as being knowledgeable on SEFRMS should the council need advice

Defibrillator - Jane Bolton discussed the possibility of a defibrillator for the parish. It is suggested that if you live further than 5 minutes away from emergency treatment a defibrillator can give you the best chance of survival. The cost is £2000 which also includes training. Is the parish able to contribute? It will cost £20 per annum to run and has a working life of 7/8 years. Where would it be sited? Possibilities included Telephone box and Church. It was agreed to research it for next month and discuss then.

Ambulance Incident - Mr. M. Ounsted advised that an ambulance (flashing blue lights) had been held up at Fretherne Bridge. Most bridges have 'telephone ahead' contact so that the bridge remains open to road traffic. This doesn't happen at Fretherne. It is to be raised at the next Severn Voice meeting and also to be investigated. Contact is Phil Sullivan at Community Safety.

Councillor J. Jones to discuss. Clerk to action.

Stroud water canal fence - Parishioner advised that the fence at the Framilode end of the Stroud Water Canal is still not repaired. A car has also hit it and caused more damage. **Councillor Hewett to inspect.**

Badgers - are continuing to remove around a ton of material from the defences on the banks of the River Frome, around the orchard on private land. Is this the Environment Agency responsibility? **Councillor Hewett to action.**

Agendas - Copies of Agendas requested for those attending meetings.

211013 Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

..... Chairman

Date of next meeting November 27th at 7.30 p.m

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in exercising any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

Minutes October Helen Jenkins, L'Eglise, Church Lane, Saul, Gloucester. GL2 7JY

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

Councillor Governance – Declaration of Acceptance forms still to be completed by Councillors Robbins and Bierer. Clerk to action and forward all forms to Stroud.

Finance – Clerk to forward new mandate to bank.

Clerk to contact GAPTC re limits for gifts and produce list of councillors who have not received a gift.

Police report and Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Lundberg to contact PCSO Lifton to discuss possibility of attending next meeting to talk about the speed of traffic.

Stroud Water Canal – Councillor Hewett to check condition of fence.

Councillor and Clerk Training – Clerk to book Councillor Harrower on course.

Website Maintenance – Clerk to provide contact number of Mr. S. Robbins to councillor Harrower.

War Memorial – Councillor Lundberg to obtain list of War deceased.

Clerk to chase Highways for response.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Service – Councillor Harrower to contact Linda Griffiths.

Councillor Lundberg to obtain Tree Lights from Mr. Meredith.

Communication - Clerk to ensure this item added to agenda in 2 months time.

Information Exchange – Clerk to put Severn Voice minutes on notice board.

Councillor Lundberg to discuss position regarding fence next to Stroud Water Canal.

Councillor Lundberg to action problem with the defences on the River Frome.