

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 10th December 2007 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron
Mrs H Clarke Mr K Male and Mrs M Knox (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were 85 people in the room for the Public session. The Chairman was asked to give a summary of what has taken place on the Stillbrook Wood Yard, the site of a planning application for 4 gypsy pitches, to date and what action the SSDC Planning Office has taken. This he did stating that at this moment, as Council understands it there is a Stop Notice in place however there are caravans on the site which would appear to be in breach of this notice. The matter is with the SSDC Legal Department. The Enforcement Department are doing all they can to ensure they have the correct procedures in place. Questions were taken from the floor and opinions were voiced. There was much indignation that rules relating to development are not applied equally to all the population. Various objections and concerns were raised which Council will take on board when constructing a response to the application listed below. The Public session lasted for 45 minutes. At the close all but two members of the public left.

1342. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dist. Cllr. S Steele. HC signed the Register of Interests book for item 2c.

1343. PLANNING.

a) applications 07/05377/COU Change of use of land from paddock to gypsy site for 4 no pitches GR(335271/122354) Location: Land Os Part Isle Abotts Road Fivehead Taunton.

A document called Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites from the ODPM had been circulated to members. Members had extracted information which they thought would be helpful from this 18 page document. Using that and the points raised at the Public Session a framework for the response was formulated which the clerk would produce in conjunction with the Chairman. The points covered would include, consideration with reference to the Local Development Plan, lack of transparency of site plan, contravention of planning , perceived business use, unsettled community, traffic issues, sustainability, effluent, effect on cemetery, lack of evidence of desire to integrate and screening.

07/05356/TPO Application to carry out surgery works to 1 No. Beech tree subject of tree Preservation Order Yeovil District Council (Fivehead) 1974 (GR 33225/122763. Location: Lambert House Stowey Road Fivehead Taunton.

Members considered they were unable to decide this issue without inspecting the tree neither do they have the requisite knowledge to ensure the well being of the tree. This tree is a significant, pleasing feature in Stowey Road. Council resolved to delegate the decision to the Tree Warden who has received training in such matters. He should be asked to report his deliberations to the Clerk so she can respond accordingly.

07/05478/LBC Cathanger Manor Cathanger Lane Fivehead Removal of existing render and the application of lime render. (Note Listed Building consent only.) HC having supplied background information relating to the need for this procedure withdrew from the discussion. Council has no objections.

1344. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman. Iberry Lane culvert is not taking sufficient water. The 9inch pipe is insufficient for the water flow. Previously a 2ft. Diameter pipe had been promised. Water pours over the road. In recent heavy rains water was pouring down past Stillbrook Farm in the dip in road surface. Clerk to report to Highways (again). At the next meeting it will be necessary to appoint a Vice Chairman.

c) Councillors. GB reported on a meeting he attended where a talk was given on roadside signage by the Planning Office. KM reported on a meeting he attended with SSDC where services were prioritised in light of a budget shortfall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Chairman

Dated

DRAFT - Unapproved