

FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 29th July 2008

Present: Messrs R.Johnson (Chairman), R.Findlater, C.Meredith, J. Hewett, Mrs. L. Griffiths, District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), and 3 members of the parish.

010708 Apologies for absence.

Councillors D.Pockett and Mrs.A.Greaves

020708 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 25th June.

Approved.

030708 Approval of the audited year end accounts April 07 – March 08

Clerk has received the auditor's (Mr. Iain Selkirk) report for the year end accounts which was distributed and approved.

040708 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda

None

050708 Police report

No police or report available this month.

060708 Kate Russell – conservation area

Kate Russell very kindly attended the meeting this month as concerns had been raised over the

Conservation area boundary as it was felt that there was a missed opportunity for the parish to perhaps have other areas included in the conservation area. Kate explained that the Conservation area boundary for Fretherne for Saul was not currently under review, only Frampton on Severn and that also that the Industrial Heritage Conservation Area was a completely separate consultation to the Frampton on Severn Conservation Area

Kate went on to say that to appraise a Conservation Area is quite difficult, especially if the area is very diverse such as F.O.S. As a result, the area is broken up into sub areas for evaluation ease.

Changes to the Conservation Area are the inclusion of the industrial estate and the Oval. As the industrial estate and Splatt Bridge did not fit into a "character part" (a sub area) it was easier to link them via the canal thus making a further character part therefore making the canal part of the F.o.S conservation area. It is not unusual for conservation area boundaries to cross into different parishes and the canal being included in the F.o.S conservation area boundary will have no significant effect for the parish of Fretherne with Saul.

Councillors agreed to accept the Conservation area Boundary as determined and explained by Kate Russell.

Councillor Meredith will organise a public meeting to discuss primarily the residents alongside the canal wishes re wildlife and environmental issues. At this meeting it is hoped that any questions concerning the Industrial Heritage Conservation Area may be fielded.

070708 Matters arising from last months minutes.

Clerks contract of employment to follow.

A rubbish bin has been requested for the Youth Shelter – clerk to follow up.

Clerk to write to David Drew (MP) and Graham Littleton concerning a pump at Hock Cliff.

Councillor Meredith attended the Calor Village of the Year Ceremony. Fretherne with Saul were awarded a finalist position although we did not unfortunately win.

Arlingham Parish Council won an award for the Horseshoe Walk Project.

Clerk to recontact Footpaths re the footpath sign at Saul Farm.

- 080708 Finance-Cheques for Agreement and Signature**
 All cheques were agreed and signed
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| Mrs. M. Glover clerks wages July 5 weeks | £281.29 |
| Mrs. M. Glover clerks wages August | £225.03 |
| Mr Iain Selkirk – auditing the accounts | £115.00 |
| Donation – Mr Peter Cheesman retirement gift | £ 25.00 |
- 090708 Planning - New applications for discussion.**
 None this month.
- 100708 District Councillor’s News**
 District Councillor John Jones reported that regarding the canal project in Stroud, the National Heritage Lottery Fund and the South West Regional Development Agency had approved the District Council’s bid to become the lead partner of phase 1a of the restoration programme from Brimscome to Stonehouse, thereby making the monies already earmarked still available. The final decision for the Council to be the lead partner will be made by Councillors at the full Council meeting in September. It may still require additional funding.
 A new drainage officer should be appointed in August. He will source the training for the parish and town watercourse wardens.
 At the Severn Voice meeting on 10th September at Slimbridge, Mr. John Goaley will present on the possibilities of using prisoners from Leyhill Prison for work parties within local communities.
 Clerk should contact the planning case officer for the land adjacent to Wayside to determine if all the conditions attached to the planning permission have been met.
- 110708 Telephone box removal**
 SDC have objected to all three telephone boxes in the parish being removed. No action is required from the parish.
- 120708 Gulley emptying programme**
 Clerk to highlight the following high risk areas as determined by councillors:-
 Church Lane, High Street from Malt House Farm to Moor Street.
- 130708 Youth Shelter**
 The roof has been broken – clerk to contact Councillor Pocket to see if it can be fixed.
 There has been an awful lot of broken glass left around the playing field area, presumably broken by users of the youth shelter. Clerk to put a sign in the youth shelter advising all users that abuse of the shelter will mean it will be dismantled.
 Clerk to contact police to ask if they can patrol the area.
- 140708 Picnic Bench**
 Councillor Johnson will liaise with the police at the forthcoming meeting as to whether or not the siting of the bench on the pound will reinforce the anti-social behaviour there.
- 150708 Village Plan**
 Councillor Griffiths reported on the updates that have taken place from the Village Plan. It was agreed that an A4 sheet showing the updates should be photocopied and ready for the September meeting for councillors then to distribute to the parish.
- 160708 Draft Mental Health and Social Inclusion Strategy for Gloucestershire**
 Councillor Meredith took this to give to Councillor Greaves.
- 170708 Gloucestershire Police Authority Annual Report**
 This item was passed to Councillor Meredith.
- 180708 Waste management Consultation**
 This item was passed to Councillor Griffiths.
- 190708 Information Exchange**
 Councillor Johnson reported that Reverend Cheesman’s last service will be August 31st at F.o.S. Councillors agreed to a twenty five pound donation to Reverend

Cheesman's leaving present (see minute reference 080708 above).
Clerk has received a letter concerning the camping advertisement shown in the canal festival programme offering camping at Glebe farm. Clerk to contact the enforcement officer at SDC.

Councillor Griffiths asked that the regional spatial strategy proposal changes be put on the agenda for September.

Concerns were raised by Councillor Griffiths over the Cadbury's site development. Councillors decided not to pass comment on the application as a parish council but individual representations could of course be made.

Councillor Findlater has again been contacted concerning the issue over the water on Fretherne Lane by the Merret's house. The problem is beyond Highways control because of the residing badgers in the banks of the ditches there.

200708 Public Forum.

There were no comments from the public this month.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.06 pm.

..... Chairman

**Date of Next Meeting.
September 24th – 7.30pm**

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.

