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## FREETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Fretherne with Saul Parish Council Meeting held at Saul Memorial Hall at 7:45pm on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Present: Cllr Bierer (Chairman), Cllr B Findlater, Cllr Lever, Cllr Van Der Hooft, Cllr Jeffries, Cllr Cobb Clerk K Brown

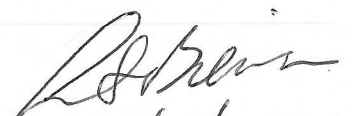
In attendance: None

Register of General Public attending meeting: one

### Agenda

- 010621 To receive apologies for absence.**  
Apologies have been received from Cty Cllr Davies and Dist Cllr Jones.
- 020622 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda**  
Cllrs Lever and Cobb registered an interest in minute 080622.
- 030622 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and the 20<sup>th</sup> June as a true record.**  
Minutes were approved.  
Proposed, seconded with all in favour.
- 040622 To receive a report from County Councillor Stephen Davies.**  
Although sending apologies, Cty Cllr Davies sent a few words.  
Gloucestershire County Council have launched a £200,000 Digital Innovation Fund to support community projects needed help with technology.  
I met with Carl to discuss a plan to resolve parking issues by the lay-by near the canal, and along the stretch of road to Fretherne Bridge.
- 050622 To receive a report from District Councillor John Jones.**  
Although sending apologies, Dist Cllr Jones sent a few words.  
Not a lot from me on the SDC front, the planning application to build the Solar Farm at Arlingham has been submitted and is currently going through the validation process. It should be on the Planning Portal in a few days' time. Questions are likely to be asked at the full SDC Council meeting next month as to why the Severn Vale is being targeted for these developments, and why industrial building rooftops cannot be used instead of fertile farmland.  
  
Chairman made a motion to bring minute 080622 forward in the order.
- 060622 To discuss the Gloucestershire County Council Community Speedwatch Safety Fund.**  
A new fund launched to improve the safety of county's roads, applications can be made for a range of measures, including Road Safety Officer support, speed surveys, 'Twenty is Plenty' wheelie bin stickers, vehicle activated signs to encourage drivers to slow down, and community speedwatch cameras. Should the parish council be applying for funding?  
After discussion about the speed vehicles travel through Saul, the various ways in which this could be monitored and what kind of vehicles were using the roads it was thought that further investigation into the equipment available to measure this was needed. Do the speed monitoring equipment also record cyclists speed?  
**Action: Cllr Van Der Hooft to contact Dist Cllr J Jones to ask if the M100 speed camera is available and duration of loan period. Is there any other monitoring equipment available?**

Signed / Date

  
27/7/2022.



070622

**To receive a report on the meeting with Highways regarding parking issues at Sandfield Bridge and between Malt House Farm and Fretherne Bridge.**

The parking in these areas has continued to raise concerns, a meeting between councillors and the Stroud District Council Highway Department was held at the end of May to discuss this. Cllr Bierer reported that the Highways Department had again flagged the need to renew the double yellow lines in the Sandfield Bridge area, they are also looking at ways to extend the fencing on the bend towards Fretherne Bridge. The parking issues are not unique and is shared with other parishes along the Sharpness to Gloucester Canal. Dist Cllr H Jones and Cty Cllr Davies trying to meet the Canal and River Trust (CRT) to discuss the problem. Highways have suggested various solutions to the parking issues between Malt House Farm and Fretherne Bridge which all come at great cost. It was thought a more in depth discussion on this was needed at a later date.

080622

**To receive an update on the Stroudwater Canal and the willow trees**

Chairman of the Stroudwater canal restoration team gave a synopsis of the group and where it is at. The group has quietly disbanded and the vast amount of work is being done by two people. There is a need to work out how to kick it back off again. The issues are, water levels due to a lack of rain and the area of land by Engineers Cottage desperately needs to be cleared. The footpath towards Saul Junction is collapsing and needs repair. Discussion followed about maintaining water levels through pumping, calculating the size of the pump required to maintain the water level taking into consideration all aspects of the scenario – water volume needed, distance to be pumped and where best to locate the pump including whether it is necessary to outsource this work to specialists. It should be noted that the parish council are striving to find a permanent solution to this issue. Severn Grass Services offered to clear the area mentioned as in previous years, also remove the willow from the stone work around the bridge, quote to follow.

