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FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Fretherne with Saul Parish Council Meeting held at Saul Memorial Hall at 7:45pm on 27th July 2022.

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

In attendance: Cty Cllr S Davies, Dist Cllr J Jones

Register of General Public attending meeting: Four

Agenda

- 010722 **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies received from Cllr Jeffries
- 020722 **Declarations of Interest on the Agenda**
Cllr Bierer registered an interest in minute 230722
- 030722 **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 29th June 2022 as a true record.**
The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed, seconded with all in favour.
- 040722 **Public Question Time**
As all members of the public present were here to raise comments on planning application S.22/1371/FUL Arlingham Solar Farm to be discussed in minute 070722, Chairman moved to bring that minute forward in the agenda.
- 050722 **To receive a report from County Councillor Stephen Davies.**
Stroud District Council are installing more charging points for electric cars, there have been points in carparks for some time but they are to be installed on lamp posts so people can park up and use them.
A long distance cycling consultation has just opened, mainly about a route between Cheltenham to Stroud but initially from Cheltenham to Gloucester with a dedicated cycle route. So you can answer that if you are interested.
Would draw your attention to is the Road Safety Policy, concentration on the new policy of 20 mph, has now been published. Encouraged to have a look at this especially if you are wanting to apply to turn any bits of the village into 20mph.
I would remind you that any application for the vehicle activated speed cameras and 20 mph stickers for wheelie bins, needs to be submitted before the end of August.
We, Cllr Bierer and myself, had a great meeting with Yakub. Bollards are now up, some progress has been done.
Cllr Bierer has thanked Yakub. I think Yakub still need to send you some pricing, Cllr Bierer responded that he **keeps being 'beaten up' at this end not to cut in front of Severn Voice** which we will come to in a minute.
- 060722 **To receive a report from District Councillor John Jones.**
Council meeting last week elected a new Leader following the resignation of Doina Cornell. The new Leader is Catherine Braun, (Green) from W-U-E, and a Deputy Leader was appointed, Natalie Bennett, (Lab) from Nailsworth
A new Monitoring Officer was appointed, Claire Hughes, on a job share scheme of roughly 50/50 with Cheltenham Borough Council
A motion to try to resolve future of the former Ship Inn site on the A419 at Stonehouse, put forward by our Group, eventually received unanimous support from all sides. The motion asked Council to task Officers to move the site forward as a matter of urgency, in line with the wishes of the survey conducted by Stonehouse Town Council. The site has had a chequered history and remained undeveloped for well over 20 years since the pub was demolished.

Signed / Date

LAB 28/9/2022.



The recommendation of the Independent Review Panel on Members allowances was adopted, with an amendment to bring it in line with the cycle of Elections carried, instead of being one year behind. A recommendation for SDC to purchase the derelict site between Stroud railway station and the Canal, close to Dr. Newtons Way was approved by a majority, despite misgivings being voiced about the stability of the site, meaning it could be unstable, as the canal has to be steel-piled along that area to prevent the land slipping. Questions were asked regarding the potential saturation of the Severn Vale by Solar Farms, what proposals could be put in place to minimise this, along with how the quality of the land these applications would sit on is assessed. Secondly, what proposals are likely to be forthcoming to encourage the use of brownfield sites and industrial buildings rooftops for solar panel placement, thereby reducing the use of agricultural land for this purpose?

070722

To receive a report about the planning application S.22/1371/FUL Land At, Arlingham, Gloucestershire application for a solar farm.

Cllr Lever's report and comments made by the members of the public were discussed at length and council approved the decision to object to the planning application. An objection will be written by Cllr's Lever and Cobb by the respond by date, 21st August 2022.
Proposed, seconded with all in favour

080722

To discuss the numerous points raised by councillors, parishes and groups along the Gloucester Sharpness Canal, issues being raised about the use of the canal and communications between Canal and River Trust (CRT), the Environment Agency (EA) and other groups.

A list of concerns has been passed to the parish council which is already being discussed, council to consider whether there are any other issues, and in particular within the parish, that they would want to add to the list for consideration.

The councillors had one item to add to the list, the pumping of water from the canal into the River Frome at a time when the area was under threat of high tides and severe flooding. It was also noted that members of the parish council are meeting with Canal and River Trust to gain an understanding of CRT's protocols in dispersing water at Saul Junction.

090722

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.

PCSO Treble has loaned the parish council a speed camera for a week to understand the speeds vehicles are travelling on various roads in the parish. Training has been given and monitoring will begin tomorrow.

