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FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Fretherne with Saul Parish Council Meeting held at Saul Memorial Hall at 7:30pm on 30th March 2022.

Present: Cllrs B Findlater (vice Chairman), R Findlater, A Lever, L Jeffries, C Bierer, Clerk K Brown

In attendance: Cty Cllr S Davies

Register of General Public attending meeting: one

Agenda

Vice Chairman B Findlater opened the meeting

010321 To elect a chairman of the Parish Council and receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office.
Cllr Bierer was elected as Chairman for an interim period of four to six months until training of other interested councillors was completed. Cllr Bierer wished to make it clear that there is an on-going Code of Conduct with him but had taken advice and assured the council that it would not prejudice his role as Chairman.
Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

Cllr Bierer continued as Chairman for the rest of the meeting.

020321 To receive apologies for absence –
Apologies received from Dist Cllr J Jones, Cllr P van der Hooft and Neighbourhood Warden S Jarvis

030322 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda
Cllr B Findlater declared an interest in minute 110322.

040322 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2022 as a true record.
Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

050322 To receive a report from County Councillor Stephen Davies.

- What is happening with relation to the Ukraine. Scheme one is for relatives already living here, they are already arriving. Second scheme which government announced to register to offer accommodation for refugees has had over 200 in Gloucestershire. Council now need to check suitability of accommodation to comply with all regulations including DVS checked. Expect about 300 refugees to come to Gloucestershire. Unlike previous refugee situation, these families are mostly female members and will be wanting to return to Ukraine.
- Covid – school attendance dipped significantly last week. Most other services, including fire and social care and animal social care, are holding their own in terms of available staff. South West has highest rates in England but Gloucestershire no longer the highest in the region.
- Working on school availability and the requirement over the next five to ten years, is there need for another school as well as the one signed of at Whaddon? Underlying trend is going down. Influenced by which developments get signed of in the future.
- Attended the Development Control Committee and spoke against the solar farm at Whitminster/Moreton Valence; the committee listened but voted yes in the end. A condition was added, no deliveries on Saturday. A significant was established that endless development of the area cannot continue and there is a map which identifies where solar farms will not be permitted.

Question was asked about the traffic plan for the Longney Solar farm, the brief was not clear although it still looks like traffic coming through Saul. Concern was raised about the strength of the bridge at Framilode and the width of the road through the village and lanes.

Signed / Date

27/4/22. *[Signature]*



The parking issues at Sandfield Bridge and between Malt House Farm and Fretherne Bridge was raised, Highways have a definitive map of land owners bordering the road.

060322

To receive a report from District Councillor John Jones.

Dist Cllr Jones sent his apologies but did send a report.

The planning application for the Eco Park on both sides of the A419, between J13 of the M5 and Chipman's Platt has been registered at Ebley Mill. It is numbered S.22/0206/OUT and can be found on the SDC planning portal site. It differs from the application approved for the FGR stadium in that, as well as the 5000-seat football stadium, it includes, office buildings, warehousing and storage, works units, an hotel, a care home, including nursing home facilities, as well as training pitches for the football club. Parking for visitors to the stadium will be shared with the commercial units on the site, which differs from the previous application that had its own designated parking. Comments relating to the application will be considered up to the writing of the report by the handling officer, the application is likely to rumble on for several weeks yet.

The Solar Farm application in Moreton Valence and Whitminster went before the Development Control Committee at SDC last night, and was approved, despite efforts by the 2 Ward Councillors, Whitminster PC and local residents to get it stopped.

The SDC Draft Local Plan is due for its Examination in Public in the coming weeks, it is hoped the Planning Inspectorate will approve the Draft Plan without alteration, so that it can be formally adopted by SDC in the early autumn.

Cty Cllr S Davies left the meeting at 20:04pm

070322

To receive a report from Neighbourhood Warden Simon Jarvis

Neighbourhood Warden unable to attend. No Questions were raised to forward to him.

