

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead  
on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 8pm.**

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs H Clarke  
Mrs N Cameron Mr K Male Mr M Tennant Dist. Cllr S Steele Mrs M Knox Clerk)  
and 5 members of The Public.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The topic was the development on land opposite the cemetery known as Stillbrook Wood Yard. Parishioners asked to be updated and this was supplied by the Chairman.

**1306. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from C. Cllr D Nelson. Declarations of interest were received and recorded from GB item 8c (min1313c) and MT item 3e (min 1308e).

**1307. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

**1308. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

e) Development on land opposite cemetery. The concerns raised at public session led KM to advise that parishioners write individually re same to SSDC Planning Department. HC suggested additional letters be sent to David Heath MP as there should be a policy change in legislation regarding unauthorised development. (MC informed the public that there is a requirement for higher tier Councils to provide gypsy pitches in the South West as was detailed in the consultation document Gypsy Pitches in the South West as examined in September 07 (min 1292).) At present a 28 day Temporary Stop Notice is in place on Stillbrook Wood Yard. Clerk to write to Planning Office thanking them for their swift action in applying The Notice, stating that the Parish will be looking for an extension to this Notice and asking that the site be monitored, also thanking the Legal Department for their efforts. Clerk to write to David Heath MP expressing concerns that the laws are applied differently for gypsies when planning applications for development on rural land are received and querying the definition of "gypsy" as there are many (local) families who would like to live on "open" land but have to abide by the regulations. The definition of "enforcement" as relating to this site was raised and was clarified as "it being a criminal offence to bring in another caravan during the period of an Enforcement Notice". Clerk to email the Planning Department before the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. to check The Notice is being extended. PC Andy Lloyd and PCSO Beth Unthank to be informed that water was seen being taken from the cemetery supply for use on the site and requesting their assistance to resolve this. SS will be unable to comment should a planning application be received. NC left the meeting.

a) The Parish Steering Group will be holding a village meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> November with cheese and wine. It is hoped a speaker from the Planning Department will be present and the aim is to form an action plan / committee.

b) Langford Corner. MC & KM have removed the trees and done some pruning. They feel they could and will do more. Members thanked them for their work. Item for next agenda.

c) Too many road signs. A response from Clive Sutton, traffic engineer, was read out as follows. Signage on the A378 is being reviewed. At Cathanger the parking bollards should remain in situ. Safety issues relating to the bollards at the Rock/Curry Mallet junction will be reviewed after a site visit.

d). Unsightly field shelter at Swell. A resident had queried the lack of any action. An email (05/11) from an enforcement officer stated that there would be a further site visit after Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. This matter to be "kept live".

e) Development on land opposite cemetery. Taken as first item, see above.

f) Increasing fly tipping and organised crime in the area. Fly tipping is of general concern. SS has been in active discussions with SSDC Streetscene concerning her Ward. Clerk to contact same. Re crime, Clerk to ask Beat Manager, Louise Wright, for the figures of what has been "lost".

