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FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Fretherne with Saul Parish Council meeting, at Saul Memorial Hall commencing 7:45pm on 18th May 2021.

Present: Cllrs C Bartlett (Chairman), B Findlater, R Findlater, C Bierer, P Van Der Hooft and Clerk K Brown.

Register of General Public attending meeting: Two members of the public attended.

All documents had previously been circulated for councillors to review.

010521 To receive apologies for absence – None.

020521 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda – None.

030521 To approve minutes of meetings held on 28th April 2021 and 6th May 2021 as a true record.
28th April 2021 proposed Cllr P Van Der Hooft, seconded Cllr R Findlater, all in favour.
6th May 2021 proposed Cllr R Findlater, seconded Cllr P Van Der Hooft, all in favour.

040521 Public Question Time

Three questions were presented to the council, what has been the legal costs incurred to date by the PC in relation to progressing an easement right over the land? Who are the third party that have recently been made reference to who are financially contributing to the appeal process, their level of contribution and how/when was this agreed? What is the protocol for dealing with matters under confidentiality/closed meetings? These questions are all pertinent to either the ongoing legal case or having direct bearing on the letter of complaint or requests made under the Freedom of Information request that has already been sent to the council. The clerk reminded the Chairman that as a point of order, questions raised in public questions time could not be answered immediately but had to be discussed at a later date by the whole council before responding. The Chairman responded to the questions by advising that the points raised had been duly noted and would be considered by council.

050521 To receive a report from County Councillor Stephen Davies

Had a County Council Election – the result was Conservatives won 28 seats, Liberal Democrats 16, Labour 5 and Greens 4 which means the County Council remains under Conservative control.

I have to say personally, and I was watching the boxes being emptied at the count, when you see your name on the ballot paper and you see people put their cross against it most don't even know who you are, it is incredibly humbling and does remind you that you are actually here to serve people and I always find it a very moving experience to be re-elected.

The good news is that we are back and re-elected and there is a council in place it means we can continue with things like Highways Local, so we are now ready to make decisions on where we will be spending money on roads and making investments in that area. And the other thing I have been doing a lot of work on is schools, there is an issue here around secondary schools especially in Arlingham as they are the furthest away from Severn Vale and this means they miss the catchment area for Severn Vale, they missed it two years ago as well. That leads to all kinds of issues although I have to say although they missed the catchment area only two of the children in the village applied for Severn Vale and the other 20 something applied somewhere else. The long term solution to this is another secondary school and the Department of Education have signed up to build us a new secondary school, they are now looking for a location, one suggestion has always been Whaddon which I oppose

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because I think it is too far away. I do believe there'll be a site somewhere closer and better and will continue to work on that as we go forward. The other solution to this, which I am trying to do some work on, is I am trying to arrange a meeting with the headmaster of Rednock School, which has been slightly delayed as I am sure you know they had a tragic incident which they are coming to terms with at the moment so that meeting has been delayed. I don't know why, or how, but I am going to try to persuade them that they should put this part of the world in their catchment area. That has the effect that it increases the chance of children getting selected for Rednock but it also means, because we are more than three miles away from Rednock, would provide free bus transport; because much of this issue was raised when the bus charges were changed then you had to pay for every child that used it. So I am working on that as a solution to that. I have no confidence that I can find reason why we might persuade them to do that but at least we are going to start that conversation to see if we can find out any common ground on that. So I will keep you updated, I'm not making any promises but I am working on it. The other thing I want to talk to them about, because I have learnt a lot in the last couple of months on this is that I thought County Council controlled the buses but it doesn't. Actually, these academy schools run their own bus service so they contract it out and the concern locally is that we've seen one change in the bus charging, actually it's not increased but it technically has because you now have to pay if you don't go on the bus, previously you had a token and if you stayed for an after school club or you got a lift you didn't pay for the bus. The worry at the other end is that we have seen bus charges increase and that's at the discretion of the academy, so again I want to talk to the head about any agreements they can make about controlling the increase in bus fares going forward.

So then the next thing I wanted to move on to report back on, we have full council tomorrow so next meeting undoubtedly I will have lots of interesting things to update you on.

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To receive a report from District Councillor John Jones

Stephen and John would like to thank all who voted to put them back at Ebley Mill, as District Councillors for Severn Ward of SDC, in the recent elections. It is our intention to do the best we can for all residents during the next three years. Anyone who would like any help on District Council matters, please get in touch on the contact details below.

The results of the recent elections mean that no one political party has overall control of Stroud District Council, so the Alliance of Green, Labour and Lib Dem parties looks set to continue. Labour 15 seats, Green 13, Lib Dem 3, Conservative 19, Conservative Independent 1

The Draft Local Plan was approved by a majority decision at the full Council meeting on April 29th. This means that no land put forward in the extra consultation towards the end of last year in Moreton Valence or Whitminster parishes were included in the Draft. It will now go for a public consultation in June and July for six weeks, with adjustments coming from that consultation being made, before it goes for the Examination in Public by a Government Appointed Planning Inspector. This is where the parcels of land not included in the Draft, and some that were included, will come under extreme scrutiny by Planning Barristers and Agents employed by developers and opposing groups, arguing the case in front of the Inspector for respective parcels to be included, or taken out. The Public Examination is expected to start in the autumn of this year, with a final Local Plan being ready for adoption later in 2022.

