

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 5th March 2007 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Tennant (in the Chair) Mr G Balmer Mrs H Clarke Mr K Male
Mrs N Cameron Dist. Cllr. S Steele and Mrs M Knox Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Background to the planning application at min. 1222a was given by Mr Balmer.

1214. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr M Cavill and Mr K Summers. Cllr. M Tennant was unanimously elected to take the Chair. A declaration of interest was received from Mr G Balmer for item 6a (min 1220a).

1215. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th February 2007 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1216. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Parish Plan. In the absence of KS the Clerk reported that three members of the PP Steering Committee were meeting this coming week to finalise the draft plan. Council had been asked to comment on the issue of the need for Low Cost Housing. Members agreed that the questionnaire analysis indicates a "wish" rather than a "need". SS stated that there has to be a demonstrable need by three applicants for each unit for a scheme to proceed. Clerk to contact the Health & Housing Dept. at SSDC for further clarification. A survey of "need" to be undertaken via the newsletter. Promotional literature on making Home Ownership a reality had been received from MyPlace and would be advertised via the notice board and website.
- b) Condition of notice board. MC in the process of actioning. Item for next agenda.
- c) Glendale. To receive letter from Simon Gale. This was read out the tone was considered defensive. It was agreed unanimously that it would not be productive to take the matter further. SS was thanked for raising the matter with head of the Planning Department.

1217. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From SALC re Affiliation fee invoice and promotional material. It was **resolved** prop. GB sec. HC to subscribe. The fee is now £126.43 but Council and the Clerk regularly seek advice and membership of such a body is considered very beneficial.
- b) From SSDC re Invitation to send representatives to a Special Meeting with all Town and Parish Councils. Thursday 22nd March at Long Sutton Golf Club and to submit items of concern for debate. At this time of uncertainty re restructuring members could see no advantage in attending. The Clerk might attend.
- c) From Resident in Lower Swell re erection of an unsightly field shelter. Clerk to write to the Planning Department re the shed and copy to the Environmental Health Dept. at Kelways as there also appears to be an issue with burning commercial waste, advising both of the concerns of Council and residents. Residents to be advised to write as well.

1218. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct (in circulation). Resolved not to respond.

1219. REPORTS.

- a) Playing Field. MT reported.
- d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Mr Daley has been asked to cut back encroaching brambles. The increasing pile of spoil from graves is a concern. Item for May agenda when the ground should be drier. The replacement notice has been mounted and is ready for installation. Thanks to Mr B Knox and Mr M Rickitt were recorded. Book to KM.
- e) Highways. Need for gripes on RSPB hill to be cut out into drains. Query re sunken drain on A378 SE of Tanyard farm. Various drains already reported as blocked. Gullies are scheduled for emptying this week (or month).
- f) Rights of Way. Tree still across bridleway on L11/51 (MC). Green Lane cleared (HC). GB reported dangerously stiff catch on new gate on L11/7 (MK). Work is now complete on L11/31 the invoice has been received.
- g) FLAG NC reported FLAG is financially secure, that there will be annual meeting with RNAS Yeovilton and support will be there should there be any issues in the future.
- h) Meeting re Areas Working Panels. (MT reported for MC)
- i) Meeting re Shops and Post Offices. No report from KS available. SS apologised for being unable to attend this meeting due to a conflicting District Council meeting but said there is SSDC money available for grants for PO's. (MK)
- j) Meeting re Village Day. (MK) Plans are in hand. NC to find out availability of coconut

shy. Failing that Council will run a Boule competition.

1220. PLANNING.

- a) applications 07/00878/OUT Land OS 6300 Part Green Lane Fivehead. Erection of a single storey detached dwelling with detached garage GR334607/122997. GB left the room. Council were pleased with the design of the proposed building and having been assured by HC that the neighbours were happy with the outline plan, give their approval subject to the approval of the Highways Dept. GB rejoined the meeting.
- b) decisions (granted s.t.c.) 06/03446/LBC Moortown Farm, Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. Removal of first floor over kitchen and staircase.

1221. CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILORS' EXPENSES

To consider the paying of expenses to members in line with the budget and to raise cheques as resolved. Members did not wish to tender claims. In the absence of MC Chairman's expenses were **resolved** unanimously at £33 being last year's figure plus inflation. A cheque was authorised.

1222 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received.

- a) Payments authorised at the meeting:

i) Mrs M Knox	salary	£160.29
ii) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£1.74
iii) Mrs M Knox	use of house as office	£170
iv) Wessex Malthouse Direct	newsletter printing	£54
b) Income received during the month		
v) Wakely Bros Ltd	re J H Smith decd.	£162

Having been authorised, the cheques would be signed outside the meeting the cheque book not being present.

1223. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

- a) Chairman. Arrangements for catering at the APM on 16th April. Coffee, NC. Biscuits, HC. Tea, MT. Milk & Sugar, KM.
- b) Clerk. Moore Stephens have been reappointed as Council's External Auditors for the financial year 2006/7. At a newly negotiated fee. Letter of thanks for donation received from South Somerset Links. Request for a tarmac walkway at cemetery entrance.
- c) Councillors. HC stated that new plastic bollards have been placed at the junction of Cathanger Lane with the A378. There is a surfeit of road furniture on the route to Taunton. Churchyards paths need spraying with weed killer. Two of the church bells are out of commission. Although expensive to repair the PC is not likely to be asked to contribute.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman

Dated