

FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 28th May 2008

Present: Messrs R Johnson (Chairman), R.Findlater, C.Meredith, Mrs. A, Greaves, District Councillor John Jones, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), and 5 members of the parish

010508 Apologies for absence.

D. Pockett, Mrs. L.Griffiths, J.Hewett

020508 Election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, & Financial Officer

This item was carried over to the next meeting when it was hoped a full parish council would be present.

030508 Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 30.04.08. and School Site meeting held 13.05.08.

All minutes were approved

040508 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda.

None

050508 Police report.

No report this month as police were not present at the meeting.

060508 Matters arising from last months minutes.

New road sign for Framilode Passage is in place on Saul Cross.

Unfortunately the deadline entry date had been missed for the Bledisloe Cup this year but the entry for the Calor Village of the Year had been placed. A presentation from councillors to the judges is needed either 30th May or 13th June. Councillors opted for 13th June and Councillor Greaves will take charge of this.

070508 Finance-Cheques for Agreement and Signature

All cheques were agreed and signed.

Mrs. M. Glover clerks wages £225.03

Neighbourhood Warden Scheme £200.00

080508 Planning - New applications for discussion.

S.08/0866/FUL	Cedar Cottage High Street, Saul, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 7LW	Demolition of existing w.c. and conservatory. Erection of two storey extension to rear of dwelling.
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Councillors approved this application. There were no objections from neighbours.

S.08/0873/FUL	1 Prince Of Wales Terrace Moor Street, Saul, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 7JX	Erection of two storey extension to rear. Conversion of outhouse to bedroom with en-suite and studio.
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Councillors approved this application. There were no objections from neighbours.

090508 District Councillor's News.

District Councillor John Jones reported that there had been a District Council A.G.M. on May 15th. The balance of the council members remains the same after the elections, Conservatives in overall control with thirty-one seats (losing two but also gaining two), Labour with seven (having lost two), Green Party with six (having gained one), Lib.Dems. with five (one gain) and two independents.

John Hudson was re-elected as Chair of Council

Cabinet members as follows:-

Chas Fellows – Leader

Frances Roden – Deputy Leader and Housing
David Wride – Finance and Business Support
Joe Forbes – Community Safety
Elisabeth Bird – Environment
John Jeffreys – Leisure and Culture
Barbara Tait – Planning and Climate Change
Nigel Studdert-Kennedy – Regeneration and Tourism.
These are the same cabinet members as last year but the portfolio names have changed slightly. The Deputy Leader is new.

A resolution was made to amend the constitution so that the Chairs and Vice Chairs of both the Scrutiny committees can be elected from any member of those Committees, as long as they are not Cabinet Members. Previously the Chairs and Vice Chairs of these committees were elected from committee members not forming part of the Administration. This brings those committees in line with the Local Government Act 2000.

Minor changes were made to personnel on the Council's major Standing Committees, Graham Littleton still Chair of the DCC, Norman Smith still chair of Licensing and Regulation, Liz Peters Chair of Housing Forum, Chris Brine and Paul Smith Chairs of Scrutiny Committees. There were some minor changes to personnel on other committees. District Councillor Jones is still on the DCC and the Licensing and Regulation committee and he also represents SDC on GPFA.

District Councillor Jones was newly elected to Vice Chair of Council for 2008/2009.

There will be a special meeting of the Council on Thursday 5th June to resolve the way forward with the Canal Project now that British Waterways have pulled out. It is expected that the press will be in full attendance.

100508 Vitalise – donation request

Councillors decided that due to a lack of funds they were unable to approve a donation.

110508 Road Signs – clean up campaign

Councillors agreed to tidy up (clean and make visible) road signs for the parish. Councillor Greaves will do Fretherne Lane, Framilode and up to Saul Cross. Councillor Meredith will do Fretherne Bridge and road area. Councillor Findlater will do Church Lane and Moor Street. Councillor Johnson will do Moor Street (after the Ship) and round to Framilode Church.

120508 Rural and Community Investment Scheme

It was decided not to apply for a grant this year because of insufficient parish funds.

