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FREATHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Fretherne with Saul Parish Council Meeting held at Saul Memorial Hall at 7:30pm on 27th April 2022.

Present: Cllr Bierer (Chairman), Cllr Lever, Cllr Van Der Hoof, Cllr Jeffries

In attendance: District Councillor J Jones, Neighbourhood Warden Simon Jarvis and PCSO M Treble

Register of General Public attending meeting: None

Agenda

- 010421 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from County Councillor Davies, Cllr B Findlater and Cllr R Findlater.
- 020422 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda**
None declared
- 030422 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 21st March and 23rd March 2022 as a true record.**
Proposed, seconded with all in favour
- 040422 To receive a report from County Councillor Stephen Davies.**
County Councillor Davies was unable to attend but did send a report.
98% of pupils were offered a place at a school of their choice, 6,370 children have been offered a Primary School place for September, 98% for one of their preferred schools, 91% at their first preference.
Gloucestershire's Children's Services have been moved out of 'Inadequate' to 'Requires improvement' following a recent Ofsted inspection. The Service is committed to continue the journey to 'Good'.
A new Special School has been proposed for Stroud which will offer 60 places for children aged 4 - 11 years with Moderate and Additional Learning Difficulties.
The Stroud District Canal Strategy has been extended to the 27th May following much criticism about the illegibility of the document.
It is always good to find either County or District Council doing good work. Stroud District Council have successfully prosecuted the owner of a noisy dog in Leonard Stanley with a fine and costs exceeding £2,000.
- 050422 To receive a report from District Councillor John Jones.**
The first refugees from Ukraine have arrived in the County, the first to be re-homed in the Stroud area are expected shortly.
A review of taxi fares in the District is currently under way, with a Task and Finish Group set up to examine the issue. This was instigated by the taxi trade in Stroud, due to the rise in fuel costs and general cost of living. The taxi trade has put forward some proposals which the T and F Group has examined, bearing in mind the recent situation.. The next T and F Group meeting will include representatives from the taxi trade. It is hoped a recommendation can be put together for the Community Services and Licensing Committee meeting in June, which will meet with approval from all concerned. The Task and Finish Group will then go on to examine the vehicle replacement policy, to keep it in line with SDC's stated ambition of becoming carbon neutral in a few years' time. This will include vehicle renewal age, engine type and other relevant factors.
Full Council meets Thursday evening this week, one of the agenda items concerns the future of the Black Boys clock in Castle Street in Stroud, the possible renaming of Blackboys House itself, as well as other street names or areas in the District, such as Blackboys area in Dursley, which could give rise to sensitive implications for some people. Blackboys Clock was made in Stroud by a local clock maker in mid to late 18th Century, and stood on his shop in Kendrick Street for many years, being moved twice until it finished where it is now. The result of the consultation carried out last year, in light of the BLM movement show that approx. 78% of respondents want it taken away, 22% said leave it where it is, and around 55% said put it into a museum, preferably the Museum in

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the Park in Stroud., with a plaque explaining its origin. Around 1600 people responded to the consultation. The consultation results have caused problems in that the Blackboys clock in Stroud is a fine example of a Jaquamart clock, with few left in this country, built onto a Listed Building, which poses problems with planning regulations even if the building owners agree to its removal. Listed Building consent will need to be obtained, along with Conservation area consent, if these are not forthcoming, then English Heritage will be called in. If the Museum in Stratford Park is unable to take the clock and statue, then it could be offered to the Clockmakers' Museum in London. It is also recommended in the report that the Anti-Slavery Arch, which stands at the entrance to Archway School in Paganhill, and is Stroud's monument to its work done to abolish slavery, is restored, and made more of an attraction. It is a Listed Building in its own right. Whatever route is taken, it will not be a cheap one.

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

Both meetings will be held on 25th May 2022 with the Parish Meeting beginning at 7pm, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will begin at a time to be stated on the agenda.

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To receive a report from Neighbourhood Warden Simon Jarvis and PCSO Mike Treble

Simon gave a brief on the large area he covers, what his role encompasses and the level of involvement in local activities. He has previously provided the clerk with a poster with his contact details and role on it which is on the website. It was agreed this could also appear on the Facebook group. He is also involved in the Play Park Strategy and would like to use the Memorial Hall Playing Field as an example of best in the district in a case study he is doing.

PCSO M Treble gave the following report.

In the six months from November 21 to April 22 there have been 13 crimes recorded – 2 of harassment, 2 of assault causing injury, 1 assault causing alarm & distress, 2 with assault without injury, 1 restricted (no information available), 2 thefts from vehicles, an unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle, criminal damage to a vehicle, 1 perverting the course of justice. This is down on a comparable period last year when there were 19 crimes.

PCSO Treble left the meeting at 20:55pm.

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Public Question Time

No members of the public attended.

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

There is a further meeting of the organisers of the Jubilee Event on the playing field in a fortnight's time. Council clarified that it likes the idea of a bench but would need to understand the cost and implications of installing one. It can't make an open ended commitment without knowing the cost.

Upper Framilode have events from community photo's, BBQ, bonfire, bench, to a plaque; most being provided free of charge with no present request of council funding.

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

Pump and respective pipework and power source and fencing – Further discussion took place about the work involved and potential costs and the possibility of getting further advice on the work required. Suggestion to contact Cotswold Canals Trust for further advice.

Action: Cllr Bierer to contact Cotswold Canals Trust re information and advice

Lifebelts and stands – A Build Back Better application has been returned to the council for clarification. This will be completed and resubmitted.

Action: Clerk to update and resubmit

Playing Field equipment repairs – A replacement seat for the zip wire has been ordered and is being fitted this week. Clerk is continuing to search for companies who will quote for other repairs.

