

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at 8pm.**

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mrs H  
Clarke Mr R Fielding Dist. Cllr S Steele and Mrs M Knox (Clerk).

**1436. APOLOGIES**

Possible Apologies were received from C. Cllr. D Nelson (who arrived later) and from Cllr. K Male (found later on answer machine).

**1437. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the addition of "and Dist. Cllr. S Steele" at min 1427 and the alterations of "Proposed Full MUGA" to "Proposal re Full MUGA" at min 1429a and "f" to "of" at min 1429d.

**1438. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) Stillbrook Woodyard Public Enquiry. This is to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at The Council Chamber SSDC Brympton Way Yeovil. SS said it may take two days. GB expressed disappointment, unanimously endorsed, that the enquiry was not being held in Fivehead as this may restrict attendance by parishioners. SS said it had been hoped to hold the Enquiry in Fivehead so there is likely to be a problem with sufficient dedicated accommodation at the hall. GB to check if the whole hall could be made available for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. If so a letter requesting a change of venue to be sent. The PC's submission as prepared by Chairman and approved by consultees had been circulated to members. See min 1429b.
- b) Planning Workshop with Simon Gale on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. Clerk to advise that Council seeks guidance on the check list, processes and procedures, apparent inconsistencies and planning conditions for conservatories. SS gave her apologies for this meeting.
- c) Recording Declarations of Interest. SALC advise that Members with a personal interest may speak and vote - only when the interest is prejudicial do they have to leave the room. Representatives ( e.g. on VHMC & PPMC) only have a prejudicial interest where finances or regulatory matters are under debate (grant or planning permission etc.) In this instance SS advised that the representative can stand up and have their say and then leave the room. There is no longer a need to maintain the Register of Interests book. It was unanimously **resolved** from this day to maintain the record solely via the minute book under "Apologies".
- d) Provision of Broadband for Clerk. Registration has been placed with Madasafish. It was **resolved** Council should pay the installation fee to Mr Gully. Prop. MC sec. RF. Clerk asked how Council wanted their computer protected from viruses. NC advised the installation of Avast which is a free download.
- e) "Local Initiatives Budget". A letter from the PPMC was read out which rejected, giving reasons, the PC suggestion of applying for fencing for the tennis court. It was noted that SSDC had been prepared to make a grant towards the fencing, because of this Council has already paid the VHMC 10% (£350) of the anticipated SSDC grant and at present the project for which the Parish Council's grant was given is not going ahead. The letter also stated the PPMC's eager anticipation of a meeting with the PC reps. and Les Collett of SSDC. MC to continue to try to sort a date as so far he has not been able to contact LC. The clerk had been asked by the VHMC whether constructing a patio behind the village hall could be considered for the LI budget. She had responded that she felt the project did not meet the criteria required.
- f) Banking services. The Clerk had found Alliance and Leicester, whilst paying a higher deposit interest rate, would charge a monthly fee for a current account which negated the benefit. NATWEST advised by phone of a new, unadvertised, Direct Reserve Account which pays a better interest rate than the existing Reserve Account. No mandate changes would be needed. NC, as a signatory, would action the account change.
- g) New bus shelter. Councillors like the new shelter. It was **resolved** unanimously that it should be insured and that for the time being the existing litter bin should be replaced next to the shelter. Clerk to contact Allianz.
- h) Crime in the surrounding area. Emails and the August Crime Stats. received from PCSO Beth Unthank were read out. They gave an overview of local police working. She had also phoned the Clerk in response to concerns raised in the August Minutes. Two members described theft events which had not received totally satisfactory police responses (only one was in Fivehead).
- i) Public Rights of Way. A reported problem at the junction of L11/6 and L11/7 had been sorted by the Clerk

during the month. It would be helpful if problems on ROW were notified to the clerk as they could possibly be dealt with locally. The clerk had sought advice from ROW officer Peter Keenley-Side regarding the insurance status of volunteers using powered or sharp clearance tools on ROW's. Volunteers registered with the PPP scheme are insured to use same, under qualifying conditions. They can also use the provided tool kit. Clerk to seek volunteers. DN arrived during this item.

j). Langford Corner. KB, NC and MK had, with assistance from Mr Cameron, done some clearance work. It was agreed there should be an autumn working party and that putting down bark could suppress the weeds. Item for next agenda.

#### **1439. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) Victim Support re request for donation for the financial year 08-09. Resolved not to donate.
- b) Invitation to Community Council for Somerset's AGM. No one wished to attend.
- c) From SALC re 1. AGM. KB would attend. A cheque was raised for her lunch. Prop. NC sec. RF. Mileage could be claimed. 2. New Councillor training events. The dates for same were given to RF. It was **resolved** unanimously that a cheque for £20 (the attendance fee) could be raised during the month if he finds himself able to attend.

#### **1440. REPORTS.**

- b) Village Hall GB reported.
- d) Cemetery Sub Committee Book to MC.
- e) Highways SSDC have patched Standerwick Lane.

#### **1441. PLANNING.**

Applications:- 08/03483/FUL Coppice 2 Stowey Road Fivehead. Alterations to convert existing covered area and garage to form additional living accommodation. No objections.

08/03034/FUL Moortown Farm Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. The erection of stables and farm buildings and the construction of a sand school. No objections.

08/03009/ful Eastwood Farm Underhill Lane Fivehead. Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling. No objections.

Decisions (s.t.c.): - 08/02355/ful The Old Manse Hazeltree Lane Fivehead, Alterations to dwelling and the demolition of existing single storey extension and the erection of a two storey extension.

#### **1442 FINANCE**

The financial position of the Council was received.

- a) Payments authorised at the meeting:

i) Mrs M Knox	salary	£182.62
ii) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£1.85
iii) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent July	£11
b) Income received during the month		
iv) M Knox	nl advert	£4

#### **1443. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

b) Clerk. Forthcoming Somerset Levels & Moors meeting. Info to KM & copy to HC. Police awards. Invitation to CP Rural England meeting.

c) Councillors. GB suggested specific planning application examples for meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman

Dated