

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 8pm.**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Not held, no public present.

**1067. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Derek Nelson.

**1068. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

**1069. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) Dog Waste Bin, installation of litter bin. Litter bin not yet installed, MC apologised. Dist. Cllr SS. confirmed that bagged dog waste may be put in litter bin. Item for next agenda.
- b) Parish Plan - to receive progress report. KS reported on movements towards sending off the application form for funding. Council **approved** the signing of the form by KS, as PC Vice Chair and PP Chair, after MC had agreed the figures. MC said that he envisaged part of the result of the PP to be a list of requests for action by the PC and commented on the impressive village website being constructed by Mr A Barrett. The summary of the results of the pre bid survey were shown to Councillors.
- c) Kerbing around the graves of B & M Adams deceased - (deferred from December meeting). To be considered with regard to an analysis of pre purchased graves at the cemetery and "The Conditions Relating to Burial", which include no further kerbing, as approved on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2005. It was **resolved** (four in favour, two against) to permit kerbing around this grave solely on the grounds that Mrs M Adams had not been personally informed of the change of policy prior to her death. It was **resolved** unanimously (prop. MT sec. GB) to charge £60 for the installation, this being a modest increase on the last figure for kerbing which was set in December 2003. Clerk to write to the Adams' relations informing them of the decision and the charge. Clerk to write to all contactable, identified persons who may wish to be buried with their interred relations in Fivehead Cemetery enclosing a copy of "The Burial Conditions", giving the reasoning behind the policy and pointing out that kerbing is no longer permitted.
- d) Arrangements for speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting. The Somerset Drug and Alcohol Action Team will run a session prior to the APM on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Neil Pitman of Avon & Som. Constabulary is looking to attend a parish meeting. Clerk to invite him to attend a PC meeting instead.
- e) Parish Magazine. To consider increasing advertising charges. These have not been increased since 1999. It was **resolved** (prop. GB sec. NC) to increase them from £12 and £24 to £15 & £30 for a quarter and half page respectively from the next renewal date.
- f) Rights of Way. To consider writing a letter of appreciation for work done under the Community Access Fund. MC stated that George Montague, who is his direct ROW contact, said such a letter would be much appreciated. Clerk to write to Paul Attwell expressing the many favourable comments re the installation of the three kissing gates on L11/2. SS reported that one of the two sleepers which made a bridge on a footpath near the river floated away in the recent floods. MC to inspect and report. Clerk reported that she had contacted SLL in response to a letter from SCC ROW dept. re this year's Community Access Fund work. The matter was said to be in hand.

**1070. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From Community Council for Somerset re Calor Village of the Year Competition. Councillors did not wish to undertake this. Clerk to obtain forms and give to KS who would consider it in conjunction with the Parish Plan.
- b) From SSDC re Review of Parish Boundaries. SS advised against requesting unnecessary changes. Council decided to not to request any boundary changes.

**1071. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2006-7 AND FOLLOWING TWO YEARS.**

To receive quotes as received to date. To report two potential applicants inability to quote as per the schedule due to the requirement to remove all cut grass. Three quotes had been received. One was excessively expensive and did not include any grass removal. Council **resolved unanimously** to accept the lowest quote which was from Mr Pettitt, the current contractor, although one quote is still outstanding. It was agreed to appoint Mr Pettitt as the final quote was overdue and Mr Pettitt was a “known quantity” who had proved satisfactory over a number of years. Clerk to write to inform Mr Pettitt.

**1072. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.**

Somerset Local Transport Plan. Copies distributed to councillors to facilitate individual responses.

**1073. REPORTS.**

b) Village Hall. GB reported on a meeting at which the difficulties and expense caused by the new licensing laws was discussed. Clerk to write to David Heath MP making him aware of the problems facing village halls. d) Cemetery Sub Committee. MT & MC to Topple Test the cemetery gravestones.

**1074. PLANNING.**

05/03376/FUL & 05/03379/LBC Moortown Farm Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. Erection of extension and refurbishment and alterations. No objections.  
05/03335/FUL Dinhams Cottage Ganges Hill Fivehead. Demolition of existing garage and erect a garage/outbuilding (GR335264/1122935). Concerns were raised about the elevations particularly in relation to the stability of the churchyard wall to the south. Council would prefer to see a stone building fronting the road which would be more in keeping with the surrounding area.

**1075 FINANCE**

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

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) Wessex Malthouse Direct	newsletter printing	£45
ii) G Balmer	VH Xmas tree	£16
iii) Mrs P Price	honorarium	£85
b) Payments to be authorised:		
iv) Mrs M Knox	salary	£151.32

**1076. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

b) Clerk: Area North Development Control (Planning) team have moved from Kelways to Holyrood Lace Mill, Chard. Admin. Staff will be available at Kelways as will a duty officer system for public access times. Unsafe footbridge on L11/22 closed for 21days from 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.05.  
c) Councillors: GB requested that the lack of a response from the Enforcement Office (outstanding since Sept. 05) re Mile Hill House be put on the agenda.  
Parking in the triangle of land requested as a “pedestrian refuge” outside the Crown Inn was the cause of a chaotic scene over Christmas involving two moving cars and children on bicycles. Parking on this “refuge” area on next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Chairman

Dated