

**Fivehead Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the held at**  
**the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead**  
**on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 8pm.**

**Present:** Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mr K Male and Mrs M Knox (Clerk) and two members of the Public.

**1444. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. H Clarke, Cllr. R Fielding and Dist. Cllr S Steele. Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. K Male for items 1446h and 1447i.

**1445. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st Sept. 2008 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

**1446. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) **Stillbrook Woodyard**, Public Enquiry. To confirm the venue as Council Chambers of SSDC on 9<sup>th</sup> December. To consider means of maximizing attendance at the Enquiry. It was **proposed** (unan.) that it be asked if a notice could be placed in the Post Office where people could put their names if they wanted transport. The Parish Council would then see what they could do to assist.
- b) Provision of Broadband for the Clerk. To present the bill for installation (£120) and consider what proportion should be paid. It was **prop.** (unan.) to pay the full amount. Clerk thanked members. The Clerk was authorised to forward emails containing large informative attachments to Members rather than print and circulate them.
- c) **Banking Services**. NC had been unable to change the Reserve Account to a Capital Reserve Account, which pays a higher interest as, contrary to previous information, she was told it is only available as an Internet account. (See min1394d). Clerk to enquire at the Post Office whether a deposit account could be opened there.
- d) **South Somerset Travel and Subsistence scheme**. It was **prop.** NC sec. unan. to adopt the scheme.
- e) **Langford Corner**. The grass / weeds were considered to be a problem. The grass needs removing. KM would attempt to source some wood bark to use a mulch once the grass has gone. The use of terram was debated but no decision was reached. A working party to be arrange at the next meeting.
- f) **Car parking outside the Glebe, Stowey Road** is causing a problem for pedestrians and wide vehicles. Clerk to speak to our PCSO and write to the concerned parishioner.
- g) **Parish Paths Partnership Scheme**. The Clerk informed Council that there are now several volunteers. She was authorised to sign them up to the scheme with the Countryside Services. This provides insurance and other advantages.
- h) **MUGA**. MC reported on a meeting held on 1st Oct. with representatives of the PFMC and the PC and Les Collett of SSDC in attendance. The Parish Plan does show support for the MUGA and gives the PFMC a mandate to proceed but the PC does not have a mandate to raise money especially as there is the related sinking fund to finance as well. NC raised the option of replacing the tennis court and concerns for the future use of the existing half MUGA. MC was in favour of keeping the existing half MUGA to relieve multi use issues. It was stated that the PFMC's priority is for a MUGA and if the PC can help by providing money Council should support this aim. Grant funding from SSDC requires, as a condition, an input of 10% of the total scheme cost from the PC. It was **resolved** (unan.) that if the PFMC apply to SSDC for a grant then there must be a house to house survey, including the financial details listed below, which must show 51% of households are in support of a Full MUGA before the PC has a mandate to provide financial support. The format

of the survey is to be agreed by the PFMC & the PC and it must provide details of the full financial commitment over the term of the grant and the impact on the Precept. When asked by a member of the public if the PC would support the project if providing money was not involved MC said that he thought Council would not have concerns. This view was supported. The PFMC have already secured considerable external funding and MC praised the PFMC for their hard work. The PC does have concerns about the ongoing commitment to provide money for this large project after the over run of expenditure on the Village Hall which impacts on the Precept but it was hoped in this financial climate prices might drop. GB left the meeting.

i) **The Planting of Spring Bulbs** on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 2pm. starting point Village Hall. Notification has been sent of the allocation of 2000 daffodil bulbs and 1000 crocus bulbs. The sites previously selected are not very suitable for crocus and there are more bulbs than anticipated. Further sites were therefore proposed in the following order of priority 1. By cemetery railings. 2. Near walls around War Memorial Green. 3. Grass at St. Martins Close entrance. 4. Grass verges by bus stops on A378. 5. Verge by Cathanger. Verge in front of Village Hall, for debate. Advice from SSDC will be taken. There are six firm volunteers and some possible. More are welcome.

