

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held
at the Village Hall, Stowey Road, Fivehead
on Monday 7th September 2009 at 8pm.**

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

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman of the PFMC informed Council that all **funding is in place for the MUGA**. Work is expected to start on 12th Oct. with completion due in three weeks. For safety reasons the children's play area will need to be closed during this time. There will be a doorstep leaflet to this effect. The hedge in the area will be tightly trimmed to permit side access for pedestrians. MC thanked Mr Doggett for all the hard work put in to achieve this successful outcome.

A most informative **presentation on the work of the Community Justice Panel** was given by Ms Val Keitch and PC Bill Geddes. Council was unanimous in appreciating the advantages of such an approach to resolve the aftermath of criminal damage and wholly supportive in promoting the scheme which has worked so well in Ilminster, Chard and Crewkerne, where the first such panel was set up. Volunteer facilitators are now sought for training so that a similar panel can be set up for SSDC Area North. Leaflets, as provided, word of mouth and the Parish Magazine to be used for promotion.

1561. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs H Clarke.

1562. MINUTES

The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 3rd August 2009 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1563. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

a) Possible **Land Purchase** adjacent to the Playing Field. No meeting had been held. Item for next agenda.

b) **Insurance of Parish Assets**. A reply from Allianz stated that items are covered for legal liabilities under the Public Liability Section of the policy providing Council is solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep thereof of all land and property under its control. This inspection and maintenance must be logged and recorded. There would be an annual financial saving of approx. £50 if only the bus shelter was listed under the Property Damage Section. This to be further considered at the renewal date with consideration regarding cover for the PC office equipment. In the meanwhile the inspection log to be amended to include the Pound, War Memorial, Langford Corner, and Bus Shelter. The "Cemetery railings and Church Wall" to be listed under the existing Cemetery and Churchyard columns. These new items to be included in the weekly check under taken by members in rotation. The question of members of the Baptist Chapel maintaining the Pound was raised but no conclusion was reached.

c) To consider requesting an "Unsuitable for **Heavy Vehicles**" sign at the north end of **Ganges Hill**. (See min 1560c). C. Cllr. Derek Nelson arrived during this item. An email and a letter of concern had been received from two parishioners. These were useful and should be copied to Highways. It was unanimously agreed to make Highways aware of the situation and request suitable signs such as "Heavy goods vehicles prohibited except for access". DN suggested a

“horses” warning sign would also be appropriate. Clerk to write to Mr Fletcher.

1564. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From **Able Community Care** re an offer to supply questions and answers for publication in the Parish Magazine. Into circulation. Item for next agenda.
- b) **From SCC re South Somerset - Schools need Governors.** Posters have been placed on notice boards. Members did not suggest any possible candidates.
- c) **From SSDC Area North re Invitation to an Environmental Enforcement Evening** on Thur. 22nd Oct. 6.30pm. RF GB and MK expressed interest in this. RF to check diary. Clerk to register those attending.
- d) **From Mrs W Cutts re Request for funding towards the purchase of toys for a new Mother and Toddler Group** to be run at the Baptist Church. Members wish to be notified of the level of demand from the village before making a commitment. Clerk to write to Mrs Cutts.
- e) **From SALC** re
1. Information sheet relating to **The Power of Well Being.**
 2. **Mandatory training** relating to the **POWB.**
 3. **Certificate in Local Council Administration.** It was unanimously agreed that Council has decided not to pursue these avenues.
 4. **Clerks Workshop** 15th Oct. cost £15.00. The Clerk considers she should attend. Her travel expenses can be claimed at the nationally approved rate and a cheque to be raised.
 5. **AGM at Woolavington** 10.30am - 4pm. No member available to attend.
- f) From SCC re **Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community 2009.** (Circulated). There is someone who is a potential nominee. NC will look into the application procedure and prepare a presentation if applicable.
- g) From **National Co-ordinator Local Works (Unlock Democracy)** re the omission of Local Councils from the Sustainable Communities Act process. Request to lobby parliament for an amendment. Noted.
- h) From SCC re **application to award South Drove the status of bridleway.** Comments invited (Papers in circulation.) No comment.

1565. REPORTS.

- b) **Village Hall.** GB reported on the Fete closure meeting.
- d) **Cemetery Sub Committee.** NC took the book and would amend it in line with min. 1563b.
- e) **Highways.** Local road closures reported. The earth from badger sets on Cathanger Lane will be removed by Highways. A Taunton sign is being considered. The brambles over hanging Langford Lane are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners who should be approached to trim them back. Some fuel spillage through the village had been reported but was not considered hazardous. Clerk to ask Chris Cooper of Streetscene to send a large vehicle to clear the tipping at the north end of Crossham Lane. DN supported this action.
- f) **Rights of Way.** The volunteer training day had been cancelled by the officer due to illness.

g) **Police.** No reported crime in August.

h) **Clerk..** David Heath MP will visit Fivehead outside the Village Hall on Thursday. 10th Sept. at 2pm. KB had completed and submitted the Highways and transport Survey.

1566. PLANNING.

Applications: 09/02305/FUL Homeacre Stowey Road Fivehead. The erection of a multipurpose agricultural building and an agricultural building for the storage of agricultural machinery. No objections.

Decisions (s.t.c.)

09/02077/LBC Western Farm Lower Swell Fivehead. The carrying out of internal alterations to form en-suite bathroom.

09/02408/ful The Manse Silver Street Fivehead Demolition of existing garage, the erection of a single storey extension and a porch.

1567 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received. The Chairman signed the bank recs. For July and August.

a) Payments authorised during the month:

i) A & M Garden Services	maint. July & Aug. 1 st .	£339
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b) Payments authorised at the meeting:

ii) Mrs M Knox	salary	£206.40
iii) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent July	£11
iv) WM Direct	nl print August	£54
v) Moore Stephens	audit fee	£155.25

c) Income received during the month

vi) NATWEST	bank interest	£3. 87
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1568. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

c) **Councillors.** Sedgmoor Game Farm. Langford Corner. GB asked whether Council has thought about the possibility of generating money from the production of energy using photovoltaic cells (not for agenda). This was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm

Chairman

Dated