080322

Public Question Time

A representative from the entertainment working party attended to give an update on the planned events and costings of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Party at the Memorial Hall Playing Field in June. Details have been received in advance and circulated to councillors. The group would like to know if the council need to get involved, what is the process.

090322

To receive information regarding the various Jubilee celebrations around the parish, their expectation from the parish council and discuss the plans and requests.

It was established the working group is not affiliated to the PC but will possibly be affiliating with the Memorial Hall, any monies raised by public donation would ideally be donated to buying a Jubilee bench for the playing field. A request to provide financial support to cover costs was received. Advertising flyer will include 'Supported by Fretherne with Saul Parish Council.

Flyer was proposed, seconded with all in favour.

Clerk wants it noted that the VAT on receipts from the events cannot be claimed from HMRC. Also that she queried whether Cllr Jeffries should declare an interest.

After discussion, council proposed to underwrite £600 but looking for the working group to minimise the councils costs. Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

It was noted that there is another event being planned which may be requesting a donation from the PC.

Action: Clerk to look into whether the financial support request should be applied for in Grant application.

100322

To receive an update on the progress of the Build Back Better Applications

Pump and respective pipework and power source and fencing – Cllr Bierer advised that pump, pipework and power source will be discussed at another meeting.

The piling work along the edge of the canal bank will cost in the region of £15,000. To be discussed in depth at a later meeting.

Lifbelts and stands – Cllr's B Findlater has completed a Build Back Better application form which has had initial approval by Cty Cllr S Davies.

Action: Clerk to scan and email to Cty Cllr S Davies

Playing Field equipment repairs –

Action: The clerk will continue to search for companies who can quote for the work.

110322

Planning Applications

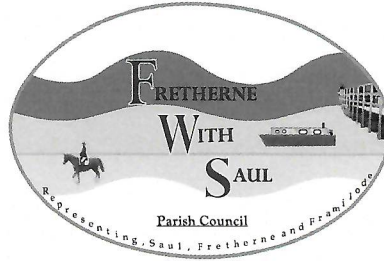
Application Number: S.22/0435/HHOLD Moonflower Cottage, Moor Street, Saul, Gloucester.

Description: Construction of single storey mono-pitched roof extension to side elevation to provide extended living room space (5m²)

Respond by date: 01.04.2022

Signed / Date

S. Bierer 27/4/22.



Council have no comment

Planning Applications Decisions

Application Number: S.22/0289/HHOLD 39 Passage Road, Saul, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.

Description: Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension and loft conversion along (resubmission of S.21/2485/HHOLD)

Decision: awaiting decision

Application Number: S.22/0331/FULDunstalls Farm, Arlingham Road, Saul, Gloucester.

Description: Construction of Livery Yard with Associated Parking and Paddocks

Decision: awaiting decision

120322 To discuss and approve the annual subscription for GAPTC membership.

Membership and subscription was approved.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

130322 Finance:

To approve the following payments in accordance with the budget.

Supporting documents have already been sent to councillors.

Payee	For	Amount

To ratify payments made between meetings –

Town & Parish Website (re-issued cheque, prev cheque 001112 not presented)	£130.00
Fuel Tank Shop (bunker for sand/sandbags)	£390.00
GPFA (Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association) Subscription	£50
CPRE Subscription	£36
Admin including Clerks wages (Mar)	£358.10

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

To review and approve March bank reconciliation and accounts.

This has already been circulated to the councillors.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

140322 To review and approve the quote provided for the internal audit by IAC and to discuss reviewing the charges for future audits.

After discussion, and reviewing other costs, it was decided to continue with IAC for future internal audits.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

150322 To approve the schedule of fees and charges – allotments.

The charges for the allotments remains unchanged for the coming rental year.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

160322 To review and sign off the end of year accounts.

The accounts having already been sent to councillors for their review.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

170322 To note correspondence received

An email has been received reporting further removal of fish from the Stroudwater canal at Framilode. This has been reported to the PCSO and to the Rural Crime Officer. Despite chasing, no response from either officer.