#### **1447. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

a) From SLCC re **Invitation to Regional Conference** on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Swindon. No one wished to attend.

b) From SSDC re **Pioneer Somerset**. To complete the Devolution of Services Survey and consider what if any services the Council may wish to undertake. Handed to NC who would study and liase with Clerk for response.

c) From all Council Leaders in Somerset re Invitation to **Council Question Time Events**. The Yeovil event is on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.6-8pm. Into circulation, next Agenda.

d) From **Somerset Road Safety Partnership** re offer of Driver Awareness Courses. Few takers so far. Item for next Agenda to gauge if sufficient support to proceed.

e) From SSDC re invitation to **Area North Community Forum**. This event has been cancelled.

f) From **Avon & Somerset Police Authority re Community Policing Awards**. No nomination to be made.

g) From SSDC re **Flood Awareness**. To consider interest in i) Attending a workshop event. ii) Hosting a workshop event. iii) The establishment of a sandbag store. Clerk to register interest for "a".

h) From **Fivehead Playgroup** re request for financial support. Council were supportive in principle. Clerk to write asking for amount of financial support needed, asking if this appears to be a continuing trend and asking what the Playgroup role is likely to be next year. This could impact on the budget.

i) From Mr N Male re possible **land purchase** adjacent to Fivehead Playing Field. A letter had been handed to the Chairman but as he had not brought it to the meeting, item for next Agenda.

j) From **Royal Navy re Invitation to presentation** on "What does the Royal Navy do for the UK" Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. at Holiday Inn Taunton. GB and RF to be asked if they wish to attend. Chairman and Clerk to liase and return invitation cards.

#### **1448. REPORTS.**

c) **SALC**. KB reported on her attendance at the AGM. She advised "Change to Digital TV for next Agenda".

d) **Cemetery Sub Committee**. Book to KB. Trimming of front hedge - next Agenda.

e) **Highways**. Clerk to report potholes and water lying on Stowey Road from VH to St Albans following ditch clearance work.

g) **Clerk**. No insurance charge for the bus shelter for this pro rata period.

h) **Police**. Crime stats. Received and noted.

## **1449. PLANNING.**

Decisions granted (s.t.c.).

08/03034/FUL **Moortown Farm**, Moortown Lance Curry Rivel. The erection of stables and farm buildings and the construction of a sand school.

08/03483/FUL Coppice **2 Stowey Road** Fivehead. Alterations to convert existing covered area and garage to form additional living accommodation.

08/02857/FUL **The Manse Silver Street** Fivehead. Demolition of existing garage and existing extension and the erection of a two storey extension to include an integral garage.

08/02853/FUL **Moortown Cottages** Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. Alterations and the erection of a two storey extension to side.

08/03009/FUL **Eastwood Farm** Underhill Lane Fivehead. Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling.

Permission not required

08/03128/AGN **Lower Listock farm** Listock Lane North Curry. Notification to erect a portal framed barn for the storage of crop and machinery.

## **1450 FINANCE**

The financial position of the Council was received.

### **a) Payments authorised during the previous month:-**

i)	SALC	Lunch for AGM (KB)	£8.50
ii)	SALC	New councillor training (RF)	£20
iii)	A&M Garden Services	Maint. July, Aug. & Sept.	£626.46
iv)	Wessex Malthouse Direct	nl printing August	£54

### **b) Payments authorised at the meeting:-**

v)	Mrs M Knox	Salary	£182.62
vi)	Mrs M Knox	Expenses	£1.85
vii)	FVHMC	Rent August	£11

### **c) Income received during the month:-**

viii)	NATWEST	Interest (June)	£153.52
ix)	Phil Fouracre	nl advert	£15
x)	Arbortec	nl advert	£15
xi)	Mike Rogers	nl advert	£15

## **1451. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

b) Clerk. SSDC have confirmed receipt of completed Register of Interest Forms and reminded of the need to notify any changes or receipt of gifts valued more than £25. Notices of David Heath MP's surgery at Langport on notice board and at shop.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Chairman

Dated