

**Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF FIVEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Fivehead Village Hall on Monday 28th April 2008 at 8pm**

In the Chair Mr M Cavill

Also present Mrs M Knox: Clerk to the Parish Council

Present 31 electors of the Parish.

Hilary Wright from Somerset Waste Action gave a most interesting talk and slide show on what happens to our waste, explaining what can be recycled and how. For example it is possible to reduce unwanted paper by cancelling the receipt of junk mail and unfortunately only plastic bottles can be recycled in Somerset. At the end examples of innovative products made from waste materials were passed round. There was a large supply of various leaflets and reusable material bags available.

1. Apologies for absence were received from, Mr K Stevens, Mrs J Loveridge and Mrs L Tucker.

.2. Minutes. The Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting held on the 16th April 2007 were read and signed. Proposed Mr G Balmer, seconded Mrs H Clarke.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

4. Reports from village organisations.

Parish Council - Chairman's report. Items included finance, the revised Emergency Plan, good police liaison, the Parish Plan, Stillbrook Woodyard, retired and new members.

Village Hall Management Committee - All sponsors were thanked. New secure storage is anticipated. Community police have been active re vandalism issues, bookings are healthy and fund raising is on going.

Playing Field Management Committee - The committee were thanked for much hard work. The play area is fenced. The current project is for a full MUGA. Young people are sought for the committee.

Fivehead Under Fives - A successful new committee is making improvements and fundraising for this successful playgroup. The outside space has been refenced and the library improved.

Fellowship & Leisure Club - This is a thriving Tuesday club with 80 members.. Activities were described.

Parochial Church Council - The essential work from the quinquennial inspection is done. Other repair work is on hold. The bell restoration is all but complete. There is a small congregation and PCC.

Fivehead Baptist Church - Has had a good year. The church is growing well. Building work has been done with more scheduled. The church is keen to serve and wants to help the village, has taken on maintenance of The Pound and runs a thriving youth club. It is aware of the parking issue.

Tree Warden - Has advised the Parish Council, helped with planting schemes and a tree survey of the RSPB woodland. Is on SSDCTW consultative group. The Tree Warden job could be shared.

Drama Group - Thanked the Lambert Hut Trustees and SCC who provided funding towards the purchase of staging and sound equipment. A successful pantomime and a summer review were produced. New members welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch - Millers Orchard and Stowey Road schemes are working well with good PCSO contact. Co-ordinators are sought for other areas of village.

Parish Plan Steering Group - The plan has been launched. A small continuation committee has been formed. What to do next needs addressing, maybe an Action Committee.

Speedwatch - Has been in action 94 times, the Police being very helpful. Overall speed has reduced. New volunteers are always welcome.

Website - It is planned to reduce the number of pages having monitored the site over the year. It is receiving a good number of hits but more information is needed on activities especially for the diary.

W.I. - Sadly this was closed down in January 2008 after 51 years. The walks and organisation of the Flower and Craft Show will continue in 2008.

Lambert Hut Trustees - There is negotiation with the Charity Commission to wind up the trust, the funds having been distributed.

5. Open Session

i) It was asked why the anticipated, revamped bus stop could not be placed nearer Butchers Hill where visibility is better.

ii) Request for more open notice boards now the law on the posting of advertisements has been changed.

iii) It was asked if the reduction in the number of caravans on Stillbrook Woodyard was significant.

iv) Would Council investigate the possibility of having new anti satnav. signs put up to prevent heavy vehicles taking short cuts through the village.

v) Unsafe parking close to the junction of Millers Orchard and the Isle Abbots Road restrict visibility.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Tea and coffee were served.