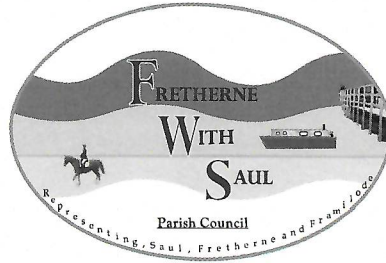
The clerk has had a further enquiry related to the planning application at Dunstalls Farm, when will the draft minutes from the February meeting be published. This has been responded to.

A councillor has received a letter raising concerns about fly tipping on and damage to 'the Green' at Framilode passage and the damage to the noticeboard which means it will have to be replaced.

180322 Clerks Report

Signed / Date

Abbie 27/4/22.



Feedback from items raised at the last meeting –

Allotment taps – One of the allotment tenants has replaced the washer. To make sure this has solved the problem the water will need to be turned on.

The clerk has received a request for the fruit trees offered by the EA in thanks to parishioner's patience whilst piling work carried out at Framilode. This has been well received in the parish and the number of trees sent to the EA.

A poster has been put on social media and the noticeboards for someone to do ad hoc work around the parish. There has been one reply to date.

The bunker, part of the Emergency Plan, has been delivered; once confirmed in the correct position by the Memorial Hall Committee, the clerk will order the sand and secure the bin.

The contract to purchase the telephone box at Upper Framilode has been posted. This was not received so has been issued.

Old documents re the allotment boundaries are being looked at, an enquiry with Land Registry will be the next step.

A parish boundary map has been circulated to councillors.

Following discussion, the land owner and council have agreed that branches overhanging either owners land can be cut where needed, each to look after their own side of the trees. It was agreed that the ivy does need to be removed. To be noted that one tree in the allotments is leaning over the boundary and probably needs to be pruned.

Action: Clerk to continue looking into the ownership of the hedge between the allotments and neighbouring properties.

Clerk to get quote for cutting the ivy stems attached to the trees along the allotment boundaries.

Clerk to monitor possible water leak at the mains tap to the allotments and report to Severn Trent/Water Supply.

190322

The council move to extend the contract for grass cutting for a further year.

Council move to extend the grass cutting contract for a further year before seeking tender for the contract. Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

200322

To formalise the dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting proposed to be held on a date in April, the Parish Meeting to be held on a date in May.

Chairman requested to move this minute to the end of the meeting.

210322

To discuss and approve the provision of plaques for the Oak trees which have been provided by the Honourable Company of Gloucester to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

After discussion, council agreed in principal a plaque was needed. Location and content to be decided.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

220322

To further discuss the replacement of the noticeboard at Framilode Passage.

A budget of £500 ext VAT was set for replacing the noticeboard.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

230322

To discuss and approve the Publications Policy

This has been previously circulated to the councillors for their consideration.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

240322

To approve the schedule of fees and charges – allotments.

This is a repetition of minute 150322.

250322

To approve the Risk Management Schedule.

After discussion, it was decided that this needed further review and was rescheduled to the next meeting.

260322

To approve the following regulations and policies – Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

270322

Receive an update on the maintenance of the play equipment at the Memorial Hall playing fields and approve what costs have been established to date.

The clerk has received a quote for replacement of the zip wire seat, to supply and fit the seat will cost £245 exc VAT. The cost to replace and fit the zip wire seat was approved. Quotes for repairs to other equipment are proving to be difficult to get.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

Signed / Date

Robbie 27/7/22.



Action: Clerk to continue to get quotes for other repairs.

280322

To discuss the parking issues at Sandfield Bridge and between Malt House Farm and Fretherne Bridge, what steps can be taken to address the problem including next steps going forward.

Council to notify Cty Cllr Davies of choke points to identify land owner. SDC have confirmed area is on lining team list.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

Action: Councillors to forward details of choke points to Cllr Bierer who in turn will notify Cty Cllr Davies.

290322

Date of next meeting is 27th April March 2022.

Signed:

The meeting closed at 21:25 pm.

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.

 27/4/22.

Signed / Date