

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

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

In view of the anticipated late arrival of Cllr. Male the Public Session and item 3a were held over.

1378. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs N Cameron and Mrs H Clarke. Mr R Fielding declared an interest (p&p) for item 3d (min1380d).

1379. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2008 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the alteration of say to same at 1371i.

1380. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) To consider the Playing Field MC's project for a FULL MUGGA (see Public Session March minutes). Deferred pending the arrival of KM.
- b) Progression of the Parish Plan. MC reported a smaller committee has been formed for one year to progress the plan.
- c) To complete application for Online and Actionline telephone banking (see min 1376). Clerk expressed concerns relating to the risk of authorised persons being able to make transfers between the PC account and private accounts online or by phone. Members felt this did not constitute a risk. **Resolved** MK & MC to have this access. Neither bank with NATWEST. MC took the form to complete his section.
- d) Implications of Planning Application for Stillbrook Wood Yard, before Area North Committee at 4pm on April 23rd at Long Sutton. RF left the meeting. It was strongly felt that the PC should be represented. MC would attend and maybe KM. The speaker (three minutes only) to endorse PC's letter submitted December (min1343a) which represented the feelings of the ninety people who attended the public meeting and also raise the issues of development in the open countryside, proximity to the cemetery, saturation of gypsy sites in the local area, light pollution and the lack of any effort to integrate into the community (high fences and negative notices). KM arrived during this item. RF rejoined the meeting.

AJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

Mr B Harvey, representing the Playing Field MC supplied information verbal and written, relating to the proposed placing of a full MUGGA on the site of the tennis court. There were three options costing up to 45K. The PFMC need to know whether the PC support the proposal but it unclear what form this support is to take. It is now proposed to complete this project in one year in order to access funds from SSDC.

Meeting reconvened:

a) To consider the Playing Field MC's project for a FULL MUGGA. Although broadly supporting the scheme members expressed concerns. Whilst accepting the PC have a duty to provide facilities for youth there are concerns over how much the MUGGA will be used and the ongoing maintenance costs. Providing funds in this financial year is an issue the PC having no budgeted provision. SS will phone the two relevant officers at SSDC to seek information on funding and timing. KM (PF rep.) said the possibility of purchasing approx. ½ acre of the adjacent field was a possibility raised at the last PFMC meeting. The MUGGA could be sited there and it would provide additional car parking needed for hall and field users. It was felt unanimously the Council needed far more information before any decision could be made. It was proposed (MC) sec (unan) that it be put to the PFMC that the PC hold an extraordinary PC meeting before the PFMC meeting on April 16th where a full discussion of this matter could take place. There would be no items on the agenda unless linked to the Playing Field. (see1381c).Clerk to write suggesting same to PFMC chairman.

1381. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

a) From St Martins Church re setting up of a Good Neighbour Scheme. This proposal seeks the support of the PC and aims at matching needs with skills. Letter into circulation for members to indicate their offers.

b) From Allianz Cornhill Insurers re invitation to renew policy. **Resolved** unanimously to renew. There is 5% index linking. Council is in a long term agreement until 2011. The value of the replacement bus shelter may affect the premium. See min 1381f.

c) From Playing Field MC re proposal for PC take over their grass cutting contract and reduce their grant accordingly. Clerk had sought advice from Peter Lacey. There are concerns as the PFMC wish to retain the organising, scheduling and quality control of the contract with PC taking over the contract and paying the bills direct. This would seem possible but Council needs more control to make the reclaiming of VAT legal. Suggested that this be discussed on April 16th. See min 1380a.

d) From Shopmobility re information and request for donation. Resolved not to donate as not local enough.

e) From Community Council for Somerset re Local Action for Rural Communities and Market Towns on the Levels and Moors. Invitation to meeting. Dates clash with PC commitments. Into circulation.

f) From SCC re suggested replacement of the litter bin to synchronise with the anticipated new bus shelter. **Resolved** (unan.) to ask that the offered metal pole be provided. A decision about replacing the bin can be taken later. Clerk to enquire if Council is required to insure the shelter and obtain the value if so.

g) From SALC re invitation to renew membership (£136.42). **Resolved** (unan.) to renew.

h) From LADT re 1.Walking festival. Volunteers sought for checkpoint at Crown Inn 15th June. KB to organise. 2. Invitation to a meeting on May 7th 7.30pm Great Bow Wharf, Langport to discuss issues common to the fourteen Langport Area parishes. GB took letter and would attend if available, and/or Clerk.

1382. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

Post Office Closures. Papers in circulation. SS stated SSDC is active in this consultation.

1383. REPORTS.

a) Playing Field. Covered above. b) Village Hall. GB reported d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Book to KB. Damaged stone not yet laid flat or cross secured. e)

Highways. Various potholes marked for repair. Butchers Hill drain has been repaired. g) Local Development Framework presentation workshop by SSDC. GB & MC reported. No development is likely in Fivehead as it would not be sustainable. Clerk to ask for a copy of the Core Strategy as we do not appear to have a copy. h) Safe data storage. SS considered Council's procedures for data storage do not constitute a risk, information given was excessive.

1384. PLANNING.

Decision granted (s.t.c.) 08/00142/FUL Eastwood farm Underhill Lane Fivehead. Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling.

1385. FINANCE

The financial position of the Council and the end of year financial statement were received.

a) Payments authorised during the month

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| i) Mr M Cavill | chairman's expenses |
| £35 | |
| ii) Mrs M Knox | use of house as office |
| £170 | |
| iii) ALCA | training for running |
| cemetery £35 | |
| b) Payments authorised at the meeting: | |
| iv) Mrs M Knox | salary |
| £182.62 | |
| v) Mrs M Knox | expenses |
| £6.46 | |
| vi) Fivehead Village Hall MC | rent February |
| £11 | |
| vii) SSDC | cemetery rates |
| £68.70 | |
| viii) SALC | membership 2008-9) |
| £136.42 | |

1386. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

b) Clerk. Notification of audit date 2nd June 2008.

c) Councillors. GB reported on the PCC meeting. RF said there had been a spate of thefts of tools and number plates. No member wished to participate in "Summerset" (circulated) a production on life in Somerset.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.5pm

Chairman

Dated