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Planning Applications

Application Number: S.22/0808/HHOLD

Location: Alpha Cottage, Moor Street, Saul, Gloucester.

Application Type: Householder Application

Description: Replacement rear single storey extension

Respond by date: 12.05.2022

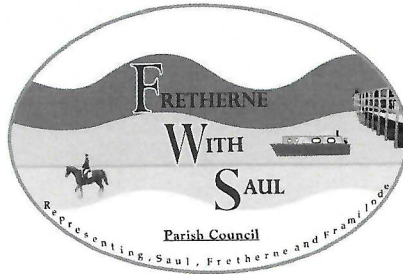
Council has no comment to add to the application.

Planning Applications Decisions

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

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

Decision: Application permitted

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: Refused

Application Withdrawn

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

Description: Construction of Livery Yard with Associated Parking and Paddocks

Decision: Application withdrawn

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To approve SLCC subscription for 2022-23

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

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Finance:

To approve the following payments in accordance with the budget.

Supporting documents have already been sent to councillors.

Payee	For	Amount
Admin	Including clerks wages April, postage	£369.3
SLCC	Membership Fee	£112.00

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

To ratify payments made between meetings –

HMRC NI payment	£23.16
GAPTC	£187.93
Discovery Timber Play Ltd	£294.00

Proposed, Seconded with all in favour

To ratify the HMRC VAT claim

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

£761.98

To review and approve April bank reconciliation and accounts.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

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To approve the Asset List

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

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To note correspondence received

The clerk has been cc'd into an email to SDC further raising concerns about fly tipping on and damage to 'the Green' at Framilode Passage.

Clerk received a phone call raising awareness to exceptionally high water level in the Hock drainage ditch. She went out to look at the drain and sluice, found a fence post stuck in the sluice preventing it shutting. High water levels had been due to incoming tide (and Bore) pouring into the drainage channel. This was reported to the EA.

Action: Clerk to post contact details on social media for future issues with drainage in the area.

A letter from a resident of Canal Row raising concerns over a willow tree growing in the disused canal. The work had been planned for this and will be completed within the month.

Clerk has received confirmation that BT have received the signed contract to purchase the phone box at Framilode. Engineers have been instructed to remove all remaining BT equipment.

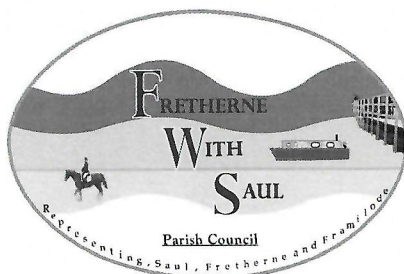
Member of the public has again raised the issue of parking in the area of Sandfield Bridge and all the safety issues this raises. Clerk has replied advising this is being discussed at meetings at present, invited him to attend the next meeting but unfortunately is unable to attend.

Member of the public has reported a build-up of rubbish where the River Frome enters the culvert under the canal at Saul Junction and requested making the EA aware of the problem. It has been reported.

A report from the Severn Voice meeting was sent by Cllr R Findlater – traffic to the Longney solar farm will not be coming through Saul. All solar farm proposals will stay on the agenda for updates and monitoring. Rednock Bus issue sounds like a no for the moment but another possible option may be a new school in the area, this is

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dependent on new housing numbers. There is a proposal for Severn Voice to join forces with Purton, Lindsey from SDC to raise issues with Canals and Rivers Trust. Parishes to decide if they are happy to supplement the cost of verge cutting due to higher fuel prices.

- 160422 Clerks Report - Feedback from items raised at the last meeting**
The previously mentioned noticeboard on the Memorial Hall wall facing the car park which lists contact details for a past clerk was placed by the PC. It can be amended or removed by the PC.
A draft Grants Policy and Application form has been circulated to councillors
Clerk has been contacting play equipment companies to quote for repairs recommended in the play equipment review. The company replacing the zip wire seat have confirmed receipt and advised will be replaced asap.
Allotment water leak has been monitored and appears to be ok. A request to quote for the ivy work has been sent with no response to date.
Clerk has compiled local parish emergency plans and will circulate to councillors.
- 170422 To discuss and approve the request to cover costs incurred in the removal of a willow from the Stroudwater Canal.**
Severn Grass Services have quoted for the work to remove the willow from the disused section of the Stroudwater Canal, the roots have been growing through the bank. The cost has been circulated to the council prior to the meeting. Further discussion at next meeting after clarification of cost involved.
Action: Clerk to clarify the total cost for removal of the tree.
- 180422 To discuss the registration of land belonging to the Parish Council.**
Council discussed various areas of land belonging to the parish council and the statutory registration of these areas. Further discussion will take place over the coming meetings with full council present.
- 190422 To approve the Grants Policy and Grants Application form**
Proposed, seconded with all in favour
- 200422 To further discuss the replacement of the noticeboard at Framilode Passage.**
One quote has been received. Cllr Lever will ask if someone she knows will quote for the work.
Action: Cllr Lever to request quote.
- 210422 To review the Roles and Responsibilities**
Discussion on the Role and Responsibilities has been postponed until the next meeting.
- 220422 To approve the Risk Management Schedule.**
Discussion on the Schedule has been postponed until the next meeting.
- 230422 To receive an update on the parking issues at Sandfield Bridge and between Malt House Farm and Fretherne Bridge, what steps have been taken to address the problem including identifying next steps going forward.**
Parking in these areas has continued to raise concerns, road markings have not been refreshed for some time. Council to discuss the problem, including raising the issue at District council level and next steps.
Action: Cllr Bierer to meet with Highways to discuss
- 240422 Date of next meeting is 25th May 2022.**

The meeting closed at 21:25pm

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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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