130508 Health Report (AG)

EXTENDED GP HOURS

Gordon Brown has proposed that GP practices open for 3 more hours per week. He feels that it is critical if the NHS is to deliver a more personal service focusing on preventing ill health at an early stage. We must wait to see how this will effect local services

NHS CHOICES

Since 1st April 2008 any patient receiving routine elective treatment has been able to choose from any NHS approved hospital. The Gov. sees this as fundamental to the delivery of personalised service.

CHANGING ROLE OF PHARMACISTS

It is anticipated that a pharmacists work will complement a GP's, in promoting health, preventing sickness and providing care that is more personal and responsive to individual needs. They will be able to prescribe for and deal with minor ailments on the NHS. They will also support those with long term conditions and will provide

screening and advice.

PUTTING PREVENTION FIRST.

Everyone aged between 40 - 74 is to be offered vascular checks. In its various forms it affects 4 million people per year and kills 170,000. It will be simple testing eg. weight, blood pressure waist measurement and a blood test for cholesterol starting 2009/10.

LOCAL NEWS.

STROUD hospital is having a 1.8 million upgrade of the theatres and endoscopy depts.

STANDISH hospital site is to become a mixed health and social care development but has a long way to yet as it's in 'idea' stage at present.

AMBULANCE response times are causing concern and health officials are demanding improvement. Rural locations are not as well served as towns. Gov. targets have improved life threatening calls from 68% to 75% response within 8 mins, it drops to 60% in rural areas. 95% of Category B calls should be responded to in 19 mins, in Jan. our service attained 88%.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY CLUB has played host to an event to raise awareness of testicular cancer. 100 men were guided through the testicle MOT with several Gloucester Rugby stars. Almost half of all testicular cancers occur in men under 35. Well done to Glos Rugby Club!!

140508 The Industrial Heritage Conservation Area

This will have an impact on any future planning applications should the area in question become part of the Industrial Heritage Conservation Area. All details were passed to Councillor Meredith.

150508 Fretherne Trees

Arlingham Parish Council have contacted Highways with regards to overhanging trees just past Fretherne Church. Arlingham Parish Council have also asked if a 30 mph limit along this bit of the Arlingham road would help. Councillors felt that it would and clerk will write to Highways. Clerk to also write to Arlingham Parish Council who also highlighted parking problems at Fretherne Bridge to explain that Fretherne with Saul PC had discussed this issue with Highways last year (May 1st) and it was felt that moving the parked cars from this area would only make them move on somewhere else. Also, priority has been given for traffic heading over the canal bridge from Fretherne/Saul to Frampton which has helped to alleviate congestion.

160508 Old Picnic Bench

A report has been filled in with the Police concerning the criminal damage (graffiti) that had happened to the bench on Saul Pound. The Neighbourhood Warden has cleaned the bench and councillors agreed that the clerk could coat the (now very sad looking) wood with some teak coloured garden furniture treatment.

170508 Skateboard ramp (CM/RF)

Skateboard ramp is now in and ready for use.

180508 Clerk's Pay Rise

A meeting was arranged for June 11th at the Nurseries to discuss this item.

190508 Youth Shelter

Councillors agreed to the Youth Shelter designed by Councillor Pockett should go ahead at the earliest opportunity (lighting to be discussed at meeting in September) as long as it will cost no more than the £500.00 quoted by Councillor Pockett.

200508 Parish School Site Meeting

This meeting has been arranged for June 4th at 7.30pm.

210508 Information Exchange

Clerk read out a letter from Mr and Mrs Clapham concerning the deterioration of the canal. This was passed to Councillor Meredith for action.

220508 Public Forum.

Mr. Daniel Miller asked the parish council if it would be at all possible to have an all weather football/basketball pitch with also some football nets for the goal posts. Council is unable to help as the land belongs to the village hall committee. The details were passed to Councillor Johnson (who also sits on the village hall committee). Clerk will look into the possibility of “safe” goal post netting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

..... Chairman

Date of Next Meeting.
June 25th – 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.
