

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 5th December 2005 at 8pm.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

The topic raised was the refusal of permission for kerbing around the graves of B & M Adams deceased.

1055. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

1056. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 2005 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with alterations to min. 1047h "Steel" to "Steele" and min.1050. Delete "opposes an application" and replace with "is opposed to the planning officer's decision."

1057. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Dog Waste Bin. To receive authorisation for siting from SSDC and confirmation of emptying. To receive quote for bin and consider method of positioning. An article in "Clerks & Councils Direct" implied that dog waste could be put in a general litter bin provided the area was not covered by a bylaw. It therefore seemed prudent to install the already purchased bin (MC & KM to action) before considering a further purchase. SS will make discrete enquiries as to what can legitimately be disposed of in a litter bin. The clerk had received a verbal offer from a parishioner to pay for the dog waste bin.
- b) Speed restriction signs on the A378. To receive response from Highways. This quoted Directions and compliance codes stating all such signs comply with the regulations and are legal for use on the Highway.
- c) Gravel on road by village hall entrance. The gravel has now been swept back on to the car park entrance.
- d) Green Lane. Drainage and excessive vegetation. MC will inspect and confer with George Montague of SSDC Rights of Way.
- e) To consider quotes (if any) for the Maintenance Contract. One quote had been received, two or three others are anticipated. Item for next agenda.
- f) Parish Plan -to consider letter re future funding and receive progress report. The letter from the Sec. of the PP was non specific. Members sought clarification from KS as to the likely sum involved. The maximum grant available from DEFRA would be £2750. Fivehead PP is not guaranteed to get the full amount. Clerk to write stating that Council is prepared in principle to make an appropriate contribution but would like to know what the final costs will be. A further letter requesting the views of the "group", being the PC, was read out. Members were unanimous that the PP has to be seen not to be PC lead and therefore all members should respond as individuals. Council was anxious that this should not be seen as a nil response - Clerk to convey this. A list of the responses to the pre bid questionnaire to date were read out and briefly commented on.
- g) Kerbing around the graves of B & M Adams deceased. To receive a further letter from Mrs M Stevens and Mrs C Haworth. Input from Mr Stevens during Public Session was discussed. The main cause of distress is that the Policy was adopted in February and Mrs Adams died in June. As she was not informed she had no opportunity to make her revised wishes known to her daughters who are trying to fulfil her expectations. They feel that Council should have informed Mrs Adams of the change of Policy. Clerk to write to Mrs H. and Mrs S. stating that council will further consider their position and will write with a decision in the New Year. Meanwhile Clerk to consult the burial register and attempt to ascertain how many relatives with pre purchased graves could similarly contest the Policy. If there are only a small number Clerk to write to the surviving relatives and inform them that kerbing will not be permitted.
- h) GB had purchased a Christmas tree for the VH. A cheque was raised for £16 as per min.1047e

1058. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Somerset Drug and Alcohol Action Team re offer of Awareness Sessions. Members felt this would make an ideal topic for the APM. Clerk to arrange if possible.
- b) From LAMP re Council's response and invitation to an open meeting on Dec. 8th 2pm at Compton Dundon. KM would attempt to attend. Claim approved see min 1058c.
- c) From SSDC re Parish Council Allowances. Members do not wish to receive a standing allowance. NC suggested members and the clerk should claim for petrol. There was support for this but also the view

expressed that whether to claim should be a matter of choice. SS stated it was important that claims should only be made where it had been agreed that attendance at an event was relevant and approved. This is the District Council's approach.

d) From SSDC re Website training at Brympton Way 12th Dec. 10-12am. Very inconvenient date for the Clerk. MC would try to attend. SS said it only involved demonstrating the use of the web site. If this is the case there is no need for a presence. Clerk to check. Claim approved if planning decision training confirmed

1059. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

South Somerset Local Development Framework. Statement of Community Involvement re Minerals and Waste Development Documents and County Matter planning applications. Clerk to complete survey. Document into circulation.

1060. REPORTS.

a) Playing Field MT reported. b) Village Hall GB reported. g) Rights of Way. Tree down on Swell Drove, MC to action. h) State of the District Meeting Report from Clerk into circulation.

1061. PLANNING.

b) Decisions: Granted (s t c).05/02756/FUL 1 Angel Row Butchers Hill. Rebuilding kitchen/dining area. Provision of bedroom and bathroom for disabled person.

05/02891/AGN Lower Listock Farm Fivehead. TA3 6QY Install roof over existing slurry store (GR333457/123753). Formal planning application is required.

1062. TO SET THE HONARARIUM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEWSLETTER and to raise a cheque. It was **resolved** (prop. MC sec. Unanimously) to increase this to £85. A cheque was raised.

1063. TO SET THE CEMETERY RATES FOR 2006

It was **resolved** unanimously not to increase the rates this year to maintain the existing round figures.

1064. TO SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE APM AND CONSIDER A SPEAKER

Clerk to liase with the Somerset Drug and Alcohol Team and try to arrange a date in April.

1065 FINANCE

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

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) Mrs N Cameron	decs. for Festival of Christmas trees	£5
b) Payments to be authorised:		
ii) Mrs M Knox	Salary	£151.32
iii) Mrs M Knox,	expenses.	£2.45
iv) Mrs M Knox	use of house as office	£160
v) Mrs N Cameron	re issue of cheque for printer warranty chq. no 62 lost	£19.99
c) Income received during the month		
vi) GP Plumbing	newsletter advert	£12

1066. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman .Water pipe of inadequate diameter installed across gateway in Iberry Lane causing runoff.

b) Clerk. Letter of thanks from Air Ambulance.

c) Councillors: GB questioned the lack of mention of Mr Lacey's circulated response re the Nov. Public Session. This advised the PC to remain detached from the considerations of amalgamating the VH & PF committees. Clerk apologised. SS reported that the Recycling initiative has lost a great deal of money and the Planning Department has failed to reach its' target and is financially penalised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman

Dated