

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead
on Monday 1st June 2009 at 8pm.**

Present Mrs H Clarke (in the Chair) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mr K Male Dist. Cllr. S Steele and Mrs M Knox (Clerk), two representatives of the Police and four members of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

The owner of **Sedgmoor Game Farm** expressed his dissatisfaction with the tone of minute 1525c.

The adjacent landowner to Crossham Lane stated there had never been a hedge. He had merely cleared his field. Beat Officer Toni Lines asked if there were any questions for the police.

1535. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr M Cavill, Mr R Fielding and C. Cllr. D Nelson. KM declared a declaration of interest (p&p) for item 3a (min 1537a).

1536. MINUTES

The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 11th May 2009 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1537. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Possible **Land Purchase adjacent to the Playing Field**. KM reported on a meeting between a Planner Lee Walton, the Landscape Consultant Tony Archer, himself and the Clerk held that morning. Various issues were raised. It was unanimously agreed that this information needed be taken to the sub committee, set up previously, to debate the matter. HC to arrange with MC.
- b) **Removal of hedge at the north east side of Crossham Lane**. Contacts from concerned members of the public had brought this matter to the attention of the Tree Warden and Council. An SSDC officer had inspected and will be making a report to the Planning Department.
- c) **Complaints of noise from animals** at the top of Ganges Hill. The residents are dealing with this. The PC need take no action.
- d) The **unauthorised cutting of grass** around the bus shelter during April, May & June. It was resolved that Mr Pettitt be told not to continue to cut the area as it may be that Highways' cutting will keep it satisfactorily tidy.

1538. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From **Levels & Moors Local Action Programme** re invitation to LAG event on 16th June 6.30 - 9.30pm at Edington Village Hall. This includes information on a community grant. It was felt someone should attend. Clerk to liaise with KM. SS thought it should be possible to get the land purchase project to fit the criteria.

1539. REPORTS.

- a) **Playing Field** KM reported.
- b) **Village Hall** GB reported theft of oil from tank. Secure oil storage is being investigated.
- c) **Cemetery Sub Committee** MC still has the book.
- d) **Police.** No reported crime in May.

1540. PLANNING

Application:

09/02033/FUL **Pullees Higher Swell Fivehead.** Alterations and the erection of extensions to dwelling, alterations to drive and erection of a stables building all to provide holiday accommodation. No objections with the comment that Council would prefer to see timber cladding, rather than white PVC, on the replacement porch to match the wooden door.

Decision: granted (s.t.c.)

09/01422/FUL **Lambrook Silver Street** Fivehead. Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a two storey extension to include new garage and a single storey rear extension.

1541. TO CONSIDER THE RENEWAL OF THE INSURANCE POLICY.

It was **resolved** (unan.) to accept the revised quote of £328.50 from Allianz. The Internal Auditor had commented on Council's property damage insurance. He had kindly offered to attend a meeting to clarify and would be asked to do so.

1542. PUBLIC SECTOR DUTIES

A letter and leaflet regarding **The Equality and Human Rights Commission** had been circulated. The forthcoming changes were noted and awareness of Council's obligations under the current race, disability and gender equality duties are hereby noted.

1543. ANNUAL AUDIT FORM

The **declaration of the Internal Auditor and copies of his report** were received. These were handed to members. The Clerk clarified the points raised which she had been able to answer to the Internal Auditor's satisfaction. Clerk to write a letter of thanks. The Annual Return had been posted.

1544. FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received.

- a) **Payments authorised during the previous month**
- i) A & M Garden Services maint. March / April & early May £553.00
- b) **Payments authorised at the meeting:**
- ii) Mrs M Knox salary £206.40
- iii) Allianz insurance 2009-10 £328.50
- iv) Fivehead Village Hall MC grant 2009-10 £3000.00
- v) Fivehead Playing Field Management Committee grant 2009-10 £1425.00
- vi) Fivehead Village Hall MC rent 2 meetings April £22.00
- c) **Income received 31.3.09**
- vii) NATWEST bank interest £6.42

1545. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

c) **Councillors.** KB had been asked where information could be found about allotments. GB said there is an informative website. GB said the Japanese Knotweed has now crossed the stream by the bridge on Butchers Hill. SS suggested the Clerk seek advice from Streetscene. The fly tipping at the north end of Crossham Lane has not yet been collected.

Signed

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