

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead
on Monday 5th January 2009 at 8pm.**

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs H Clarke Mr R Fielding
Dist. Cllr. S Steele 2 members of the Public PCSO Beth Unthank and Mrs M Knox (Clerk).

PUBLIC SESSION

PCSO Beth Unthank gave the December Crime Statistics as one burglary from a non domestic dwelling and explained how the Local Police reorganisation will affect Fivehead. She will remain an Islemoor PCSO with support from PCSO Ben Middleditch, working out of Somerton, our new local station. Our new beat officer is PC Toni Lines. Beth regularly liaises with her colleague in Taunton Deane regarding issues around the boundary with North Curry.

1478. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs N Cameron, away and Mr K Male, unwell.

1479. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2008 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place, with the addition of “together with support for the sinking fund” at minute 1465b after £45K, and duly signed by the Chairman.

1480. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) **Langford Corner.** No progress on this matter.
- b) **Fivehead Playgroup.** Request for financial support. The awaited information had not been received.
- c) To consider request to place **notices on the new bus shelter**. It was **agreed** unanimously that only the back of the shelter may be used and solely for posters providing information on village events. They are to be fixed using blu tac and must be removed when out of date.
- d) **MUGA.** SS informed Council that the SSDC executive will be discussing grants to rural areas. SALC have advised them that 10% of a project cost may be too much for small parishes to find and that Parishes often support projects in ways other than financial. This could possibly have a bearing on the percentage Council has to provide for the MUGA if the timescale complies.

1481. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Sue Thomson & Jacky Ash re **Planning Application at Ashgate**, The Old Forge. Read out and taken in conjunction with Planning (minute 1484).
- b) From **SALC re invitation** to apply for the position of an Interim Parish Member on the Joint Area Committee of SSD & SC C's. No member wished to apply.
- c) From **SCC re Invitation to 3rd Annual play Conference** (£20) at Burnham on Sea 11th Feb. 10 - 4pm. No member wished to attend. Clerk had forwarded the details the PFMC.

1482. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

Somerset Partnership NHS re Proposals for the development of Mental Health Services in Mendip and Bridgwater. Into circulation, item for next agenda.

1483. REPORTS

- b) **Village Hall.** GB reported. The free bicycle stand has been installed.
- c) **SALC.** KB reported.
- d) **Cemetery Sub Committee.** KB will retrieve the book from NC.
- e) **Highways.** MC reported a blocked drain west of Homeacre. The road now floods to a depth impassable by non 4x4 cars.
- f) **Rights of Way.** MC has received a survey for completion and an invitation to an event in January. He will liase with the Clerk.
- g) **Police.** Taken at Public Session.

1484. PLANNING.

08/03753/FUL 17 **Millers Orchard.** The erection of a conservatory to the rear of dwelling. No objections.

08/05318/LBC & 08/05307/FUL **Moortown Farm** Moortown Lane Curry Rivel. The erection of an outdoor swimming pool and plant room. No objections.

08/05184/FUL **Ashgate The Old Forge Langport Road.** The erection of a log cabin. (retrospective). A letter from the residents was read out (see min. 1481a). Council had thought in June (min 1406i) that planning permission should have been required. Clerk to find the letter/email sent to Planning in June and resend it as there had been no satisfactory response at the time, asking in addition why the owners had been told no permission was required when it appears now it had been necessary. This appears to indicate an inconsistency of advice. Clerk told not to reply to the residents' letter. Response to application - The cabin dominates the site, is out of character and could set a precedent for similar structures to be erected within the Parish.

1485. CEMETERY.

To consider whether there is a need to adapt the Policy for the Erection of Headstones.

The Clerk had looked up information from the Cemetery Management Seminar she had attended in June 2008. Various recommendations had been made including asking the stone masons to include their ID on the headstone, making the approved NAMM fixing system a condition of the placing of a memorial, (the recommended best system is a ground anchor and / or a shoe with a bolt), keeping a record of the holders of the Right to Burial, so that the owners of memorials in need of attention might be more easily found and a separation of the right of burial from the right to erect a memorial. Clerk to draft and circulate revised "Conditions relating to burial in Fivehead Cemetery". Item for next agenda.

1486. RENEWAL OF THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

Four businesses had been sender tender forms. To date there had been no response. Item for next agenda.

1487. TO SET THE DATE AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009

Meetings to remain on the first Monday of the month (second following a Bank Holiday) at 8pm.

1488 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received.

a) **Payments authorised during the previous month**

i)	Wessex Malthouse Direct	Newsletter print. Dec. 2008	£54
ii)	MJ Cavill	Travel expenses.	£12.75
iii)	A & M Garden Services	Maintenance. Oct. & Nov.	£142.04
iv)	Mrs P Price	Newsletter Honorarium	£100

b) **Payments authorised. At the meeting:**

v)	Mrs M Knox	Salary	£205.80
vi)	Curry Rivel C of E Primary School	Donation for local child	£62.50
vii)	Age Concern Somerset	Donation	£50
viii)	Fivehead VHMC	Rent November	£11

c) **Income received during the month**

ix)	Woodlands	Newsletter advert	£30
x)	Riverford Home Delivery	Newsletter advert	£15
xi)	Pet Shop (T Irwin)	Newsletter advert	£15

1489. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) Chairman.

The result of the **Stillbrook Woodyard Public Enquiry** is anticipated in mid January.

b). Clerk.

Mrs Price had sent a letter thanking Council for her **honorarium cheque**.

SS Bridleways Assoc. is putting in a Modification Order to upgrade Green Lane from a footpath to a bridleway.

Funds from SSDC are available for projects to improve **community safety**.

Invite to **Somerset's Safer, Stronger Neighbourhood's Roadshow** (no takers).

Flood Awareness Workshop - no local dates yet.

c) SS

SS **praised the Chairman** for his presentation and for taking questions at the Public Enquiry and the village for attending in good numbers over the two days.

There will be a **change to the recycling day/times after 19th Jan**. The Clerk will be receiving information.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman

Dated