100722

The Chairman will move the adoption of the following resolution; that under the Local Government Act 1972 and Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) 1960, Council delegates the planning responses, between the dates 27th July to 28th September 2022, to the clerk in consultation with the parish councillors via email.

Following an explanation this action was approved.
Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

110722

To discuss and approve a contribution to replacing the battery for the defibrillator in Saul.

Contribution towards a new battery on a 50:50 basis with the Memorial Hall Committee was approved. The total cost of the battery is £235.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

120722

Planning Applications

Application Number: S.22/1492/TCA The Coach House, Framilode, Gloucester, Gloucestershire.

Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area

Description: Willow - Removal

Council have no comment to add.

Planning Appeal

Appeal ref: S.22/015/APPREF

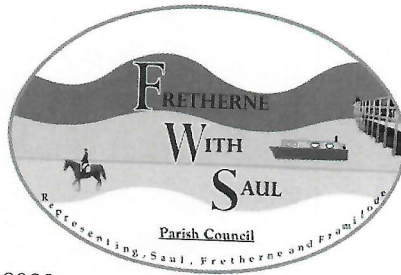
Planning ref: S.22/0289/HHOLD

Location: 39 Passage Road Saul

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

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28/9/2022



Appeal Start Date: 6th June 2022

Planning Decisions

- 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
Decision: Awaiting decision
- 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)
Decision: Awaiting Decision
- Application Number:** S.22/1243/HHOLD Fretherne Court Cottage, Arlingham Road, Saul, Gloucester.
Description: Erection of summer room to the front of existing cottage
Decision: Awaiting decision
- Application Number:** S.22/1078/HHOLD Cotswold View, Moor Street, Saul, Gloucester.
Description: Single storey rear extension to create a kitchen / dining room
Decision: Awaiting Decision
- Application Number:** S.22/1035/HHOLD Sabrina, Framilode Passage, Saul, Gloucester.
Description: Conversion of garage to utility room and workshop
Decision: Permitted
- Application Number:** S.22/0803/HHOLD 1 Garden Cottages, Framilode Passage, Saul, Gloucester.
Description: Two storey side and single storey rear extensions.
Decision: Permitted
- Application Number:** S.22/0983/HHOLD Camberley, Passage Road, Saul, Gloucester
Description: Erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling
Decision: Permitted
- 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

Cty Cllr Davies and Dist Cllr Jones left the meeting at 21:06.

130722 **To discuss and approve replacement of the sign on the gable end of the Memorial Hall which is out of date and misleading.**

It was agreed the sign needs to be removed.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

Action: Cllr Cobb to look at fixings with a view to removal.

140722 **Finance:**

To approve the following payments in accordance with the budget.

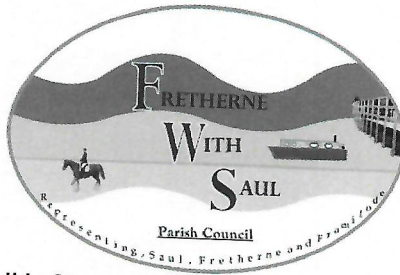
Payee	For	Amount
Clerk	Including clerks wages July	£360.70 *
Severn Grass Services – S Robbins	Village Maintenance Inv 164	£294.30
MGB Accountants	Producing payslips & submitting RTI returns from May 2021 to May 2022	£240.00
GAPTC	Chairmans Leadership Course x 2 Inv 7390	£70.00
JRB Enterprises Ltd	Poop Bags for the Memorial Hall Playing Field Dispenser	£144.90

*this is not confirmed at the time of posting the agenda. Any amendment will be confirmed in the minutes.

To note: the clerks pay slip details £362.70.

Signed / Date

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28/9/2022



Proposed, seconded with all in favour

To ratify payments made between meetings – None

To review and approve July bank reconciliation and accounts.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

150722

To note correspondence received

The clerk has received an email regarding allotment tenants piling green waste and other items against the hedge of adjacent properties. This has been looked into and an email sent to all tenants asking them not to do this. To be discussed on minute 180722.

A member of the public has asked why there are still traffic cones along Church Lane. These regularly get thrown into the drainage channel alongside the road and have to be retrieved by residents. Highways department have been contacted, work on the verge is still to be done following the damage by the tractor and trailer. It is hoped this will be done by the end of the summer. This information has been passed to the member of the public.

160722

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

The proposed noticeboard for the allotment approved at the meeting in May, is still being sourced. Size and supports need to be agreed. Clerk brought details of a noticeboard to the meeting, total cost £562.30. This was approved.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

The company who are willing to inspect and advise on the play equipment have now carried out the inspection and have made recommendations verbally, these have yet to be received in writing. To be discussed on minute 200722.

