

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 7th January 2008 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mrs N Cameron Mrs H Clarke Mr K Male Dist. Cllr. S Steele(and Mrs M Knox Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Not held. No public present.

1345. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr G Balmer, Mrs K Beacham and C. Cllr. D Nelson.

1346. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd and 10th of December 2007 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1347. VACANCY ON COUNCIL

There had been no letters of application although interest had been expressed to the Clerk by two persons. MC. NC and HC had all thought of people to approach and would do so.

1348. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Deferred in the expectation of more members being present next month

1349. TO APPOINT A SALC REPRESENTATIVE

NC volunteered and was appointed. It was hoped that KB might be willing to share the post.

1350. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Langford Corner. Due to ill health and the pressures of Christmas clearance work was still outstanding. The possibility of placing a bench would be debated when that has been completed.
- b) Receipt of Grant from South Somerset Area Working Panel. 3K has been awarded, but not yet received, towards the purchase of flat pack staging. The Drama Group have been informed. MK and SS were thanked for attending meetings to promote the application. Sadly the bid for funds towards the tennis court / full MUGA project was unsuccessful.
- c) To confirm APM details. Hilary Wright from The Somerset Waste Action Programme will speak at the APM on April 28th. The hall is booked.
- d) Stillbrook Wood yard. Council had requested a public meeting at which an officer from SSDC would inform the village of what action was being taken regarding this development. The clerk received a phone call explaining why this would be inappropriate at this time and could be counter productive. She was satisfied with the explanation. The Chairman was informed. She requested a statement for publication and one of the corporate directors of SSDC sent such which was posted on the notice board. It was agreed to publish the notice in the next newsletter for the benefit of those who have not seen it.

1351. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Avon & Somerset Police re priorities for the area. After debate it agreed to add "theft" to the existing priorities of anti -social speeding within rural communities and built-up areas, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage.
- b) From Safer Somerset re nominations for awards. As Speedwatch did not fit the criteria for any of the categories Council was unable to think of a nomination for submission.
- c) From South Somerset Highways re safety issues relating to reported flooding due to inadequate culvert in Iberry Lane. Clerk to inform Highways of risk in icy conditions.
- d) From Somerset Campaign to Protect Rural England re invitation to join. Into circulation. Next agenda.
- e) From St Margaret's Hospice re offer to give a talk. Clerk to thank them and ask if they could send a speaker to the 2009 APM.

1352. REPORTS.

d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Book to MK e) Highways. Clerk to report potholes by entrance to New House Farm again.

1353. PLANNING.

Decisions granted (s.t.c.) 07/04672/FUL Eastwood Farm Underhill Lane Fivehead. Alterations and Extensions

1354 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received. The new bank mandate was completed by those signatories present. NC to be the fourth signatory, she took the paperwork relevant for her completion and the base form for KB to sign on her return. HC to become the new internal audit member.

a) Payments authorised during the previous month

i) A&M Garden services	maint. Oct. & Nov.	£291.49
ii) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent Oct.	£11
iii) Mrs P Price	honourarium	£95
iv) Wessex Malthouse Direct	NL printing	£54

b) Payments authorised at the meeting:

v) Mrs M Knox	salary (includes £28.49 back pay)	£211.11
vi) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£25.11
vii) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent November	£11

c) Income received during the month

viii) Riverford Home Delivery	NL advert	£15
ix) Pet Shop	NL advert	£15
ix) G Woodland & Sons	NL advert	£30
x) Manning & Knight	memorial re PJ Bennett	£17

1355. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman. He considers the PC computer needs upgrading to enable documents to be received in a workable format. NC suggested she install Open Office which was free software.

b) Clerk A letter of thanks for the donation had been received from South Somerset Links. Village Hall AGM on Jan. 22nd.

c) Councillors. HC had been thanked for her response to the Waste Development Consultation (R66). Fly tipping at south end of Cathanger Lane. SS informed that the Local Development Framework is being formally adopted but the Local Strategic Development framework will supersede it. Council should be alert to changes this could bring to the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at pm 9.25pm

Chairman

Dated