

Fivehead Village Plan
Pre-consultation Question Sheet

November 2005

Name and address (if you wish to give it)

What do you like about living in Fivehead?

What don't you like about living in Fivehead?

Any suggestions for improvements?

Please tear off this sheet and hand in with your response to the Village Shop
by December 10 2005

Fivehead Matters

The newsletter of the Fivehead Parish Plan Steering Committee

The Village Plan

A Village Plan is a document prepared by the community. It describes what the community would like to see happen to their parish in the future. Therefore it :

- Identifies local problems and opportunities
- Sets out a vision for the future
- Prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision

What is involved?

A Village Plan is a grass roots exercise. It is put together by local people in association with the parish council. When complete it is published and copies deposited with the district council, which must take note of the views expressed in it. It will be a necessary document in achieving external funding for different village projects. Village plans are a national policy and some funding is available to produce them. The Rural Community Council acts as official promoter.

Village plans serve a number of purposes: getting people in a village to know one another; identifying particular needs, e.g. health, housing, schooling, transport, shopping, other local facilities and social activities, recreation; meeting needs locally or in co-operation with others.

The First Meeting

A public meeting was held in the Village Hall on September 19th and attended by 80 people or so, residents of Fivehead and Swell. Val Grainger, of the Rural Community Council, and Gerard Tucker, a Community Development Officer for South Somerset, explained what was involved. At the end a show of hands indicated that the great majority of those present were in favour of Fivehead producing a Village Plan. A smaller number indicated their willingness to serve on a Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee has met twice to date, on October 5 and 19.

The Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will work in close co-operation with the Parish Council. A number of Councillors are on it, and it is chaired by Keith Summers, deputy chairman of the Parish Council. About 12-15 have agreed to join it; but its membership has not been finalised. Here are some names for reference:

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| Keith Summers | Chairman | 281418 |
| Mervyn Wilson | Secretary | 281558 |
| Andrew Barrett | Webmaster | 281520 |
| Barry Knox | Data Analyst | 281341 |

The Steering Committee will make a bid for funding, and, if successful, will then issue a detailed questionnaire to everyone in the villages, and on that basis write up and publish the plan. That we expect will take most of next year.

The remainder of this newsletter sets out more about the Plan and how you can contribute.

Further leaflets will keep you informed of progress.

We want to hear from you !

Before we distribute the detailed questionnaire we must find out everyone's broad ideas. The more people involved and contributing, the more likely we are to receive funding to enable the plan to be put into effect. During November to mid December (10):

- A letter is being sent to all organisations in the village
- This leaflet has questions on the back. Please write your response and tear it off and put in a box in the village shop
- Members of the Steering Committee will also be approaching people individually in the same period. We have not the resources to speak to everyone during the pre-consultation stage, but hope to visit at least a representative number
- Please talk among yourselves and respond: write in or speak to one of the Steering Committee
- The Parish Council

Website

Andrew Barrett is appointed webmaster and is developing a site for Fivehead Village. We hope to get this up and running soon so that it can be used in the making of the Plan.