

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

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron
Mrs H Clarke Mr K Male Dist. Cllr. S Steele C. Cllr D Nelson (Part) Mrs M Knox
(Clerk) and one member of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr R Loveridge, having been asked to do so, gave Council the benefit of his advice regarding the **insurance of Parish Assets**. He advised a more uniform approach and questioned whether insuring for all risks at the true asset value would be financially viable and insuring at the current level would be effective in the event of a claim. Item for next agenda.

1546. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr R Fielding and C. Cllr. D Nelson who arrived later. A Declaration of Interest (p & p) was received from Mr K Male re item 3a (min 1548a).

1547. MINUTES

The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 1st June 2009 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Vice Chairman who was chair of that meeting.

1548. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Possible **Land Purchase adjacent to the Playing Field**. There has been no progress. A further meeting of the interested parties has yet to be arranged. The meeting with Planner Lee Walton was re visited.
- b) **Japanese Knotweed** by bridge on Butchers Hill. Clerk had researched on the internet as had GB. GB had also obtained grateful permission from the resident at Laburnum Cottage for him to instigate a programme of controlled spraying, which over time, should kill this destructive and invasive weed. He would do this as a private individual. The Clerk to seek similar consent from the resident to the north. GB was thanked for his offer, generously made, as both property owners are incapacitated.
- c) Opportunity to participate in a **Sustainable Communities Competition**. After debate it was agreed there was no obvious project which could meet the criteria. It was considered worthwhile to apply to the "Levels and Moors" for funding towards resurfacing the VH car park as it would be possible to meet their criteria. GB to take suggestion to the VHMC.

1549. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From **Mendip & South Somerset Community Safety Panel** re opportunity for a parish representative to join the Area North Community Safety Action Panel as a member. SS spoke on this matter. No one wished to put themselves forward.
- b) From Mr D Miller re **Taunton Sign** at the bottom of Butchers Hill. Members did not feel a sign was needed.

- c) From **Community Justice Panel** re desire to attend a PC meeting to provide further information. Clerk to request same.
- d) From SSSDC re **South Somerset Local Development Framework Core Strategy** - Proposed Further Consultation Exercises. Invitation to workshop July 15th Long Sutton Golf Club 1pm - 4pm. After debate covering the fact that Fivehead appears to be excluded from the possibility of further development it was decided not to send a representative.
- e) From R Fielding re **young people with air rifles**. This has been an issue over a period of years and some damage has been sustained. Whilst the police have been kept informed no feedback has been received. Clerk to write to Sergeant Alan Bell at Somerton. Members feel there are more unknown people walking about carrying guns and there is less police presence following the reallocation of cover for Fivehead from Ilminster to the Somerton Police Sector. The latter supported by SS.

1550. REPORTS.

- a) **Playing Field**. Still awaiting news about lottery funding. The allocation date has been moved back.
- b) **Village Hall**. GB reported on successful events. The stage has been used by Isle Abbots. DN arrived during this item.
- c) **Cemetery Sub Committee**. MC still has the book. KB to have it next.
- d) **Highways**. Fly tipping has been reported. DN to pursue the lack of the promised traffic slowing marking on the A378 at Mullion Cottage corner. Clerk to ask Planning Enforcement what action has been taken regarding the dangerous access and mirror at Ostlers Cottage.
- e) **Rights of Way**. Volunteers have made some repairs and put up directional signs and posts. Creating a walking map promoting some local footpaths has been suggested. Item for next agenda. DN had received a request that the missing bridge on the Moortown to Swell footpath be replaced.
- f) **Police**. The months stats. had been received however there have been two recent break-ins as yet unrecorded.
- g) **Offer of Spring Bulbs**. It was agreed to request more, planting sites as item for next agenda.
- h) **NALC conference**. Information given. No one wished to attend.
- i) **Summer Fete**. Most members will be available to help. KM has the equipment and it would be taken to the field during the morning.
- j) **Helicopters**. DN was aware of a complaint from another parish regarding low flying. There were no known complaints from Fivehead residents.
- k) **Orchid Walk** at Merryfield Airfield. It should be possible to arrange same for the village next year. Clerk to investigate.

1551. PLANNING.

09/01702/FUL **Moortown Cottages** Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. Demolition of two semi-detached cottages and the erection of a replacement dwelling and ancillary carport. PC are pleased to see an Eco Build and hope this application goes ahead.

09/02077/LBC **Western Farm** Lower Swell Fivehead. The carrying out of internal alterations to form en-suite bathroom. No objections.

09/02408/FUL **The Manse Silver Street** Fivehead. Demolition of existing garage, the erection of a single storey extension and a porch. No objections.

1552 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received. The prepared Interim Statement April to June had only been handed to one councillor but would be emailed to the remainder on July 7th Clerk apologised for the omission.

a) Payments authorised during the previous month:

i) A & M Garden Services maint. 21st & 27th May £139.50

b) Payments to be authorised:

ii) Mrs M Knox salary £206.40
iii) Mrs M Knox expenses £5.01
iv) Fivehead Village Hall MC rent May £11
v) Wessex Malthouse Direct nl print Feb. bill not prev. submitted £54
vi) Wessex Malthouse Direct nl print April as above £54

c) Income received during the month:

vii) Fuel Care (Andrew Hewitt) nl advert £30
viii) Sue Attwell nl advert £15

1553. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

b) **Councillors.** PCC members would appreciate the use of MC's trailer for a churchyard tidy up.

Langford Corner needs clearing. A working party was arranged for 6.30pm on Thursday 9th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman

Dated