



Fretherne with Saul

The parish of Fretherne with Saul comprises around 300 houses with a population in the region of 1,300 people. Just 8 miles south of Gloucester and 8 miles to Stroud the nearest large towns, the parish is mostly residential in nature with a small agricultural sector. That does not mean it is quiet. Our three annual events instigated in 2014 are very popular. In autumn the Parish Plan was instigated with the help of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

The Parish Plan is based on what you as residents have identified as the way you would like to see the parish of Fretherne with Saul develop in the future; it is your road map for the Parish Council to follow. During the winter of 2015 a community consultation was carried out through the distribution of a questionnaire to all households within Fretherne with Saul Parish to determine the community's views on the priorities moving forward. A group of dedicated volunteers designed the Parish Plan questionnaire in 2015 and delivered it to every household to ask you for your views. Also included in the results analysis were the results of other consultations and from views expressed by residents at parish council meetings and events. Even if you are new to the parish it doesn't matter, you can still have a say any time by engaging with the Parish Council.

The questionnaire results have identified drainage, traffic safety, bus services, anti-social behaviour and public toilet access as areas you would like to see addressed. As the parish council we now take the Parish Plan forward on your behalf to help shape the future of our vibrant community. Below is a table detailing objectives, comments and responsibilities for the various topics you identified. This is a living document, which we will update and publish every 3 months on the website and in the monthly parish magazine, so you can monitor the progress we make. It is important to be realistic about what can be achieved. Funds across the board are limited, some decisions will be outside the Parish Council's ability to influence and some desired end-states may move at a glacial pace or possibly never work. However, there is a lot we can achieve together and your feedback provides the Parish Council with an evidence base and mandate to engage with outside agencies, local authorities and decision makers to pursue what you want for your community's future. The Parish Council leads these actions and needs your help individually and as community groups to generate results.

In addition to the results below, it was clear from the questionnaire returns that on the whole the residents are very happy in the parish. The responses showed that the assets, in particular the playing field, are viewed highly and regarded as important and adequate. The three events organised every year are appreciated and help the community spirit. There were suggestions for other activities. Footpaths are considered to be well maintained and accessible. There was good awareness of the function and responsibilities of the parish council. The main concerns centred around speed and parking affecting safety, access to public transport, flooding and drainage and criminal damage.

The tables below are a summary of the results and our Parish Plan. The figures come direct from the Parish Plan questionnaire. The plan itself will be reviewed at the parish council meetings. The progress already happening is shown in the shaded objectives and actions.

Questionnaire results

<u>Topic</u>	<u>No of respondents</u>	<u>Main answer</u>
Ward lived in	55	82% in Saul
Occupation	59	51.5% retired
Number of cars	56	41% have 2 cars
Time lived in FWS	56	50% 20+ years
Size of property	54	77% 3 or more bedrooms
Number of occupants	54	63% have 2 or less people
Age group of occupants	122	58% over 45
House ownership	55	65% owned house
Ability to find suitable housing	49	92% said no problems
Support for affordable housing	51	73% said yes
Need for affordable housing	1	
Use of public transport	30	74% recreation

<u>Issue identified</u>	<u>No of respondents</u>	<u>%</u>
More frequent buses	51	51%
Speeding of traffic	49	79%
Parking	40	80%
Heavy vehicle traffic	42	55%
Anti-social behaviour	22	65%
Maintenance of drainage ditches	51	60%
Public toilet access	53	43%

<u>New Parish Activities</u>	<u>No of respondents</u>	<u>% in favour</u>
Cinema night	45	44%
Curry night	43	28%
Quiz night	47	51%

<u>New Parish facilities</u>	<u>No of respondents</u>	<u>% in favour</u>
Community Shop	56	54% occasional use
Bar facilities in Hall	52	55% unlikely to use
Pub	50	50% occasional use
More open green spaces	50	52% unlikely to use
Parish office with broadband	49	63% unlikely to use

<u>Parish assets</u>	<u>No of respondents</u>	<u>% very important</u>
Allotments	56	39%
Village green	53	47%
Garage	56	54%
Village hall	53	62%
Playground equipment	53	57%
Notice Boards	51	53%
Bus shelter	51	43%
Litter and dog bins	53	62%
Church	56	63%
Stroudwater canal	52	54%
Ship Inn	52	46%
Stable cafe	52	48%

Action plan

Transport and Roads			
Objective	Parish Council Action/comment	Lead responsibility	Supporting Partners
1. Improve quality and frequency of bus services	Approaches made to GCC and Bus company.	Parish Council	GCC and Bus company, Severn Voice
2. Take measures to reduce parking by Sandfield Bridge	Work with GCC and CRT regarding double yellow lines in progress	Parish Council	GCC and CRT
3. Take measures to reduce parking and traffic hazards in High Street		Parish Council	
4. Take measures to reduce speeding along High Street and Passage Road		Parish Council	
5. Improve the road surfaces	Work with GCC and Amey ongoing	Parish Council	GCC and Amey

Environment			
Objective	Parish Council Action/comment	Lead responsibility	Supporting Partners
6. Ensure that drainage is adequately maintained	Cllr Findlater leads on monitoring ditches etc.	Parish Council	IDB and EA
7. Work with the necessary authorities to minimise flood risk	Work with other Parish Councils, esp. through Severn Voice on flooding risks	Parish Council	EA and Severn Voice
8. Create an effective emergency plan for flooding, adverse weather etc	Early work started on producing Emergency Plan	Parish Council	GAPTC and SDC
9. Provide public toilet access		Parish Council	

Policing and safety

Objective	Parish Council Action/comment	Lead responsibility	Supporting Partners
9. Work with our partners to minimise anti-social behaviour		Parish Council	
10. Encourage the community to help prevent criminal damage and theft		Parish Council	
11. Support the local neighbour warden	Contribution to SDC for continuance of service.	Parish Council	SDC