

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

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mrs H Clark
Mr K Male C. Cllr. D Nelson Dist. Cllr. S Steele and Mrs M Knox Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

The owner of Sedgmoor Game farm stated that he had approached all close neighbours and none were registering any complaints. He stated that business use had been applied for and business rates were being paid. There are full and part time employees. He wanted to see a decision made on this item (min 1419d).

1417. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr R Fielding.

1418. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd and 23rd of June 2008 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the alteration of "years" to "a long time" under Public Session point 1 on June 2nd.

1419. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS

a) Proposed Full MUGA. To receive notification of any further developments. A letter from the PFMC was read out regarding their objection to notes of the meeting with the PFMC, Les Collett, Adrian Moore and MC being posted on the notice board. (see min 1406a). PC have checked propriety with SALC. This is in order, the matter being in the public domain. MC has drafted a conciliatory letter which was approved by PC and DN. Clerk to write accordingly. This morning MC rang LC for further clarification on the financial position as it will impact on the PC. He was advised that the PFMC were unlikely to be able to meet the sinking fund requirement and therefore the sinking fund is likely to fall on the PC (PFMC are already committed to £800 p.a. for SF for existing facilities). The project cannot proceed if it cannot be shown the SF can be covered. The SF equates to half the capital cost of the project paid out over fifteen years i.e. as at Mar/Apr 2008 £1400 p.a. This project could potentially add £3,000 p.a. to our present precept of £14,000 for the first 3 years. A further letter and draft survey have also been received. It was felt that the PC should sit around the table with the PFMC to agree a survey which would clearly establish the demand for a MUGA together with showing the clear financial implications to the community. To this end it was proposed that a sub committees of three members from each organisation meet with LC (who had offered to participate) to write an approved survey which should be delivered to each household. It was **agreed** PC members be MC, KM and GB. LC said to receive SSDC backing 60% support must be shown. He suggested holding an open day prior to survey delivery at which the MUGA plans be shown. SS & DN would support following a successful full and robust survey. DN stressed the need to make it clear what the impact would be on the precept for years to come. SS stressed the need to install wiring (as yet uncoded). The 42k quote was at March/April this year and by project build time will be higher. There was grave concern over the substantial financial commitment. GB confirmed that while the VH is financially viable the grant from PC towards interest repayment will continue to be required. There is also the potential land purchase to consider. NC asked how much the tennis court refurbishment would cost and was told it was initially £3500 for the fencing towards which the PC granted £350 in May.

Meeting closed to allow further PUBLIC SESSION. The residents of The Old Forge (Ashgate Westies) informed councillors re item minuted at 1419c.

Meeting reconvened.

b) Stillbrook Woodyard. An emailed explanation by Roger Wotton of the current position was read out. A Notice of Appeal in respect of Enforcement Notice (ref APP/R3325/C/07/2062622) had been received with a date of 19th Aug. SS said this has now been postponed to a date in October. MC had a letter explaining the format of the enquiry. Anyone wishing to speak will have to register their intent.

c) The erection and use of a large wooden shed at The Old Forge (Ashgate Westies) on the Main Road (A378). A letter from the owner was read out. Councillors were satisfied that the Planning Department had been consulted and had not required a planning application but expressed concern at the inconsistency of their decisions. Clerk had emailed twice for comments and had received no response. SS suggested a list of such queries be prepared for the Planning Workshop booked for Sept. 8th. The list of queries should be submitted prior to that date.

d) Workshop at Sedgmoor Game Farm. On investigation it had been found that the planning application granted on 30.04.04 did not mention the current use. No formal complaint had been received concerning noise. At the Public Session Mr Morris had assured Council that he was complying with all legal requirements. Council would therefore take no further action.

e) Provision of Broadband for the Clerk. It was unanimously **resolved** that this be provided and the proportional cost agreed previously be paid by Council. (Clerk to research). No agreement was reached on the best provider. NC would research and install. If there were problems Mr Gully could be asked to assist. HC left the meeting.

1420. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

a) From SALC. Re Notification of training event on "Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007" on Wed. 3rd September at Ruishton. Clerk would attend. The attendance fee was **authorised** but is not yet due.

b) From SCC re Somerset Local Initiatives Budget for County Councillors. Under this scheme DN has 15K to spend amongst his thirteen parishes. He also has available 5K with less criteria to be met. The 15K has to be spent by the end of November. Bids to go direct to DN. Item for next agenda.

c) From Team South West re Ringing in the Olympics. GB will give the letter to the Bell Ringers.

d) From Life Cycle UK re offer of two free cycle parking stands. GB took forms and will approach the shop owners and the VHMC to see if they are interested.

1421. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

Future priorities of Western Power (in circulation.) No response.

1422. REPORTS.

DN left during this item. b) Village Hall. New external storage container has been installed. SS was thanked for her financial contribution. c) SALC. KB & NC had attended. d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Book to MK. The entrance way should be being tarmaced this week. e) Highways. Isle Abbots Rd is being resurfaced. f) Rights of Way. Newsletter on volunteering contains ideas to fit criteria of the LIB budget (min 1420b) into circulation. g) Maintenance. MC & RF have removed ivy (as reported during month) from bus stop sign on A378. Langford Corner needs attention. Mr Pettitt said today he is going to remove long grass. The adjacent neighbour has "gardened" part of the area.

1423. PLANNING.

Permission refused. 08/01700/FUL Land at West Barton Lower Swell. The construction of a tennis court. Application withdrawn. 08/01169/FUL Windy Ridge Butchers Hill. Demolition of existing workshop; erection of a new workshop; creation of a new access, parking and turning area; landscaping and associated works.

1424. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR.

Clerk to write a letter of thanks. MC was authorised to purchase a bottle of whiskey as a token of appreciation. SS confirmed expenditure up to £25 did not have to be recorded.

1425 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	£42.57
iii) Information Commissions Office	Data Protection (DD)	£35
iv) Fivehead VHMC	rent May	£11

1426. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

b) Clerk. David Heath MP's Village Tour. He will be at the Village Hall, Fivehead on 28th July at 2pm. Letters were received today from VHMC re land Purchase and receipt of 08-09 grant. There will be a Big Tidy Up event in Sept. The erection of the new bus shelter has been delayed but is anticipated very soon. Planning Workshop 8th Sept. 8pm. A wall for a screen is needed so the big hall will be best. Members need to fill in Review of Register of Interests Form. Those present did so. Clerk to deliver to HC. RF need not do so as he has recently completed the full form.

c) Councillors. Open Gardens was a success. NC will attend Fete meeting on 8th July in place of Clerk. SS asked whether Fivehead's sewer system has spare capacity. It was not known.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Chairman

Dated

DRAFT - Not Approved