

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Wednesday 16th April 2008 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs H Clarke Mr R Fielding Mr K Male and Mrs M Knox (Clerk)

Also representing FPFMC Mr F Doggett (Chair), Mr G Land, Mrs Price, Mr A Davey and Mr B Harvey, Mr K Stevens.

1. MATTERS RELATING TO THE PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors to seek clarification on and the financial implications of:-

a) The proposed erection of a full MUGA by Fivehead Playing Field Management Committee.

MC said Council had asked for this meeting as members were confused by differing information received from two presentations given at Public Sessions prior to the March and April PC meetings. It was explained that since the first presentation more research had been done on the products specs. The PFMC had three criteria. The MUGA should be :- 1. Vandal proof, 2. Sustainable, 3. Low maintenance. PPL have two specs which meet all their criteria and are their preferred contractor. Their first choice (option 2) costs £35,666 + Vat (45K). The second choice (option 3) costs £30,593 + VAT (36K). Both include all equipment. Neither include lighting or wiring for same.

PC raised the following queries : a noted call out charge of £450, the need for planning consent, sources of funding, timing - whether SSDC are saying this project should be completed in this financial year, whether Les Collect (SSDC officer) has concerns or not, as he has voiced same to MC (sources of money and income) but not to the PFMC.

The PFMC require from Council: 1. A written letter from Council pledging support for this project. (Not necessarily financial at this instance.) 2. To know what capital assistance the PC will provided or why at this time they are unable to provide any funds. 3. To know if Council will provide ongoing funds for additional maintenance costs resulting, over time, from the extra facility.

Without a letter (see 1. above) the project cannot be started. There was much discussion but no conclusion as to whether the PC, by giving written support, would be expected to provide at least 10% of either the total project cost or any grant from SSDC. The PC has not precepted for this project in the budget for this financial year. It was unclear whether SSDC would provide 7.5K or as much as 11 or 12.5K. There are said to be many promising external sources of funding. Mr B Harvey is investigating them.

The timescale is unclear. The PFMC wish to action the project in this financial year. MC wants them to go back to Les Collett to seek clarification on SSDC's position.

Maintenance. GB asked for figures for the cost of same. There would need to be net replacement biannually (currently approx. £110 for a tennis net) for each of the sports catered for, line painting and eventually, say in ten years, surface renewal or repair. Vandalism is an expensive problem on the playing field and it is not generally covered by insurance. It would be hoped to get some income from hiring out equipment, e.g. nets but in general access will be free.

b) The proposal that Council take over the mowing contract.

Council's legal position re VAT was explained and concerns voiced over Council taking over the contract but the PFMC managing it. Mr G Land clarified how the contract has been managed previously.

c) Any other items solely related to the Playing Field which may have implications for the Parish Council
There were none.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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