### **1309. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From SSDC re invitation to State of the District Meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. at Brympton Way. KM and one other to attend if possible. Clerk to remind KM.
- b) From Somerset Art Week re invitation to support by donating £30. Resolved not to donate vote 5:1.
- c) From Defra re Ways to tackle Climate Change. To consider implementing any such schemes/ideas. Into circulation. Item for next agenda.
- d) From Somerset Highways re replacing the bus shelter on the A378. Council approved the replacement of the wooden shelter with the new design. It was noted that Council will take ownership, be responsible for its maintenance but incur no installation costs. Clerk to write to confirm that Somerset Highways will remove the old shelter.
- e) From Playing Field Management Committee re clarification of multi use of tennis court. Noted.
- f) From SSDC re invitation to Meeting with Area North Town and Parish Councils Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7-9pm at Long Sutton Golf Club. GB or MC. Clerk to be notified.
- g) From SCC re invitation to participate in the discussion on the Consultation on Waste Management in Somerset. HC hopes to attend at Ash on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30 - 9pm. Clerk to send her contact details.
- h) From South Somerset Links re update and request for a donation. **Resolved** unanimously to donate £50.
- i) SCC From Rights of Way re Crossham Lane & South Drove. Query whether Council still wish to apply for the Creation Order on the lane and the investigation of the status of South Drove. It was **resolved** unanimously Council still wish proceed on both cases as the status of South Drove determines the processing of a Creation Order on Crossham Lane. Council is very disappointed that it taken so many years to begin the process.
- j) From Avon & Somerset Constabulary re invitation to nominate a member of our neighbourhood police team for an award. Closing date for nominations 31<sup>st</sup> December. This was considered inappropriate.
- k) From Fivehead Drama Group re request for support for the purchase of staging. Council support in principle the purchase of staging. SS stated the result of the funding application for same, submitted by the PC, to the Area Panel should be known in December. Clerk to write stating these points and suggesting staging could be hired in the interim.

### **1310. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. responses sought/invited.**

Future Waste Planning in Somerset. (consultation period ends 15<sup>th</sup> December.)

Taunton Town Centre Action Plan. (c.p. ends 6<sup>th</sup> December.) Both into circulation, next agenda.

### **1311. EMERGENCY PLAN**

No action has been taken as yet.

### **1312. REPORTS.**

- a) Playing Field. KM reported regarding future projects.
- d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Book to GB.
- e) Highways. Pothole in Stowey Lane by Newhouse Farm, Clerk to report.
- f) Rights of Way. MC reported on his attendance at a meeting where he was given hand tools for use by volunteers under the Stewardship Scheme. The Clerk is holding these. A stile promised by SSDC under the Community Access Grant in 2006 has not been installed. Clerk has chased this up. Action is anticipated. There are excessive numbers of dogs walked on and around L11/2 where fouling is an issue.
- g) Tree Warden. He has received reports of a felled mature oak in the area of the Fivehead River. The informant had already reported same to SSDC.
- h) Works adversely effecting the Isle and Fivehead Rivers. Sections of these have been dredged and the dredgings banked up. Residents of Isle Brewers fear this may affect the efficiency of the flood plain thereby threatening their village. There are also has implications for Hambridge and Langport. The Environment Agency is taking action, lead officer John Richards.

### **1313. PLANNING.**

- a) applications 07/04672/FUL Eastwood farm Underhill Lane Fivehead. Alterations and extensions. No objections.
- b) decisions i) Granted s.t.c. - 07/03307/FUL Moortown Farm, Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. The erection of a greenhouse
- ii) Refused - 07/03448/FYL Mile Hill House Fivehead. Erection of a dwelling for occupation by a disabled

person.

c) Notification of withdrawal of appeal. Ref. 07/00878/OUT Land at Mullion Cottage.

### **1314. TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR 2008-9**

Letters received from the Village Hall and Playing Field MC's were debated in relation to the sums to be granted to these hardworking organisations. It was unanimously agreed to apply a 4% increase across the basic budget but the above organisation's grants have to be assessed according to need. Clerk to produce a draft budget based on revised figures, as discussed, for consideration next month.

### **1315 FINANCE**

The financial position of the Council was received.

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) A & M Garden Services

maint. Sept. £327.54

b) Payments authorised at the meeting:

ii) Mrs M Knox

salary £160.29

iii) Mrs M Knox

expenses £4.60

iv) Malthouse Direct

newsletter printing £54

v) Fivehead VHMC

rent Sept. £11

c) Income received during the month

vi) G J Bailey

newsletter. Advert £30

vii) NATWEST

interest £143.03

### **1316. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

c) Councillors. Speedwatch is statistically proving to be very effective. MT announced he is likely to be tendering his resignation at the next meeting as he will no longer be resident in the village. SS stated that she will be allocating £300 to the VHMC which is likely to be put towards the cost of providing a storage hut. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25pm

Chairman

Dated