Further discussion followed about the footpath from Framilode Bridge in the direction of Saul Junction which is collapsing and the fence requires replacing.

To be discussed at future meetings, how best to kick start the work force on the Stroudwater Canal, projects for clearing the canal/manage the silt,

Work to clear the land by Engineers Cottage was approved. Proposed, seconded with two abstentions.

**Actions:** Cllr Lever to check if the parish council owns the footpath from Framilode Bridge towards Saul Junction.

Cllr Lever to contact the consultants re assistance with the canal.

Cllr Cobb to print and post warning signs at either end of the Framilode Bridge/Saul Junction section of canal which is suffering from collapse.

Get quote for a temp repair to the footpath until a long term solution can be got and a quote to repair the fencing.

Cllr Findlater to contact the owners of the property to the side of the bridge to ask whether the pump and generator can be put on his land again for pumping.

Member of the public left the meeting at 20:10pm.

090622

**Public Question Time**

No questions raised.

100622

**Planning Applications**

**Application Number:** S.22/1204/HHOLD Mayview, Moor Street, Saul, Gloucester.

**Description:** Removal of existing single storey extension to rear and construction of new to meet current building regulations. Re-planning internal space to provide improved living space configuration

**Respond by date:** 02.07.2022

**Councils response** – no comment

**Application Number:** S.22/1202/FUL Site For Proposed Livery Yard Associated With Dunstalls Farm, Arlingham Road, Saul,

**Description:** Construction of livery yard with associated parking and paddocks (Resubmission of S.22/0331/FUL)

**Respond by date:** 02.07.2022

**Councils response** – no comment

**Application Number:** S.22/1243/HHOLD Fretherne Court Cottage, Arlingham Road, Saul, Gloucester.

**Description:** Erection of summer room to the front of existing cottage

**Respond by date:** 30.06.2022

**Councils response** – no comment

Signed / Date

*A Bierer*  
27/7/2022



**Application Number:** S.22/1078/HHOLD Cotswold View, Moor Street, Saul, Gloucester.

**Description:** Single storey rear extension to create a kitchen / dining room

**Respond by date:** 02.07.2022

**Councils response – no comment**

**Application Number:** S.22/1035/HHOLD Sabrina, Framilode Passage, Saul, Gloucester.

**Description:** Conversion of garage to utility room and workshop

**Respond by date:** 01.07.2022

**Councils response – no comment**

**Planning Appeal**

**Appeal ref:** S.22/015/APPREF

**Planning ref:** S.22/0289/HHOLD 39 Passage Road Saul

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

**Appeal Start Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Planning Decisions**

**Application Number:** S.22/0803/HHOLD 1 Garden Cottages, Framilode Passage, Saul, Gloucester.

**Description:** Two storey side and single storey rear extensions.

**Decision:** Awaiting decision

**Application Number:** S.22/0983/HHOLD Camberley, Passage Road, Saul, Gloucester

**Description:** Erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling

**Decision:** Awaiting decision

**Application Number:** S.22/1022/TCA St Peters Church, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire

**Description:** T723 Holm Oak -Remove. T720 Lime - Remove dead wood. T721 Lime -Formative prune

**Decision:** Application approved

**Application Number:** S.22/0882/HHOLD 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire

**Description:** Erection of rear two storey extension. Alteration to single storey garage annexe to raise floor level and demolition of rear conservatory

**Decision:** Awaiting decision

**Application Number:** S.22/0808/HHOLD Alpha Cottage, Moor Street, Saul, Gloucester.

**Description:** Replacement rear single storey extension

**Decision:** Awaiting decision

110622

**To discuss the recent communication from Gallaghers regarding the renewal of the insurance policy**

Council has received a pre-renewal questionnaire, to provide the basis for the renewal of the insurance cover. This needs to be completed and returned by the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Response was discussed and amendments noted.

**Action:** Clerk to complete and return the form prior to the deadline.

120622

**Finance:**

**To approve the following payments in accordance with the budget.**

Supporting documents have already been sent to councillors.

