

Fivehead Parish Plan Steering Committee

Wednesday 14 February 2007

Fivehead Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Keith Summers, John Taylor, Bruce Whittle, Sue Jackson, Malcolm Cavill, Margaret Knox, Bob Powell, Richard Chedzoy, Barry Knox, Mervyn Wilson

Apologies: Kevin Stevens

Resignation: Harry Price. He found Wednesdays difficult for meetings, but would continue to help.

Minutes: of 10 January meeting were approved

Matters arising:

History Group: meeting planned for 19 February at the Red Post House

Oil Purchase: Mervyn to talk to John Tyler who had offered to co-ordinate. There was concern that it should be handled in such a way as to avoid any legal liability. Our position should be set out in a letter, and there should be an appropriate contractual agreement, signed by all who joined the scheme.

Finance: Richard Chedzoy reported that £1400 was held by the Parish Council, and £338.18 in our account. Projected costs: £1300 for printing, hall hire, and donation to the hall for lighting. Proposed and agreed: that £100 for lighting be given to the hall committee immediately.

Fivehead Matters no. 5: This was now being delivered. Mervyn had agreed the text with Keith and Barry and the Hall and Playing Field chairmen. Andrew Barrett had set it out and John Taylor printed it. John Taylor and Bruce were arranging deliveries; responses to be made by the end of February.

Definitive Plan: A first draft had been prepared by Keith and Sue and circulated, but not completely. There were however enough copies present to make a discussion useful.

On Substance:

Housing: could be reworded with notes about past action and present possibilities by Malcolm Cavill and Margaret Knox.

Community: there was much discussion on funding. There are two issues:

- (i) the provision of funding advisory expertise by the plan implementation group
- (ii) the setting up of a village fund which could be used to support projects

There is a question about who will be responsible for the diary.

Green Issues: it was felt that a section should be given to these, which are likely to become increasingly important over the next ten years.

Perhaps we need a green promotion group

Among other things, waste disposal and composting need looking at.

Among the list of projects add or change

- Funding Advisory group (this might be a subset of the new implementation committee)

- Joint fundraising

- Leisure activities organiser

- Green issues

On figures: There were various questions raised about figures. Barry would need a few days to check through these.

This draft set out the bare bones. It would be amplified with text and photos, but with the intention of making it an easy and clear read. It would serve as a reference point for parish bodies, a tool for fund applications. It will be deposited with the District Council and Somerset Rural Community Council, again for reference.

Members were asked to make comments and suggestions to Keith Summers or Sue Jackson.

Moves towards an implementation group. It is our understanding that when we hand the definitive plan to the Parish Council, we shall have completed the task entrusted to us. It is for the Parish Council to set up a continuing committee with an appropriate constitution in order to implement such of the agreed objectives as do not fall within the remit of existing village bodies.

Furthermore it may give support to them.

No dates set. Mervyn Wilson to work on a constitution.

Date of next meeting: 14 March at 8 pm in the Village Hall