

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead  
on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 8pm.**

Present	Mr M Cavill (Chairman)	Mr K Summers	Mr K Male
	Mrs N Cameron	Mr M Tennant	Mr G Balmer
Dist. Cllr. S Steele		Mrs M Knox (Clerk) & one member of the public.	

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The subject was the originally anticipated amalgamation of the Playing Field and Village Hall Management Committees. Concern was expressed about the personalities involved and the possible repercussions on fund raising. Having put the historical picture, as recalled from the previous plans to build a hall on the playing field, it was requested that Council consult SALC with regard to amalgamations in similar situations. Lack of clearance and signing on some footpaths was raised.

**1045. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received Mrs H Clarke and C. Cllr. D Nelson.

**1046. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2005 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the addition to min.1032 (3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.) namely "apologies were received from Dist. Cllr. S Steele".

**1047. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) Fivehead Parish Plan - Progress report. KS reported and distributed minutes from the meetings held to date. A committee has been set up and only one member lost to date. Funding for PP's is diminishing so Fivehead needs to present a strong case. The VHMC have donated use of the hall until Christmas and will provide it at a reduced rate thereafter. A newsletter/pre questionnaire has been distributed and organisations have received a letter requesting a discussion be held to gauge members likes and dislikes of living in Fivehead.. Mr A Barrett has undertaken to create a village website and plans for that are progressing. Footpaths have already been raised here as a matter in need of attention (see public session).
- b) Weeds in the grass at St Martin's Church. To receive a report from GB. The weeds in questions were on the path and under the trees and have now been dealt with.
- c) To consider the allocation of funds for decorations for the tree for the Festival of Christmas Trees. NC requested a small amount to purchase wrapped chocolate money. It was **resolved** (prop. MT sec. MC) to grant £5.
- d) LAMP to receive information from Cllr. K Male. He reported that there is a strong proposal to amalgamated LAMP with the Parrett Catchment Project. Contributing factors are the loss of one of LAMP's key personnel and English Nature's withdrawal of support for LAMP's Biosphere Project. If amalgamation takes place parish council's lose their input as the new body will consist of paid members of external organisations. Clerk to write to LAMP stating opposition to the amalgamation and stating it wishes to see the continuance of local input.
- e) To fund a village Christmas Tree (see min. 1043a).It had been decided prior to the meeting (to fit the timescale of Langport Rotary Club) not to accept one of their large trees due to difficulties with installing the specified support system. The VHMC wish to place a small tree inside the hall. GB will purchase the tree and provide a receipt. (See min 1043). The PC have a set of external quality rope lights available.
- f) To consider the verbal complaints received concerning dog waste in the centre of the village. This is an ongoing problem and is causing offence particularly to the shop proprietors. Despite posters being placed in the shop and on the notice board dog owners are still breaking the law by not picking up their pet's waste. Clerk to write a further reminder in the newsletter. Council feel obliged to purchase a further dog waste bin and site it (subject to approval) on Langford Corner. **Resolved** to purchase a third bin. (prop. KM sec. NC). Council are aware this will not be popular but see no alternative other than name and shame. MC & KM still to install litter bin on Langford Corner.
- g) To receive (if any) quotes for the maintenance work for 2006/7. Three invitations to tender had been sent out to date no quotes had been received but Mr Pettitt had indicated to MC that he would be quoting.
- h) To consider part funding the provision of Broadband for the Council Office. MC raised the issue as he felt

that use of the internet for Council business was increasing rapidly. It is becoming the means by which organisations send information to Council and the Clerk is increasing expected to search for information on web sites rather than receive it by letter. The majority of inter council communication is now by email and the clerk feels constrained to use this out of office hours. The Clerk said that she felt uncomfortable about receiving financial support for this but having researched her phone bills she and her husband could not justify purchasing Broadband for their personal use. Dist. Cllr. S Steel confirmed that it was not unusual for councils to fund broadband for their clerks. Council **resolved** unanimously to part fund Broadband for the Council Office at £150 per annum. The clerk thanked them for their offer and said that she would consider it further and monitor the essential use of the internet for council duties.

