

FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 25th June 2008

Present: Messrs R Johnson (Chairman), R.Findlater, C.Meredith, J. Hewett, D.Pockett, Mrs. A, Greaves, Mrs. L. Griffiths, District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), and 2 members of the parish

010608 Apologies for absence.

None

020608 Election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, & Financial Officer

Councillor Bob Johnson was the only candidate nominated for Chair and was duly elected. Councillor Ann Greaves was elected as Vice chair and Parish Clerk Mel Glover elected as the Financial Officer.

030608 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 30.04.08, School Site meeting held 04.06.08 and Parish sub. meeting held 11.06.08.

All minutes were approved.

040608 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None.

050608 Police report.

Police were unable to attend but a report had been sent to the clerk highlighting that only one crime of criminal damage had been reported for the month.

District Councillor Jones reported that were some staffing changes being implemented with PCSO Debbie Hughes currently training a new PCSO.

060608 Matters arising from last months minutes.

Councillor Griffiths stated that a contract of employment needs to be in place for the parish clerk.

Concerning the original car park application at Fretherne, this was withdrawn but SDC are unable to offer a reason as to why. Clerk will write to Frampton PC.

070608 Finance-Cheques for Agreement and Signature

All cheques were approved and signed

Mrs. M. Glover clerks wages £225.03

Mr. D. Pockett – Youth Shelter £500.00

Elmore Parish Council share of severn Voice costs £ 7.22

080608 Planning - New applications for discussion.

S.08/1234/Ful	Home Farm	Conversion of existing barn
	Fretherne lane	and erection of an outbuilding.
	Saul	
	GL7 7JG	

Councillors approved the application as long as neighbouring properties had no concerns.

Clerk to highlight traffic concerns as a comment.

Councillor Meredith will contact the neighbours.

090608 District Councillor's News.

District Councillor John Jones reported the following:-

There is to be a special meeting concerning the canal project – council decided to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund to become the lead partner in the project as British Waterways have pulled out. The decision will be known early next week. Another Council meeting will take place to decide how to source additional funds if it becomes necessary.

There will be a council meeting tomorrow night with a few items on the agenda:-

Annual report of the Standards Committee – how the national standards committee are delegating authority to local standards committees.

Statement of accounts – Council has to adopt the statement of accounts 2007-2008 by 30th June.

Independent Remuneration Panel Report – currently District Councillors are able to claim mileage for any number of parish meetings they may attend in the year. There is a recommendation that councillors who attend parish council meetings as a district council representative may only claim for a maximum number of 12 visits for the whole ward for the whole year.

There are 3 motions to be discussed –

The procurement of rain harvesting facilities (for example a fully costed rain water harvesting system could save approximately £2500 if rain water is used to flush toilets) District Council to pay its share of the costs of Gloucestershire Accounts.

Waste Strategy Advisory panel – 10 councillors will assist in devising and formulating a robust waste policy.

Councillor Linda Griffiths asked DC Jones for clarification on the parish boundary for the conservation area extension plan as it looks like (according to the plan) that part of Fretherne with Saul Parish is listed as Frampton Parish. Councillor Griffiths and Councillor Meredith will liaise on this item.

100608 Gloucestershire Charter – Group Meeting

Councillors unable to attend – clerk to ask for a copy of the minutes.

110608 Flooding Conference - future resilience Meeting

Councillors Hewett and Griffiths will attend if at all possible.

120608 Vision 21 AGM

Councillors unable to attend – clerk to ask for a copy of the minutes

130608 Parish Plan Forum – Zero carbon parishes

Councillor Greaves will attend.

140608 Standards Committee Vacancy

Councillors did not want to fill this vacancy.

150608 Playing Field and Playground of the year competition

This item was passed to Councillor Johnson for forwarding to the Village Hall Committee.

160608 GRCC village of the year presentation (AG)

Councillor Greaves reported that this will take place on Monday 9th July , starting at the Memorial Hall with the playgroup leader, meeting Councillor Griffiths at the school site, meeting Mrs. Beryl Ridley at the allotment pond and finishing off with a cup of tea at the Heritage Centre.

170608 Community Hall Energy Efficiency & Renewable Schemes

This item was passed to Councillor Johnson for forwarding to the Village Hall Committee.

180608 Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Unfortunately nobody was able to attend this conference.

190608 CPRE AGM

Clerk to circulate details.

200608 Youth Shelter (DP)

Youth Shelter is built, installed and being well utilised. Rubbish is already a problem – clerk to source a rubbish bin if possible.

210608 Information Exchange

Gloucestershire Village of the year Ceremony will be attended by Councillor Meredith.

Arlingham Horseshoe Walks project will be attended by Councillor Meredith if possible.

Clerk has received further communication from Arlingham parish Council concerning roads and trees and will acknowledge.

Councillor Greaves reported that the Severnside Scouts had received a certificate for their litter picking efforts and also asked about safe netting for goals which the clerk will investigate.

Councillor Griffiths asked the clerk to contact David Drew MP about the recent “flood meeting” and the pump possibility.

Councillor Griffiths asked that the Village Plan Update be put on the agenda for next month.

Councillor Hewett asked if planning permission had been granted for the land next to the garage as work had begun. Clerk has not received any paperwork but will check the SDC

website.

Councillor Findlater has once again had concerns about the water on Fretherne Lane by the Merrets house raised. This is a problem because of the badger setts there and Highways are unable to take any action.

Also, the footpath sign by Saul Farm seems to be missing – clerk to contact Footpaths.

220608 Public Forum.

There were no comments from the public this month.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

..... Chairman

**Date of Next Meeting.
July 30th – 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.

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