The planning application for the Solar Farm at Moreton Valence and Whitminster has been submitted, Application Ref S.21/0465/FUL applies. There are many letters of objection that have been registered.

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Council Governance, roles & co-opting

The two vacancies are to be advertised on the parish noticeboard, website and social media.

Action: Clerk to raise the advert and post as soon as possible.

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Planning Applications

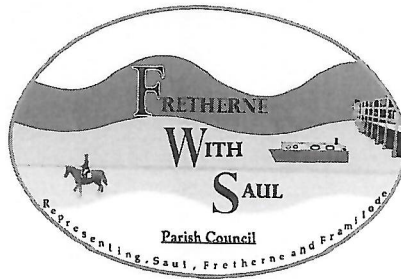
Applicatons

- S21/1033/TCA Willow House, High Street, Saul, Gloucester
Trees in a Conservation Area T1 – Willow Tree – fell
Cllrs made no further comment on this applicaton.

Applications Awaiting Decision

- S.21/0026/FUL Land Adjacent to Lion House, High Street, Saul
Construction of 2 dwellings and associated landscaping works
- S.20/2777/FUL Dunstalls Farm, Arlingham Road, Saul

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Revised replacement barn and change of use from agricultural building to additional office accommodation, with associated works

- S.21/0414/HHOLD 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Gloucester
Demolition of conservatory to rear, construction of new single storey extension. Alteration of existing single storey annex to raise floor level and provide alternate window and door openings to front and rear elevations.
- S.21/0818/HHOLD The Old Vicarage, High Street, Saul, Gloucester.
Erection of new cart shed. Resubmission of withdrawn application S.20/2664/HHOLD.

Permissions granted

- S.21/0767/TCA Framilode House, Framilode, Gloucester
Group of 4 Aspens to be felled and removed
Application Approved
- S.21/0855/TC Severndale, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.
T1 Conifer - fell
Application Approved

Applications Withdrawn – None

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To discuss any correspondence received

The email received from a member of the public regarding parking at Sandfield Bridge has been replied to with an update from Highways re the repainting of the lines and future enforcement of parking restrictions. The email also enquired about the increased precept, the official statement was sent as explanation. Both replies were received with thanks.

An email has been received with a Letter of complaint attached. As this is a confidential matter, it will not be discussed at an open meeting.

An email has been received with a letter requesting FOI details attached. As this is a confidential matter, it will not be discussed at open meeting.

An email has been received regarding strengthening work to the Frome river bank and whether the contractors are aware of the overflow pipe from the disused section of the Stroud Water Canal. This has been passed to the Environment Agency who have in turn notified the team doing the work.

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Finance:

Payee	For	Amount
Admin costs	Inc. clerks wages, postage and stationary	£323.00
IT Tax & Accountancy	Payslip & submitting RTI	£20.00

Cheques written out between meetings – None

The invoices already having been circulated to councillors for review were approved and signed off. Proposed by Cllr C Bierer, seconded by Cllr R Findlater

To review and approve May's financial report.

Proposed by Cllr P Van Der Hooft, seconded by Cllr B Findlater

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Clerks Report

Water Plus – the invoice for outstanding water supply has been received and is now paid in full.

The Clerk is a registered member of SLCC and is now enrolled on the ILCA course.

Allotment – 80% of allotments annual rental and tenancy agreements had been received.

Work on allotments 12b and 13b commenced 18th May 2021.

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To receive a report from PCSO M Trebble

PCSO M Trebble was unable to attend the meeting.

From Streetcheck, there are no crimes to report for March.

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Memorial Hall, Playing Fields and Playground

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Memorial Hall and Playing Fields secretary contacted with regards to the rubbish and human excrement proposing to jointly resolve these issues, no response as yet.

Action: Clerk to email the secretary again to establish how the council can support the Committee with the problem.

- 150521 Audit**
The Internal Audit is now with the auditors, questions raised have all been answered.
- 160521 To discuss and approve the Asset List**
Proposed adjustment to the Asset List to be reviewed.
Action: Clerk to send Asset List to councillors to review.
- 170521 To discuss and approve work on the allotments clearing ground.**
Council were unable to discuss the quotes as there was a problem with them.
Action: To be raised at the next meeting.
- 180521 To receive an update on the Keep Britain Tidy litter pick plans**
Proposed date for the litter pick is 12th June, volunteers to be split between the four main roads around the parish. Neighbourhood Warden providing litter pickers and high viz jackets. Promotional posters to be placed on notice board, website and social media.
Action: Cllr C Bartlett to advertise the event.
- 190521 To review and approve updated Risk Management Policy.**
This document has been circulated to councillors to review, all amendments have been completed satisfactorily and council agreed to adopt the policy.
Proposer: Cllr C Bierer, seconded Cllr R Findlater with all in favour.
- 200521 To review and discuss Transparency Code.**
This document has been circulated to councillors to review, further amendments need to be made.
Action: to be reviewed between meetings and added to the next meeting agenda.
- 210521 Clerks Holiday.**
Cllr P Van Der Hooft has volunteered to take notes during the next meeting when the clerk is on holiday.
- 210521 Date of next meeting is 30th June 2021.**

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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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