#### **1048. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From Fivehead Under Fives re explanation of their financial needs. MC had consulted with Mrs Colquhoun and C. Cllr. DN. They will communicate and arrange the required funding without PC involvement.
- b) From SCC re Council Tax Consultation. Papers to MT who may attend.
- c) From SSDC re State of the District Council Debate. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6.30/7pm Sparkford. Clerk may attend and will consult with Curry Mallet Clerk.
- d) From South West of England Regional Development Agency re invitation to a workshop. All meetings at a distance , no attendees.
- e) From Somerset Gateway re web space of Somerset Parish Councils. Council will use the web being organised by Mr Barrett.
- f) From SSDC re Community Safety Issues. Clerk to ask for a leaflet for distribution to each house to be distributed with the parish newsletter.
- g) From RNAS Yeovilton re electronic receipt out of hours flying information sheet. Clerk authorised to print this out for weekly display.
- h) From Mrs M Steven & Mrs C Haworth re kerbing round the graves of B & M Adams deceased. The letter was read and the content noted. Council was very sorry and understood the reasons for the request but they were unable to alter their decision (1026b) to refuse to allow kerbing in line with The Policy for management of the cemetery approved on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 (min.956) as to do so would render The Policy unworkable. Clerk to write explaining that the kerbed grave in the same row received approval prior to 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. and that their decision in no way detracted from the valuable service that their parents, and in particular Mr Adams, had rendered to the Fivehead community over many years. Council had already written making a suggestion to link the graves.
- i) From SCC re Community Access Fund. Council had been successful in securing the full amount requested for the works to L11/7 (£1690). Clerk to write to Somerset Landscapes to authorise them to proceed.
- j) From Avon & Somerset Constabulary re interest in receiving feedback. There was no feedback.

#### **1049. REPORTS.**

- a) Playing Field MT reported expressing concern re the working relationship between the PFMC & the VHMC. He felt the PC Chairman might need to become involved. Dist. Cllr. SS suggested that Gerard Tucker might be asked for assistance as he had relevant experience.
- b) Village Hall GB reported there had been a meeting with the quantity surveyor, builders and architect present to attempt to sort out the final cost of the hall. GB confirmed that the VHMC had donated free use of the hall to the PP committee until Christmas and would charge a 50% rate for use thereafter.
- e) Highways MT questioned the validity of the speed restriction sign on the A378. Clerk to seek clarification from Highways. Clerk had reported fly tipping but received no response from SSDC.
- g) Rights of Way. The need for clearance and signing was noted. Clerk thought that interested persons might come forward to assist with pinpointing problems as the Parish Plan proceeded.

#### **1050. PLANNING.**

Applications 05/02891/AGN Lower Listock Farm Fivehead. TA3 6QY Install roof over existing slurry store (GR333457/123753). No objections

- a) Decisions: Granted (s.t.c.) 05/02532/FUL Westfield Ganges Hill, Fivehead. Extend width of rear extension and extend width of garage.

Refused. 05/01682/FUL Far End Cottage, Moortown Lane, Curry Rivel. Creation of a self-contained annex

and garage.

To receive a report on an explanatory Development Control Meeting. There were many problems in the planning department at present. They directly impinge on Council as consultation is reduced to fourteen days which will inevitably necessitate the calling of extra meetings and thereby incur expense. Our ward member Dist. Cllr. SS will be more heavily involved when the PC opposes an application.

### **1052. TO SET THE BUDGET FOR 2006-7**

Having considered the notional budget set by the clerk Council resolved to set the budget at £11940.(prop. MC sec. unanimous).

This figure was reached in conjunction with letter requesting on going funding from the VHMC and a percentage increase of 3% had been recommended by SALC. In order to set the precept the PFMC had been contacted to ascertain their requirements. All the paperwork supplied had been circulated to members and was taken into consideration. Council had been anxious to set a lower precept but felt it imprudent to deplete the reserves still further in light of the increasing demands being made upon funds..

KM raised concerns at to what would happen to the precept should the Village Hall find itself short of funds when the final accounts were drawn up. Council felt it would be impossible to assist via the precept.

Clerk to write to the treasurer of the PFMC in response to the receipt of his accounts and explanatory letter.

### **1053 FINANCE**

The bank reconciliation and financial position of the Council were received.

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) Fivehead Village Hall	rent for Parish Plan meeting	£14
ii) Wessex Malthouse Direct	printing newsletters	£45
b) Payments to be authorised:		
iii) Mrs M Knox	Salary	£151.32
iv) Mrs M Knox,	expenses.	£6.99
v) Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	donation under sec. 137	£50
c) Income received during the month		
vi) Fivehead Post Office	newsletter advert	£24
vii) Arbortech	newsletter advert	£12
viii) Mike Rogers	newsletter advert	£12
ix) NATWEST	interest	£45.64
ix) Beverley Ann Blinds	newsletter advert	£24
x) W A Hoare & Sons	memorial for M Cullen	£50
b) xi) Fivehead Village Hall	meeting	£5
b) xii) A & M Garden Services	maint. Oct. Nov.	£272.95
b) xiii) J Slocombe	repairs to bus shelter	£65

### **1054. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

b) Clerk Publicity for the PP. The PP secretary to be invited to submit copy.

c) Councillors: Concerns over gravel from the VH car park being dragged into Stowey Road by vehicles and blocked drainage and excessive undergrowth in Green Lane footpath.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25pm.

Chairman

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