

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road, Fivehead
on
Monday 3rd November 2008 at 8pm.**

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mr K Male District. Cllr. S Steele and Mrs M Knox (Clerk)

1452. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs. H Clarke, Mr R Fielding and C. Cllr. D Nelson. Mr K Male declared an interest for item 3g (min 1454g).

1453. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October 2008 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the alterations at min1446h of i) “which must show 51% of households are in support of a Full MUGA” to “which must show majority support for a Full MUGA” and ii) “The PFMC have already secured considerable external funding and MC praised the PFMC for their hard work” to “The PFMC have already secured considerable external funding. MC praised the PFMC for the hard work they do on behalf of the Playing Field.”

1454. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Banking Services. Clerk had ascertained that Post Office accounts are only for private individuals. Alliance & Leicester told Clerk they would make a £5 monthly charge for a current account. This mitigates their higher deposit rate. GB to ask who the Village Hall bank with.
- b) Langford Corner. It was agreed the ground is now too wet to dig out the grass manually. KM & MC will action if conditions permit. GB would research ebay for terram. KM said chippings should be available.
- c) Car Parking outside The Glebe, Stowey Road. PCSO Unthank advised that the two general rules are -
 1. An emergency vehicle can access and pass by the vehicles parked and that the vehicles are not causing an obstruction for this to occur.
 2. A pram/wheelchair or buggy can pass along the pavement without being obstructed by a parked vehicle.Clerk to write to the occupiers of all the houses who might use this area for parking and advise them of the above, requesting they trim back their shrubs if appropriate.
- d) MUGA. To discuss and set the acceptable level of “majority of the village” required for MUGA financial survey results. MC read out an advisory email from Les Collett of SSDC which indicated the requirement for a substantial majority to access funding. After much debate it was prop. GB sec. KM that the result be taken as a simple majority of respondents. If there is a simple majority for the MUGA this is sufficient for the PC to give financial support and SSDC would have to make their own decision. The **motion was carried** four in favour one against.
- e) Fivehead Playgroup. A letter explaining the financial position was read out. This was detailed, included accounts and was put into circulation. Clerk to write with thanks for the information and asking how many children are now on the role and how many come from Fivehead. Item for next agenda.
- f) Driver Awareness Course. Regrettably there has been insufficient interest to run this course.
- g) Land adjacent to the Playing Field. Deferred from October meeting. KM said it needs to be known what area is required and for what purpose. It was **proposed unanimously and agreed** (excluding KM) to send letters to the PFMC and the VHMC inviting them to send two representatives to meet with reps. from the PC to form a working committee. This to progress the matter. A mutually convenient meeting to be arranged when the reps. are known.
- h) Change to Digital TV (as advised by SALC). Clerk had asked if a Mr Farwig of Digital UK would speak at our APM. As members thought this acceptable she would arrange a date, book the hall and him as speaker.
- i) Trimming of Cemetery front hedge. If was unanimously **resolved** this to be actioned by Mr Pettitt.
- j) Cemetery. Request for the placing of memorial slab adjacent to that of Mr S Slocombe, at the rear of the cemetery, for another member of the family. It was unanimously **agreed** this was acceptable. Clerk to inform.

1455. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) Curry Rivel Church of England School re request to fund a child on a Residential Education Visit. Clerk to ascertain if there is a child from Fivehead involved. Item for next agenda.
- b) From SSDC re invitation to Community Safety Workshop (3 places) Monday 17th Nov. Long Sutton Golf Club 6.45-9pm. Clerk and MC would attend. NC would go if one of them could not.
- c) From South Somerset Citizens Advice re request for consideration when setting 2009-2010 budget. It would be considered.

1456. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

South Somerset District Council Parish Charter. Into circulation, next agenda.
Pioneer South Somerset. (from last agenda). NC and Clerk would complete on Wed. 5th Nov.

1457. REPORTS.

- b) Village Hall GB reported.
- d) Cemetery Sub Committee Book to NC
- f) Rights of Way The volunteers have signed up for the PPSS and the forms submitted. There is a report of a wired gate on a footpath north of the A378. The exact location is not yet known.
- g) Police SS reported a beat change is anticipated.
- h) David Heath Surgery Ridgeway Hall Langport 13th Dec. 11.15-12noon.
- i) Bulb planting 2000 bulbs were successfully planted with help from six volunteers, KB and the Clerk.

1458. DUTIES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

To adopt the Model Publication Scheme. Into circulation. Item for next agenda.

1459. TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR 2009-10

A draft budget was distributed and preliminary debate ensued. Item for next agenda. Information on project costs to be sourced during the month.

1460. TO REVIEW THE CLERKS SALARY

With reference to revised salary scale received from SALC for the year to March 31st 2009. (Last reviewed at min 1328). The clerk left the room. On her return she was told the scale was to remain at 17 and her hours were to be increased to 5 1/2 hours per week. Prop. GB sec. MC. The increase would not be back dated. The monthly wage would now be £205.80.

1461. FINANCE

The financial position of the Council and the interim statement, July to October were received.

- a) Payments authorised during the previous month:

i)	Fivehead Village Hall MC	Rent Sept.	£22
ii)	Wessex Malthouse Direct	Newsletter printing Oct.	£54
iii)	A&M Garden Services	Maintenance Sept & Oct.	£284.08
iv)	W E Gully	Broadband provision for Clerk	£120

- b) Payments authorised at the meeting:

v)	Mrs M Knox	Salary	£182.62
vi)	Mrs M Knox	Expenses	£4.47

- c) Income received during the month:

vii)	Fivehead PO & Stores	Newsletter printing	£30
viii)	R King -Beverley Ann Blinds	Newsletter printing	£30

1462. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman. Condition of the PC's monitor.

b) Clerk. New code of conduct for members and employees consultation received. Various notices.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman

Dated