

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 12th February 2007 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs H ClarkeMrs N Cameron
Mr K Summers C. Cllr. D Nelson and Mrs M Knox Clerk)
Miranda Shearer, a reporter from the Western Gazette introduced herself and her role as our local correspondent for the western Gazette.

PUBLIC SESSION

Not held, no public present.

1204. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr K Male, Mr M Tennant and Dist. Cllr. S Steele. A Declaration of Interest was received from Mrs N Cameron for item 3a min. 1206e.

1205 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 8th and 29th of January 2007 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1206. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Parish Plan. KS reported that the Draft Plan was up for discussion at a meeting to be held on 14th Feb. and a further copy of Fivehead Matters was shortly to be distributed.
- b) Condition of notice board. MC has purchased the pieces to effect the repair and will action it shortly.
- c) Local Government Reorganisation - possible Unitary Authority for Somerset. To receive communications from SCC & SSDC. To complete SSDC workshop sheet from meeting attended by MT. MT not present to give feedback so Clerk to take workshop form to him for completion. DN gave further background information to this complex situation. Paperwork into circulation for detailed study but the situation has altered since some of it was produced. Whatever the outcome it seems likely that more responsibility will be devolved to the parish level and parishes may be clustered.
- d) How best to provide publicity for forthcoming elections. To receive suggestions from SALC. Their execution was thought excessive and unlikely to be productive in Fivehead. The short article which had appeared in the Feb. edition of the newsletter was considered sufficient together with posters placed around the village advertising the election and stating where external promotional meetings are being held. All existing councillors would willingly discuss the role with any interested parishioners.
- e) Glendale. NC left the room. There had been no response to the second letter sent to Simon Gale. DN advised that Clerk email Dist. Cllr. SS and ask her to raise our concerns with Mr Gale at an Area North meeting rather than going straight to the Chief Exec. which had been an emailed suggestion from SS. Council do not like the unsightly boarding used to block a gap near The Pound. The ownership of the land recently post and rail fenced was queried but it was considered to belong with Glendale. NC rejoined the meeting.
- f) To consider making the annual payment of "use of house as office" to the Clerk for 2006-7. The Clerk left the room. It was **resolved** prop. NC sec. HC that a payment of £170 be made. The Clerk rejoined the meeting. She was asked what she charges for phone calls. She responded as follows, daytime calls of reasonable duration, 20p pro rata if they are to government bodies using a holding system. Quickies and evening calls 10p or 5p depending on duration. She does not charge for email communication unless used expressly for the PC in the daytime or involves connection to a website.
- g) Langford Corner. The Clerk has cut down brambles and will trim up further.

1207. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Avon & Somerset Police re input to a communications strategy. The document was read out but not found to be very relevant. There was concern as to the effectiveness of PCSO's. It would be helpful if there was an extra channel in place to inform of changes in personnel. We would like to be kept informed without it costing the Force more money. This seems insurmountable. Clerk to relay these deliberations.
- b) From SCC re Area Working Panels. Background information and invitation to a meeting on 21st Feb. at Ilchester Town Hall 6 - 8.30pm. DN informed that this is now moved to Long Sutton. MT would try to attend. If not, or as well, the Clerk would go.
- c) From SSDC re invitation to :-i) an open meeting on Village Shops and Post Offices - ensuring accessible provision in South Somerset. Thur. 22nd Feb. 6.30 for 7pm at Long Sutton Golf Club. KS would try to attend. ii) the Scrutiny Commission meeting. Tues. 27th March, details to follow.

It was noted that the above meetings start very early for working people.

Before leaving to attend Hambridge PC meeting DN commented on the work of Area Panels and said that he would have funds to distribute around his parishes if their projects meet the relevant criteria. He advised asking SS to speak to Kim Sharp of Highways at an Area North meeting re any serious highways issues. DN left the meeting.

d) From Fivehead VHMC & PFMC re Fivehead Village Summer Celebration 14th July 2007. Invitation to participate and attend a planning meeting for same on 21st Feb. 8pm at Village Hall. As the date was the same as for an above meeting it was likely no one would be available. The Clerk to write stating that the PC would "do something" during the afternoon. NC said she might be able to locate a coconut shy.

1208. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

The Threat to the Post Office Network. To complete the consultation response form

NC had collected comments from our Postmaster which were consulted. The matter was debated and the Clerk would complete the response form from notes taken. Some members would complete personal forms.

1209. REPORTS.

b) Village Hall. GB reported. d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Clerk considers brambles need cutting back from the perimeter and will ask Mr Daly if he can assist. The notice about waste is to be sited on the railings near the little gate but the spelling needs correcting. Clerk will contact Timpsons for a replacement. NC took book for next month. f) Rights of Way. Green Lane is impassable. HC to action. There is a tree down across L11/51 in the copse. MT to inform the landowner. g) FLAG NC put a report into circulation.

1210 HIGHWAYS

Deferred from meeting held on Jan. 29th.

i. Water running down road alongside and below Stillbrook Farm. Probable blocked culvert. MT would speak to the landowner in relation to the culvert.

ii. Water running down Isle Brewers Road on Hill. Ditch unfit for purpose. As this is a major problem, the ditch having been allowed to be totally blocked by an unmanaged hedge, Clerk to ask SS to speak to Mr Sharp in addition to her emailing him in the usual way.

iii. Cathanger corner. HC raised this issue which has already been reported.

iv. Dip on Mile Hill. HC reported a sizable dip on the left going towards Taunton between the new water pipe and Little Denise.

1211 SPEAKER FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Ms Shearer agreed to give a short talk explaining what the Western Gazette can do for the village. Council thanked her.

1212 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received by MC

a) Payments authorised during the previous month

i) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent from Dec.	£10
b) Payments authorised at the meeting:		
ii) Mrs M Knox	salary	£160.29
iii) Mrs M Knox	expenses (inc. Cem notice)	£41.15
iv) South Somerset Links	donation	£50
v) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent 29 th Jan.	£2.50
c) Income received during the month		
vi) Taunton Funeral Service	re A G Kingsbury	£483
vii) NATWEST	interest	£64.68
viii) Smith Planning & Design	newsletter advert	£15

1213. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

b) Clerk. Into circulation:- Celebrating St George's Day. Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Agenda and Local Authority members. Invitation to participate in Walk Leader training.

c) Members. Last Friday, Feb. 9th, was National Speed Watch day. The Police came to support the Speedwatch volunteers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm

Chairman

Dated