Payee	For	Amount
Clerk	Including clerks wages June, P32 payment and stationary	£467.70
Severn Grass Services S Robbins	Village Maintenance inv 143	£294.30
DJD Agri - Dave Davis	Verge cutting	£456.40
GB Sport and Leisure	Inspection of Memorial Hall Playing Field equipment	£150.00

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

**To ratify payments made between meetings –**

Kings Castle Entertainment, hire of equipment for the jubilee event

£375

IAC Audit and Consultancy Ltd, Internal Audit

£180

Mr S Robbins Treatment of Willow stump inv139

£48

Signed / Date

27/7/2022



Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

**To review and approve June bank reconciliation and accounts.**

These has already been circulated to the councillors. Please note, agenda incorrectly states May bank rec and accounts, this is corrected here to June.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

130622

**To note correspondence received**

The clerk has received an email from a member of the public enquiring as to the extent conservation area. This transpired to be an enquiry linked to a planning application and the council's response to said application. The enquiry was responded to.

The Chairman has received a thank you for the Queens Platinum Jubilee event which was held over the Bank Holiday weekend at Saul Memorial Playing Fields. The message has been passed on to the events team who organised and ran the event.

The Parish Council would also like to pass on their thanks to all involved in organising and running the two Queens Platinum Jubilee events that took place in the parish, at Upper Framilode and at Saul Memorial Playing Fields.

**Action: Clerk to contact SDC Planning to establish the difference between Conservation Area, Industrial Heritage Conservation Area and any other conservation designations. To request maps of each of these areas applicable to the parish,**

140622

**Clerks Report - Feedback from items raised at the last meeting and other points to be discussed**

Severn Grass Services have been contacted with reference to the willow tree.

The Ship Inn team have yet to advise if they would like to make use of the Upper Framilode telephone box for the defib unit they are fund raising for.

A replacement noticeboard for Framilode Passage has now been ordered but the delivery date is some weeks away.

The company who are willing to inspect and advise on the play equipment have been asked to arrange a visit.

The member of the public has been contacted about moving the sandbags from his garage to a temporary storage place.

Enquiries are ongoing as to the removal and treatment of willow trees in the disused section of the Stroudwater Canal at Upper Framilode.

Cllrs Lever and Jeffries are now registered to take part on the GAPTC's Chairman's training course

Following Cllr R Findlater's resignation at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, Stroud District Council have been notified and the vacancy will be advertised in the coming month.

**Action: Further information from the fund raisers is needed before a decision on the Framilode phonebox can be made. Cllr P Van Der Hoof will look into this.**

150622

**To discuss and approve the purchase of dog poop bags for the Memorial Hall Playing Field Dispenser**

The clerk would like funding to purchase another supply of dog poo bags for the dispenser at Saul Memorial Playing Field. The cost of a box is £33.84 inc VAT. Four boxes were ordered in 2019 and these ran out earlier this year. Can a repeat order be placed at a cost of £135.36 inc vat.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

160622

**To receive a report on an issue with one of the allotment taps and to discuss and approve maintenance on the taps and stand pipes.**

Recently, an allotment holder was soaked due to the first tap once again being an issue, Cllr Van Der Hoof knows the details. The water was turned off at the stop cock whilst the tap was repaired. Council to discuss repair/replacement of this tap.

**Action: Clerk to look into getting the tap replaced as quickly as possible.**

170622

**To review the Roles and Responsibilities**

Councillors to review the Roles and Responsibilities following a councillor resignation.

The roles and responsibilities were reviewed and assigned to councillors although this will be revisited once another councillor is in place.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

180622

**To approve the Risk Management Schedule.**

After discussion, this will be further discussed at a later meeting.

**Action: All councillors to review the document and note any concerns in preparation for the July meeting.**

Signed / Date

27/6/2022  
L. Baines



190622

**To discuss the repairs to the telephone box opposite Passage Road.**

The repairs have been quoted for some time ago but as yet the work has not been carried out. Council to discuss a forward plan to repair/restore the telephone box.

The on-going repairs were discussed. One final approach to be made to the person who was going to do the repairs. A time scale to be put on work starting, otherwise the alternative quotation will be followed up.

**Action: Cllr Bierer to enquire when work will be done.**

200622

**Date of next meeting is 27th July 2022.**

**The meeting closed at 21:40pm.**

Signed:

*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.*

Signed / Date

*B. Bierer*  
27/7/2022