

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 1st October 2007 at 8pm.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

1298. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr G Balmer, Mr M Tennant and Dist. Cllr S Steele.

1299. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd Sept. 2007 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the alteration of "heath" to "health" min1291i.

1300. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) To receive a progress report on the production of the Parish Plan. This is now ready for printing. Clerk to write to Mr Barrett to thank him for his work on the production process.
- b) Friendly Society Banner. A cheque for £500 towards this project has been received from the Lambert Hut Trust. Clerk to write letter of thanks for the cheque and for administering the Trust which is now wound up. The VHMC have offered use of the small hall at no cost during six days of half term but Mr Page cannot start work before Jan/Feb. It is possible but not certain that he could use an outbuilding in Isle Abbots. He is investigating this possibility with the owners.
- c) Too many road signs. After debate, Clerk to write asking the signs to prevent parking on the grass opposite Park Cottage be removed (no longer an issue, change of occupancy), stating that the bollards by the adjacent junction are a hazard to motorists pulling out onto the A378 and stating that Council considers excessive road signs are confusing to motorists preventing the intake of information.
- d) Langford Corner. It was agreed the trees should be cut down and the shrubs be heavily pruned. (MC & KM to action.) The placing of a seat towards the front with prickly shrubs to the rear was discussed and to be further considered after seeing the results of the action detailed above.

1301. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From SCC re HGV pinch point consultation. Identified for report by the Clerk were:- the left turn at the bottom of Butchers Hill, the bridges over the River Isle and Cathanger Lane.
- b) From St. Martins Church re invitation to decorate a Christmas tree on Dec. 14th for the Festival on 15/16th Accepted and delegated to KB.
- c) From SCC re Waste Management - presentation & discussion session during October. Opportunity to register interest in attending. No councillor wished to attend.

1302. EMERGENCY PLAN

MC undertook to chair this. Clerk to provide admin. Support. They would liase to take the matter forward.

1303. REPORTS.

- a) Playing Field. Still concern over tennis court fence. Village Day to be repeated.
- b) Village Hall. A copy of their Action Plan and a copy of the Certificate of Completion of Making Good Defects as issued by the Architect have been received.
- c) SALC. Report on attendance at the AGM was provided by the Clerk for circulation.
- d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Book to HC.
- e) South Somerset Area Working Panel. Clerk reported on a very badly run meeting. No information as to which projects are to receive funding has been received.
- f) Insurance. An email has been received re an alternative source of insurance for PC's. This will be investigated by SALC.
- g) Newsletter. Feedback from the Village Communications Competition put into circulation. Clerk to offer expenses to Mrs Price as she attended the Somerset Rural Community Council AGM to represent our newsletter.

1304. PLANNING

MC reported on site meeting at Mile Hill House which he attended (circulated) re Application: 07/03448/FUL Mile Hill House Langport Road Fivehead Erection of a dwelling for occupation by a disabled person. HC MC & MK met the planners off site following the site meeting. A further submission from the PC subsequent to the meeting was requested by the planners.

“Fivehead PC object on the grounds that the building is outside the development limit. There is concern that if a separate building is constructed it could be split from the existing house into two properties in the future. Parking is an issue as the building would be on land currently available for parking for the existing business and cars have already been parked on the main road. The building is too close to the main road for safety. Council is pleased that that the planners state that the site plan is to be redrawn to show the entire Mile Hill plot as it is now before the application is considered. Council would like to have seen such a plan submitted with the application as the plan provided is clearly inaccurate making an informed response impossible, hence the request for a site meeting.

At the site meeting the planners proposed an alternative option of an extension to the existing house and additional kennels, if needed. The Parish Council would support this proposal as they are sympathetic to the obvious needs of the applicant’s son. (On two occasions extensions to existing properties for use by the disabled have been acceptable to the PC.)

Since the site meeting what appears to be a summer house has been erected in a similar position to the proposed building.”

1304 FINANCE

The financial position and the Interim statement July to October of the Council were received.

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) A & M Garden Services	maint. August	£357.41
b) Payments authorised at the meeting:		
ii) Mrs M Knox	salary	£160.29
iii) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£21.38
iv) Parish Plan	funds balance to committee	£1400
v) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent for July	£10
c) Income received during the month		
vi) Phil Fouracre	newsletter advert	£15
vii) Lambert Hut Trust	funds for restoring banner	£500
viii) Arbortech	newsletter advert	£15
ix) Mike Rogers Plumbing	newsletter advert	£15
x) Beverley Ann Blinds	newsletter advert	£30
xi) Fivehead PO & Stores	newsletter advert	£30

1305. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

b) Clerk. No response from Planning to letter re erection of shed at Swell.

c) Councillors. Increasing fly tipping and organised crime in the area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman

Dated