

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 6th November 2006 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs H Clarke Mr K Male
Mrs N Cameron Mr M Tennant Dist. Cllr S Steele C. Cllr. D Nelson and Mrs M Knox Clerk)

1168. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr K Summers, unwell.

1169. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2006 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the addition of "list" following "housing" in min1161a.

1170. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Progress report on the Parish Plan. Clerk reported that a pre-plan report was in production scheduled for early distribution. Another edition of Fivehead matters was soon to be distributed containing an update and advertising a public meeting which would be detail progress to date, be interactive, with refreshments. This to be held on November 22nd.
- b) Condition of notice board. MC has yet to action.
- c) Community Fund from 02 News for community projects. In circulation and not yet returned. Clerk to chase, extract document and give to VHMC secretary.
- d) To consider request to purchase batteries to power the equipment used in Speedwatch. 6 AA batteries are required. Council favoured the purchase of rechargeable ones if this was appropriate. GB was unanimously authorised to make the correct purchase on behalf of Council after due research.
- e) To make arrangements for notes to be taken at the next Council meeting should the Clerk be unable to attend due to personal circumstances. To receive notification that Mr Knox would be willing to do so. (Approval received from SALC). In was unanimously agreed to take SALC's advice and appoint Mr B Knox as a temporary unpaid assistant clerk.

1171. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Community Council for Somerset re showing support for Rural Post Offices. Same from Countryside Alliance. Clerk to write to the minister, Jim Fitzpatrick, in support of the vital role played by village post offices and copy same to MP David Heath. NC reported that DH is holding a public meeting on this topic on Nov. 13th at 6pm at Curry Mallet village hall.
- b) From South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau re request for donation and Annual Report. After debate it was agreed unanimously to donate £50 under Section 142 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- c) From SSDC re invitation to State of the District meeting. 23rd November 6.15pm Council Offices, Yeovil. DN gave background to meeting. No councillor available to attend.

1172. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

- i) Statement of Community Involvement for SSDC. ii) Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan. Both into circulation and items for next agenda.

Survey on Quality Parish Scheme from SSDC. Completed at meeting. Background provided by SS & DN.

1173. REPORTS.

- a) Playing Field GB reported b) Village Hall MT reported. d) Cemetery Sub Committee GB reported that there is rubbish under the tree and two grave stones are steeply leaning but firm. Clerk to investigate. Inspection book handed to HC. e) Highways Damage to roads by Wessex Water discussed. Gullies on A378 scheduled for clearance. f) Rights of Way. Both Fivehead's Parish Partnership Improvement Scheme applications have been successful. Clerk has reported damaged on L11/51 to the north and east of the copse to Wessex Water Pipeline project manager. g) FLAG. NC supplied a report for circulation and said that representatives from more of the relevant parishes were needed for the continuation of this successful liaison committee. Item for next agenda.

1174. PLANNING.

- a) applications 06/03446/lbc Moortown Farm Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. Removal of first floor over kitchen and staircase. (As advised, deadline for comments now extended). No objections.

1175. TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR 2007-8

With reference to letters from the Village Hall & Playing Field Management Committees.
The Clerk presented the first draft which members will consider during the month. Item for next agenda.

1176 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received.

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) SALC	lunch for delegate	£7.50
ii) A&M Garden Services	Maint. Oct. & Sept.	£287
iii) Wessex Malthouse Direct	Newsletter printing	£48
b) Payments authorised at the meeting:		
iv) Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	donation under sect. 137	£50
v) Mrs M Knox	salary	£160.29
vi) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£66.21
c) Income received during the month		
vii) Fivehead Post Office	newsletter advert	£30
viii) Arbortech	newsletter advert	£15
ix) G J Bailey	newsletter advert	£30

1177. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman. MC had received a letter and several queries regarding the ongoing work at Glendale. NC signed the declarations of interest book and left the meeting. The situation was discussed but members were aware this was not an agenda item. All agreed that procedures to date gave rise to concern. Clerk to investigate prior to the next meeting. She had been handed a letter from a parishioner at this meeting. NC rejoined the meeting.

b) Clerk. Various notices were read. Insp. Pitman is expected to attend the next meeting.

c) Councillors. HC wanted Insp. Pitman to be asked to bring our crime statistics. SS said he needs to be sure to bring the relevant ones as we come under area west not area north for Police statistics. HC had read in the press that there had been a three million pound under spend in our police authority. SS said this had been denied. GB reported on his attendance at the Community Area Safety Action Panel meeting which had been useful. GB also said that the VHMC hoped that Council would sponsor planting a section of the bank bordering the car park. MC asked that an official letter of request be sent. Council may need to take on maintenance of The Pound both these matters could have implications for the budget. Adjustments to the hall cleaning rota were made between councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Chairman

Dated

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