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FRETHERNE WITH SAUL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Fretherne with Saul Parish Council Extra Meeting held at Saul Memorial Hall at 7:00pm on 19th July 2023.

Present: Cllr Lever (Chairman), Cllr B Findlater (Vice Chairman), Cllr van der Hooft, Cllr Cobb, Cllr Bierer, Clerk K Brown

In attendance: None

Register of General Public attending meeting: Three

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Agenda

010723 To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Jeffries and Wynn

020723 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda –
Cllr van der Hooft and Cllr S Cobb declared an interest in agenda item 040723

A member of the public began speaking, explaining that they had submitted, by email, a request to the Parish Clerk that they could pose some questions. The Clerk has not received the request. The Chairman explained that the agenda did not include a Public Question time, there would be one at the meeting on the 26th.

Following Cllr Bierer's suggestion, the Chairman moved to allow a discussion to take place so long as the matter is discussed in a genial matter. A full, frank and lengthy discussion followed around correspondence sent to the Chairman of the Canal Group and its content, the management of work on the canal and the responsibilities of the Parish Council as landowners.

During the discussion, the Clerk was asked to minute a statement from Cllr Cobb "I apologise profusely Mr Rogol for losing my temper, I did not mean to. We have obviously got off on the wrong foot and I apologise profusely to you, and I was wrong; I will accept I was wrong".

The Clerk was also asked to minute a further apology from a Member of the Public to Mr Rogol and the Parish Council for the way they had spoken and the way they had behaved.

The discussion concluded that a letter would be sent to the reinstated Chairman of the Canal Group, the content of the letter to be finalised in the closed agenda item, 050723.

The three members of the Public left the meeting at 20:16

030723 To discuss the Parish Council long terms plans for the canal.
To discuss if ongoing work on the disused section of the Stroudwater Canal tenable?
Discussion about what work can and needs to be carried out

- Duck weed needs to be skimmed off but there isn't sufficient water in the canal
- Fighting climate change causing condition of water
- Strengthening the dam
- Consider alternative water sources for maintaining the water levels
- Raising the water level in the canal
- Purchase of a notice board

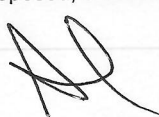
A budget of £2000 was set for the hire, or purchase, of pump and generator for raising water level.

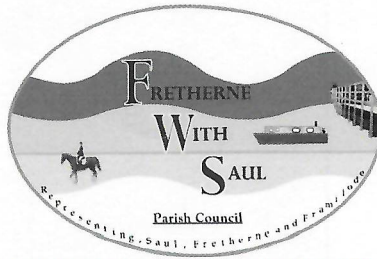
Proposed, seconded with all in favour

A budget of £1000 to purchase a noticeboard was proposed.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

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Action: Cllr Lever to get contact details for landowner in Canal Row, Cllr Beirer to contact builder re water drainage from roofs/quote prior to contacting homeowners re permissions and for costs of pump, Cllr Cobb to investigate ground source pumps

040723

To update the Parish Council on the requested survey of the Canal.

The Parish Council have recently discussed the need for a further survey of the disused section of the Stroudwater Canal at Upper Framilode. This is to provide a survey combined with advice on further works to enhance the canal and how this can be done to minimise impact of wildlife. Previous surveys have been carried out by 35percent, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) and more recently by Acer Ecology. Having contacted GWT recently regarding a further survey, they have recommended that Wild Service be approached. Clerk to update the Councillors on progress with arranging this survey.

The Clerk has contacted 35percent who directed the Parish Council (PC) to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who in turn directed the PC to Wild Service. An email exchange has taken place, Wild Service requested the previous survey reports which have been provided. Wild Service suggest their expert carries out the Ecological survey along with another member of the team. They will be available to do the survey in the Autumn. The Clerk is waiting for a quote to be sent. Also need a report giving a framework of what work can be carried out and when. A budget of £5000 was set for the survey.

Proposed, seconded with all in favour

Action: Cllr Cobb will get in touch with GWT and Mike Dean to ask how quickly the water level in the canal can be raised. The Clerk to chase up the quote for the survey

Cllrs van der Hooff and Cobb left the meeting at 20:50

050723

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

- To discuss correspondence received

Chairman moved to extend the meeting until completion of the discussion.

Following discussion in the first part of the meeting, it is agreed a letter is to be sent to Chairman of the Canal Group acknowledging that the initial response to the offer of First Aid training was not a rejection on behalf of the Canal Group but rather a personal rejection. The volunteer work on the Canal is much appreciated however the work will continue to be temporarily suspended. Once the water levels have been raised, further work will be considered and communicated to the Canal Group.

060723

Date of next meeting is 26th July 2023

The meeting closed at 21:15

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.

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