# FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**Present:** Messrs R. Johnson (Chairman), C.Meredith, J. Hewett, D. Pocket, Mrs. A. Greaves, Mel Glover (Parish Clerk), and 5 members of the parish.

### 011108 Apologies for absence.

Councillors Griffiths and Findlater

**O21108** Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008. Approved.

# 031108 Councillors Declaration of Interests to Items on the Agenda

None

### 041108 Police report

Police were not able to attend this months meeting.

### 051108 Matters arising from last months minutes.

Saul under fives playgroup, in order to do some fundraising, will be holding a cake stall at the lighting of the Christmas tree evening.

The light in Sandfield Crescent car park has been fixed (clerk to investigate this as a possible problem as this is the second time the light has needed to be fixed).

Councillor Findlater has spoken to SDC and Highways, some parking preventative measures will be put in place on the grassy area at Sandfield Crescent.

Councillor Findlater has established that a power source for the lights for the Christmas tree will not be available this year.

# 061108 Finance- Cheques for Agreement and Signature

All cheques were approved and signed

Mrs. M. Glover clerks wages £225.03 plus expenses, printer	£399.97
cartridges £87.23, stamps £81.00, envelopes and paper £6.71	
Mrs. M. Glover clerks wages for December (5 Weeks)	£281.23
Severn Trent Water – allotments water	£ 51.15
Hiltone Services – grass cutting etc. services.	£665.00
Mrs. C. Johnson – Christmas tree lights	£ 63.86
Sue Ryder Care – donation – Leckhampton Hospice	£ 50.00

## 071108 Planning - New applications for discussion

None.

#### 081108 District Councillor's News

District Councillor Jones reported that the Icelandic bank situation will not affect any services being run by DC. Local Government Association is trying to recover the money which is currently frozen, and this should not make any difference to the council tax.

Meeting which will decide the fate of the Stonehouse to Brimscombe canal project will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Frampton on Severn Conservation Area plan was adopted; conservation areas were extended to cover the Oval, Oval Approach, Cadbury's site and the canal.

The extension to the Industrial Heritage Area on the Stroud Water Canal to Framilode is still under review.

DC Jones attended a meeting with regards to cleaning which was a useful meeting. It is hoped that better use of the parish clerks will be made, advising them of when the road sweeper will be coming to ensure that parish are aware and clear the roads accordingly. There will be a pilot project in Spring 09 of possibly two town areas and a rural area where the co-ordination of litter, grass cutting, road sweeping will be better thus improving services. The areas will be Dursley and Wotton under Edge and Frampton on Severn and Whitminster.

## 091108 Approval of precept/budget figures for 2009/2010

Precept approved at £11945 for the year - this equates to an approximate percentage

increase of 13.6% year on year. Per household this equates to 43 pence per month or 11 pence per week. Details to be put in parish magazine.

#### 101108 Christmas Tree

Christmas tree to be put up Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

Councillor Greaves will pass all relevant items needed for the night to Councillor Meredith who will bring it to the evening for Councillor Griffiths.

Councillor Meredith will confirm the band and also bring the music sheets.

Chairman Johnson has the solar lights which he will put on the tree before it goes up.

#### 111108 Picnic Bench

Councillors took into account all the comments received from the parish questionnaire, there were 22 in favour, 10 against and 3 neither yes or no.

Three councillors voted in favour of putting the bench on the pound, with one councillor abstaining from the vote.

Mr.Bierer has taken legal advice from solicitors, in general terms regarding the siting of the bench on the Pound as it is thought that the parish council may not have acted appropriately in deciding to locate the picnic bench on the Pound with regards to Crime and Disorder. Mr. Bierer's recommendation was that the parish council contact SDC to ensure that they are not acting illegally.

A brief discussion then followed.

Clerk will contact SDC and GAPTC for advice.

Parish Council will review the siting of the bench should anti-social behaviour ensue.

## 121108 Fund raising (CM)

Parish Council are able to fundraise using such means as a 100 club, bingo, raffles for any project they deem is necessary (ie.school project or canal project).

Councillor Meredith was elected "fundraiser" and will follow up with some fundraising.

#### 131108 Allotments

There are currently a couple of vacant allotments, however there will still be a waiting list once these allotments have been rented.

Clerk will write to allotment holders advising them that if their allotments are not being cultivated that parish council will have no option but to offer it to somebody on the waiting list.

It was agreed that subject to advice from GAPTC that the rent for each allotment would be increased to £5.00 for residents, £7.50 for non residents at renewal date next year (May 2009).

### 141108 Loan Amount

It was agreed to ask for £120,000 to cover the costs of the solicitors, the taking down of the buildings and the erecting of new.

### 151108 Risk Assessments

Risk assessments will be carried out by each councillor on a monthly rota basis, the assessment book is to be brought back to parish council meetings in order to then be passed on. Councillors will check all areas and equipment owned by the parish council and will include the bus shelter, the youth shelter, the skateboard equipment, the Pound, the Stroudwater canal, the Pound at Framilode and the allotments. Risk assessments will be undertaken on a weekly basis.

Councillor Greaves will source a risk assessment form and give to Councillor Pocket.

### 161108 Police and Community Consultative Meeting

Chairman Johnson will attend this meeting.

### 171108 Web site

Clerk has had several offers of help regarding the parish web site. Councillors are happy for Mr. Cowley to follow through.

### 181108 Internal Drainage Board Dredging Programme 2009

Clerk to display map and letter on notice board and put in parish magazine.

## 191108 Sue Ryder Leckhampton Hospice (donation request)

Councillors agreed to send a donation of £50.00 (see above 061108, cheque raised and signed).

### 201108 Information Exchange

Councillor Findlater has had complaints about the road surface in Moor Street and has been in contact with Highways to establish what work will be carried out in order to alleviate the problem.

Concerns have been raised regarding excavation work at Rectory Cottage, Framilode. Councillor Meredith will contact owner to discuss and report back to parish council.

Councillors Meredith, Hewett, Johnson, and Greaves all agreed to attend the Emergency Plan training evening on Thursday  $22^{nd}$  January 18.30 - 20.30 at Ebley Mill Council Chambers.

#### 211108 Public Forum.

Mrs. Gardner asked if a bus shelter could be installed at the Pound. This item will be discussed at the next parish meeting.

There being no other business the meeting of	closed at 8.58 pm.
	Chairman

Date of next meeting – January 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 – 7.30 p.m.