

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

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

PUBLIC SESSION

1087. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr K Summers (attending PP meeting) and Dist. Cllr. S Steele.

1088. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2006 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1089. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Parish Plan - progress report. i) Opening of a bank account. Letters had been received from the steering group. The first stated their intention to open a bank account and requested the grant money be paid to that account as soon as possible. The second requested Council to open subsidiary bank account as their treasurer had to date been unable to source a receptive bank. The Clerk had learnt from SALC that keeping the money with the PC enables VAT to be reclaimed. Clerk to ask the External Auditors if the money should be kept in a new PC subsidiary account or whether it could be managed within the existing accounts with separate accounting columns. ii) The latest PP minutes had been circulated to keep members up to date.
- b) Church matters i) Churchyard Wall. No correspondence to clarify ownership had been received from the vicar. ii) Churchyard trees. MT has yet to contact Mr Wheller. iii) Condition of the Friendly Society Banner GB commented that this is not really a church matter, the banner being merely stored in the church. The Clerk hopes to obtain some advice from a retired textile archivist. Item for next agenda. iv) Inclusion of church newsletter in the parish newsletter. As no formal explanatory request had been received from the PCC the matter could not be discussed.
- c) Mile Hill House. Apologetic letters from the Chief Executive and Acting Development Control Manager of SSDC were read out. As no time scale for action was given Clerk to write to Roger Wotton (Enforcement Team Leader), who is perceived to be more "hands on".
- d) Calor Gas Village of the Year Completion. The Parish Plan steering group do not consider it their place to undertake this (min 1079). KS would like to proceed but as he does not have any backing (min 1070a) it was considered impractical for him to do so. C. Cllr. DN supported this view.
- e) The correct disposal of dog waste and stray dogs. To receive advice on dealing with dogs and their owners from SSDC Dog Warden. The actions already taken were endorsed and some further suggestions made. Clerk to advise via the newsletter of the powers to prosecute and to encourage those witnessing fouling to report it, giving names. Clerk to write to the owner of the frequently straying dog and find out the cost of official signs.
- f) Licensing concerns. To receive response from SCC. GB stated that the hopefully the problem for the Village Hall has been resolved.
- g) The Future of LAMP to receive response from SCC. It seems parishes may be asked to precept to retain the LAMP Office. C. Cllr. DN cautioned strongly against this on principle.

1090. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Avon & Somerset Police re proposed visit by Inspector Pitman on 5th June. Councillors approved. Clerk to confirm.
- b) From Langport Area Tourism Forum re invitation to Tourism afternoon 14th March 2-5pm at Muchelney Abbey. No councillor wished to attend.
- c) From SSDC re invitation to Parish Council Workshop Thurs. 30th March 7.00pm. NC and the Clerk would attend.

1091. REPORTS.

a) Playing Field. MT reported. b) GB reported and asked Clerk to notify the committee of the 2006 -7 grant and apologise for not having previously done so.

1092. PLANNING.

a) Applications 06/00573/ful Kiln House Butchers Hill Fivehead Alterations and extensions to dwelling. No objections.

b) Decisions Fivehead to Swell & Bineham Cathanger Lane Fivehead Removal of various sections of hedgerows to allow installation of water main.

1093 FINANCE

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) SALC	Clerk training Ins. Worksh.	£15
ii) Somerset Landscapes Ltd	works on L11/7	£1985.75
iii) Wessex Malthouse Direct	newsletter printing	£46
b) Payments authorised at the meeting:		
iv) Mrs M Knox	salary	£151.32
v) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£3.53
Village hall	rent	£0
vi) M Cavill	chairman's expenses	£30
vii) Somerset County Council	village hall sign	£106.23
c) Income received during the month		
viii) Community Council for Somerset	grant for Parish Plan	£2500.00
ix) Manning & Knight	mem. re B & M Adams	£75
x) Forsey & Son	mem. Re S R Taylor	£50
x) Smith Planning & Design	newsletter advert	£15
d) Income not previously reported		
xi) NATWEST	interest to 31.12.05	£36.62

1094. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman Thanked those who helped with the clearance of Langford corner including Mr B Knox.

b) Clerk There had been no response from Highways regarding the desired pedestrian refuge. Letter from SALC advising should a council consider the payment of a gratuity to the clerk on retirement, it would be tax efficient to pass a definitive resolution prior to 6th April.

c) Councillors: DN there is an explanatory planning meeting later in March to which Council has to date not been invited. GB to attend on 20th HC on 22nd. Clerk to confirm attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman

Dated