The member of the public has been contacted about moving the sandbags from his garage to a temporary storage place. Time and date to move the bags has yet to be agreed.

The dog poop bags have been purchased at a cost of £144.90 and the dispenser is now being replenished.

An allotment tenant who is a plumber kindly offered to replace the allotment tap free of charge. The tap in the allotments has been checked; the repairs already done to it seem to be sufficient. Any further issues, the entire tap will be replaced.

170722

To discuss the insurance renewal quotation from Gallaghers and whether to enter into a three year fixed premium contract.

The quotation and insurance documentation has already been circulated to the councillors to consider before reviewing and a discussion at the meeting. The cost of the renewal is £1433.34, this is a substantial increase year on year.

The renewal of the insurance was approved.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

180722

To discuss matters arising from the allotments.

- An adjoining land owner has contacted the clerk re green waste and other items being piled up against their boundary hedge and requested this is removed. An email has been sent to all allotment tenants asking them not to do this and to find another way of disposing of the waste.

Could a one of skip be hired for allotment tenants to dispose of any unwanted rubbish – vegetation or discarded items. This was discussed and further information is needed before a decision is made.

Action: clerk to find out if there is any difference between hiring for vegetation or scrap.

- An allotment tenant who took on the allotment in recent months now finds that her businesses do not leave her with sufficient time to tend an allotment and has handed it back to the council. Council to approve return of the full bond to exiting tenant. Nothing has been done on the allotment since taking it on.

Council approved the return of the bond minus the £25 administration fee, so a refund of £75.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

Action: Clerk to refund.

- Referencing the above allotment, prior to the tenant taking on the allotment it had remained untouched for some time with areas sheeted down with weed suppressant and other areas unkempt. Months into this year has seen substantial grass and vegetation growth which is now causing annoyance to other tenants. Council to discuss and approve a new tenant taking the allotment with reduced period of rent to get the allotment back to a working standard.

Council approved that the allotment be offered to a prospective tenant at free for the remainder of the year as there is a lot of clearing to be done.

Action: Clerk to contact next person on the waiting list and explain this when viewing.

Signed / Date

A. Smith
28/9/2022.



- A tenant has asked permission to install a small wildlife pond on her allotment. Measurements have been provided and it will be fenced. The tenant is a member of SWCAA, South West Counties Allotment Association which provides the tenant with third party insurance cover. Council to discuss. Council discussed creation of a pond but thought that there may be issues filling in the pond if the tenant vacates the allotment, wildlife may have become established in the pond and it would be unsafe to move them elsewhere. Tenant to be offered access to the allotment pond.
Action: clerk to contact tenant with explanation of refusal and discuss the allotment pond.

190722

To formally approve the hire of a pump and generator from Pump Supplies including associated pipework as quoted for and the bolt on insurance policy to cover the equipment while on hire.

An initial two week period has been discussed and relevant correspondence circulated. Exact costs cannot be calculated until end of hire period as this is dependent on how long pumping takes. Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

200722

To discuss and approve the Risk Management Schedule.

The Risk Management Schedule was discussed and councillors approved the document. Proposed, seconded with all in favour.

210722

To discuss the recommendations made by GB Sport and Leisure following their inspection of the play equipment at the Memorial Hall Playing Field.

The equipment has now been inspected and recommendations made. It has been highlighted that the zip wire should be taken out of use immediately, the seat has now been removed. GB Sport and Leisure are working on costs to repair the equipment inspected, as the manufacturer is no longer UK based this is taking longer than hoped.

220722

To receive an update on the repairs to the telephone box opposite Passage Road and discuss any further actions which may be required.

The repairs have been quoted for some time ago but as yet the work has not been carried out. Cllr Bierer to give an update as to when the work will begin. As there has been no progress on the repairs to the phonebox, the alternative quote will be followed up.

Action: Clerk to make contact with reference about the second quote and ask them to proceed with the repairs.

230722

The Chairman will move the adoption of the following resolution; That under section 100(A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, the public and press will be excluded from the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act

- Approval of invoice payment for legal advice relating to complaint Referring to meeting agenda September 2021, minute 250921, council further approved the cost of £645.00 for legal support in the on going Code of Conduct complaint. Proposed, seconded with one abstention.

240722

Date of next meeting is 28th September 2022.

The meeting closed at 22:50.

Signed: Kay Brown

Kay Brown
28 July 2022

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.

Adrian
28/9/2022.

Signed / Date