

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF FIVEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL held in the Fivehead Baptist Church on Monday 16th April 2007 at 8pm

In the Chair Mr M Cavill

Also present Mrs M Knox: Clerk to the Parish Council

Present 20 electors of the Parish and District Councillor Sue Steele, plus two late arrivals.

Miranda Shearer, a trainee reporter with the Western Gazette gave an informative and at times amusing address on the role of a local reporter for the Western Gazette. She said that the paper is undergoing change with a new editor and a young, enthusiastic staff who are deeply committed to local news both on paper and on the internet. The paper is there as a tool for us all to use in promoting and advertising matters of interest in our village life. Fivehead area is reported in the Somerton and Langport issue, Miranda being our local reporter.

1. Apologies for absence were received from , Cllr. N Cameron, Cllr. K Male, C. Cllr D Nelson, also the Rev. Jenny Langdown, Mr D Miller, Mrs W Swinburn (all attending the PCC AGM).

.2. Minutes. The Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting held on the 24th April 2006 were read and signed. Proposed Mr G Balmer, seconded Mrs H Clarke.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

4. Reports from village organisations.

Parish Council - Chairman's report. A quieter year than some with a successful Access Grant bid, agreement to renovate the Friendly Society Banner, positive contact with our local policing team and the payment of large grants to local organisations which has the effect of necessitating a large precept.

Playing Field Management Committee. The many achievements of the year were listed and the committee thanked for much hard work. Trees have been planted, the play area fenced and the resident football team is doing really well in the league.

W.I. Now meets on the 2nd Wednesday pm monthly and celebrated its' 50th birthday in 2006.

Fellowship & Leisure Club. This is a thriving Tuesday club. Activities were described.

Fivehead Baptist Church. No formal report but a summary of activities was read out.

Parochial Church Council. The ancient communion cup has been repaired. It is hoped the bells soon will be too. It has been agreed that the Friendly Society Banner may be hung in the church as before, once repaired.

Fivehead Under Fives. This is flourishing thanks to the excellent facilities at the VH and dedicated staff.

Drama Group. A very successful pantomime was produced by a cast ranging from young children to an octogenarian. Sadly it still lost money as much equipment has to be hired in.

Lambert Hut Trustees. After making a large grant there is still some money available for organisations with projects which fit the Trust Remit.

Neighbourhood Watch. A quiet, therefore successful year for the Millers Orchard/Stowey Road scheme.

Tree Warden. Mrs L Tucker is retiring after many years in position and is handing over to her joint warden Mr B Knox.

Parish Plan Steering Group. Much work has been done and the Plan is approaching final draft stage with a somewhat reduced committee.

Speedwatch. Was set up in 2006 and is running successfully at no cost to the parish. Additional volunteers would be very welcome and would receive full training.

Website. Is working well. Organisations can have their own page should they wish. The webmaster would like to receive even more news and reports from organisations.

Village Hall Management Committee. An informal report stated the hall is used for a wide variety of events. The final lottery grant is soon to be released when all snagging is complete.

5. Open Session

i) It was asked if Western Power could be contacted about the unacceptable number of mini power cuts and small surges which the parish is subjected too. They cause extreme inconvenience.

ii) Request for the PC approach Highways concerning the dangerous junction at the top of Butchers Hill where drivers regularly cut across the road to and from the lay-by. A parishioner offered to meet with Highways.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Tea and coffee were served.