

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

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

PUBLIC SESSION Not held, no public present.

1077. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr K Summers and C. Cllr. D Nelson.

1078. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2006 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1079. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Parish Plan to receive progress report and notification of the committee's possible interest in entering the "Calor Village of the Year" competition. The bid submitted for 2 ½K has been granted. Council congratulated the PP team on achievement. No PP meeting held since Jan. 9th.
- b) Employment Law to receive advice from SALC that there is a requirement in law to have a Disciplinary Panel and an Appeal Panel in existence. It was agreed unanimously to add these posts to the "Election of Representatives" list as appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May.
- c) Item for debate as requested by the VHMC - footpath onto Stowey Road. There was concern as two persons have fallen into the open ditch adjacent to the footpath. The placing of rails was discussed and dismissed as likely to cause further problems. It was resolved that the best method to make safe the area was to pipe the ditch with a pipe to match existing, infill over the pipe and build two small walls to retain the earth around the pipe. GB would take this suggestion back to the VHMC.
- d) Items for debate as requested by the PCC i) Churchyard Wall. ii) Churchyard trees iii) Condition of Friendly Society Banner.
 - i) Stones have fallen from the collapsing wall at the back of the cemetery. This area has been discussed previously. GB will check again with the PCC as to the ownership of the wall. ii) There are large, low sweeping boughs on a big yew tree which need lopping (also in the back area). Their disposal was discussed. MC to ask Mr M Wheller if he would consider undertaking the clearance in exchange for the timber. iii) GB reported the Banner to be in a very poor state. The quote for repair given over five years ago was then considered prohibitively expensive. Taunton Museum has no interest in the Banner, having many already in its care, including it is believed, one from Fivehead. Council would like to see the Banner retained for the time being. The making of a copy and the hanging of the repair or copy in the Village Hall was briefly discussed. Clerk to ask the PP if the Banner could be discussed at one of their meetings.
- e) Mile Hill House. An email received at 10.00am on the 6th Feb. was read out. This was an eventual response to several communications sent during January requesting information on action which had been promised in an email dated 5th Sept. 2005. A conclusion and report is now anticipated by the April meeting Council did not consider that the undertakings made in the Sept. email had been implemented and that such issues made the imposition of planning conditions a farce. Clerk to write to Mr Phillips thanking him for his eventual response and asking him if he did the things he undertook to do in September. A copy to be sent to the Chief Executive of SSDC.
- f) Kerbing around graves at Fivehead Cemetery. A letter of appreciation for the grant of permit had been received from the daughters of B & M Adams.
- g) Parking on "pedestrian refuge" by the Crown Inn. (Item from matters of report in January). Clerk had raised the matter with the Community Police representative at her bi-monthly visit. She was unable to give any assistance, commenting that parking is a common problem in villages. Clerk to contact Highways and ask for their assistance to achieve a pedestrian refuge.

1080. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From SALC re Clerks Workshop on 23rd February at a cost of £15. Note - Claims for mileage from Clerk

and Members will need to be supported by a VAT invoice in order to claim back the VAT element. It was resolved unanimously that the Clerk should attend and claim mileage if required. A cheque for £15 was raised.

b) From David Heath MP re i) response on licensing law ii) his debate in House of Commons on the role of Parish Councils in planning (draft of debate in circulation). i) DH has raised the matter in Parliament to no avail. The new laws pose a large problem for the running of village halls and events.

c) From The Environment Agency re opportunity to be involved in the consultation on British Energy Generation Limited's nuclear power stations authorisations. Unanimous agreement that there is no requirement for this PC to be involved in the disposal of waste from Hinkley Point Power Station.

d) From Lamp re the four possible options for the future of LAMP as proposed by SCC. A paper giving details was briefly consulted and put into circulation. KM expressed concern that SCC would be taking over LAMP completely. Clerk to email the Leader of SCC supporting LAMP's view and reiterating our previous comments (min 1047d). Our input should then be available for a meeting on 9th Feb. Copy to LAMP.

e) From Somerset Rural Youth Project re invitation to a workshop on Tues. 21st March 7-9.30pm. This seems to be aimed at parishes experiencing problems. Clerk to pass on to Mrs Price. SS will report the existence of the flourishing Baptist Youth Club and the use of the Youth Shelter on the Playing Field, both of which would be heartening news.

1081. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

Proposed changes to drug treatment services in Somerset. Response forms distributed as requested, spares to shop.

1082. REPORTS.

b) Village Hall. GB reported on changes in personnel subsequent to the AGM. d) Cemetery Sub Committee. MT had Topples Tested and would acquire a book to keep a record. g) Rights of Way. Landowners have concerns that walkers are not keeping to the footpaths and are allowing their dogs to defecate on grazing and conservation ground. There is a need to inform the public that farmland is used to produce food and must be kept clean. Clerk to attempt to make this point clear via the newsletter.

1083. PLANNING.

05/03335/FUL Dinham's Cottage Ganges Hill Fivehead. Demolition of existing garage and erect a garage/outbuilding (GR335264/1122935) amended plan. No objections.

06/00123/FUL 5 Angel Row Fivehead. Erection of an extension. No objections.

05/02891/AGN Lower Listock Farm Fivehead. Install roof over existing slurry store (min 1061b) Permission is not required.

1084. TO REVIEW THE CLERKS SALARY

Scale received for 31st March 2006 - 31st March 2007. Clerk stated that the annual recommended increase had not been implemented in April 2005 by mutual consent. She indicated she would like to maintain the scale hourly rate but would be willing to reduce her hours to maintain her current salary. She then withdrew from the meeting. It was unanimously resolved to maintain the clerk on her current scale and at 4½ hours per week which would increase her salary to £160.29 per month. Clerk rejoined the meeting.

1085 FINANCE

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

a) Payments authorised during the month

a) Payments to be authorised:

i) Mrs M Knox	salary	£151.32
ii) Mrs M Knox	exp. Dec. & Jan.	£4.53
b) Income received during the month		
iii) G Woodland & Sons Ltd	newsletter advert	£24

1086. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman. He and KM have installed the litter bin at Langford Corner. Items for next agenda.

Correct disposal of dog waste. Stray dogs. He has received numerous complaints about dog faeces on the roads and around village during this month to the point that if this continues he may consider resigning. Langford corner is in need of maintenance. Working party arranged for 25th Feb. at 10am.
b) Clerk. Reiterated Chairman's second comments as she too has received complaints and observed plastic bags containing dog waste thrown into and over hedges and into ditches. Various notices read out.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Chairman

Dated