

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead
on Monday 6th April 2009 at 8pm.**

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Topic - **safety on the A378** Mr S Hunter (Speedwatch) had sourced from the beat manager a three year list of traffic accidents (46 involving injury) between 01.01.06 and 31.12.08. He queried whether the A378 warranted Red Route status.

1509. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr G Balmer, Mr R Fielding and PCSO B Unthank. A declaration of interest (p & p) was received from Mr K Male for item 3b (min1511b).

1510. MINUTES

The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2009 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman. KM thanked the clerk for producing full minutes.

1511. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) **Fivehead Playgroup.** This item was not taken as a the anticipated representative had not attended.
- b) Possible **Land Purchase adjacent to Playing Field.** A meeting between MC (PC), Mr F Doggett (PFMC), Mrs J Loveridge (VHMC) and Mr K Male representing the field owner, had defined the land available would be two acres and have a length of 175 metres (the owner wanting the remaining field to be square), the price is £5k per acre. The VH wish to extend the car park. The PF wish to turn the football pitch round and may wish to erect a tennis court on part. The MC's have no money to put towards the purchase but the PF would maintain it (PC pays a maintenance grant) and would want to see it added to The Playfield Trust. MC asked for members' thoughts. KM left the room. The following issues were raised:- how would the money be raised; the lack of parking space is not a continuous problem; note additional costs of two sets of solicitors fees and fencing; would one get planning and could the hedge be taken out; too much money to add to precept; contiguous available land to purchase is rare and should be pursued; who is going to take ownership of the project and find the sources of funding; there are already problems with the football club; might a larger area cause more (general) problems; Adrian Moore had raised the question of the possibility of acquiring extra land at an initial MUGA meeting when the purchase cost could possibly have been included in the lottery application. MC asked the clerk to chase funding, including asking SSDC and finding out about a treasury loan. KM rejoined the meeting and was asked to thank Mr N Male for providing this opportunity.
- c). **Safety of pedestrians on the A378** particularly in the region of Mullion Cottage and westward to bus stop. The notes of a site meeting on 24th March had been circulated. MC, KM, GB, DN, Mr S Hunter, the Clerk and Mr C Fletcher of Highways had attended. MC thanked DN for attending. It was **resolved** to support the suggestions put forward by CF - to have the central white line thickened, install "pedestrians in the

road” signs on the far side of Green Shutters and the village side of the corner and on the tarmac have two sets of “slows” with yellow bars on the corner approaches. Kerbing whilst favoured by some councillors was rejected by Highways. Clerk to write to 1. Martin Hills at County Hall to ask for a footpath (negative response anticipated but the request may be put on a list, where it was twenty years ago) and 2. to contact Dave Grabham of SCC (SH to supply) requesting a loan of a speed indicator device. (both Prop. MC sec. HC.) DN had asked to be copied in on correspondence.

- e) Siting of a **mobile home at Mile Hill House**. Planning have been informed and are will investigate, emails.
- f) **Snow clearance and drainage** on Butchers Hill. Response from Highways was read out. There is no local contractor in place for snow clearance. The drains will be jetted and an evaluation of their capability made.
- g) **Screening of Fivehead Pumping Station**. Emails inform this is in progress. Not visible yet.
- h) Issues arising from “**The Power of Well-Being**” Event. MC reported this power will only be available to suitably qualified councils. The qualification criteria are quite onerous. Once achieved Council would have the opportunity to fund more in conjunction with other authorities. SS says most PC’s do not want to take on more duties. The Clerk does not want to undertake time consuming written assessments and members do not want to take on extra powers. The availability of section 137 will cease. **Resolved** unanimously not to take this any further.
- i) **New vehicular entrance at Ostlers Cottage** (Foxhound Farm). Clerk to raise with Planning.
- j) **Black smoke bonfires**. Following a further incident Environmental Health had been informed. Clerk received a letter saying property owners had been contacted but there has been another fire. Monitor.
- k) **Ownership of and responsibility for the upkeep of the Fivehead Stream**. Clerk had pursued this via three agencies. It lies with the riparian owners who are responsible for their bank and to the centre of the watercourse. Inform via newsletter and provide a useful link on the Environment Agency’s website.
- l) Arrangements for the **Annual Parish Meeting**. Speaker confirmed. Invitations have been issued. Hall to be opened at 7.30pm. NC coffee. KB tea MC biscuits HC milk MK sugar.

1512. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Fivehead Playing Field MC re installing **wiring for lighting for the MUGA**. The PFMC support this in principle. It will be discussed with Adrian Moore before a contract is placed.
- b) From Hastoe Housing Association re **affordable housing** at Lyddons Farm Curry Mallet. Two properties are available. They have been advertised in the newsletter. Letter to go on notice board.
- c) From Somerset Road Safety partnership re **Driver Awareness Courses**. Raise at APM.

- d) From SCC re provision of a **local snowplough**. MC is willing to be a resource. He will contact another possible applicant and advise clerk.
- e) From SSDC re **Flood Awareness Workshop** on 15th April 5.00pm - 7.30pm. At Broadway Village Hall. Open to all. No councillor available to attend. Clerk would inform a possibly interested parishioner.

1513. REPORTS.

- d) **Cemetery Sub Committee**: Book to MC.
- e) **Highways**: MK reported Langford Lane will be maintained in a safe state with minimal repairs and the signage will be investigated. Swell Lane drains will be unblocked. .
- f) **Rights of Way**: The PPSS volunteers with Peter Keenley-Side have repaired the bridge on L11/51. RF has cleared the obstruction on L11/56. All paths have been allocated to PPSS vols. and some fault reports already submitted.
- f) **Police**, 1 theft.

1514. PLANNING.

09/01131/FUL **The Manse, Silver Street**. Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a two storey extension. (revised application). No objections.

1515. INSURANCE POLICY TO CONSIDER QUOTE AND SCHEDULE FROM CAME & CO.

Came and Co's **quote** is lower but Allianz wish to compete. Their new quote has not been received yet. Clerk authorised to ask for like-for-like quotes as excess is different and to negotiate with Allianz for a reduction.

1516. CLERK'S SALARY

To receive notification from SALC of arbitration settlement of small **increase in hourly rate**. This gives an increase of 60p pcm. It was resolved (prop. MC sec. KB) to abide by to the scale. New salary £206.40 pcm.

1517 FINANCE

The **financial position** and the interim statement Nov. to March (minus interest) of Council were received.

a) **Payments authorised at the meeting.**

i)	Mrs M Knox	Salary	£205.80
ii)	Mrs M Knox	Expenses	£1.16
iii)	Fivehead VHMC	Rent Feb and March	£22.00
iv)	SSDC	Rates	£72.15
v)	SALC	Affiliation Fee	£144.06
vi)	Somerset Art Works Ltd (Section 137)	Friends of SAW	£30.00

b) **Income received during the month**

iv) HM Revenue and Customs	VAT Refund	£32.03
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1518. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Chairman

- Kids were **driving around in the Village Hall car park** late on the evening of 5th April.

Clerk

- A **Slinky Bus Service** 626 - pre book only - to Taunton from the village centre on Wednesday & Friday replaces the existing service.
- **Resurfacing work** is scheduled for Hazeltree Lane (0705) and Underhill Lane (2804). Invitation from SSDC re Connecting with Young People. KB & NC to attend in Somerton 30th April.
- **Road closed in Hambridge** 16th-18th April

Councillors

- The letter D is missing from the Fivehead **sign at the top of Mile Hill.**
- The **spring bulbs** supplied by SSDC are giving a superb show,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Chairman

Dated