

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road  
Fivehead  
on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at 8pm.**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Fivehead's Beat Officer, Toni Lines introduced herself. There had been no reported crime during February.

**1500. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs H Clark. Dist. Cllr. SS said that C. Cllr. DN would be late arriving as attending other PC's meetings first.

**1501. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman. KM declared a P & P interest for item 3a ( min. 1502a).

**1502. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) Possible **Land Purchase** adjacent to Playing Field. There has not been a further meeting.
- b) **Fivehead Playgroup**. RF arrived during this item. An email detailing the current position was read out. Clerk to write and ask what the financial position is now and request a representative attend the Public session next month so members can obtain the fullest picture.
- c) **Safety of pedestrians on the A378**. Members detailed several accidents between Wrantage and Curry Rivel which had occurred during the month. The desired solution would be a footpath between Ganges Hill and the bus stop outside Green Shutters. KM said kerbing would be likely to be helpful, having proved so outside Tanyard. SS suggested a site meeting with Colin Fletcher, who deals with Highways signage. Stuart Hunter, Speedwatch, should be asked as well. Later DN said Kim Sharp, as the contact for footways, should be asked to attend. Clerk to arrange and inform Mr Smales-Cresswell of action being taken.
- d) **Flooding of outbuildings at the west end of Silver Street**. A second flooding had taken place following exceptional weather conditions. MC & KM have inspected the accessible parts of the stream and consider that the flow of water should now be improved, the adjacent farmer having removed a partial mud bank and done clearance work to the ditch where possible. More stone from the retaining wall of the stream by Bridge Cottage has fallen into the streambed. The new owner says the walls will be rebuilt. It is not possible to freely view all the walls/banks to the east. A clear out of the stream bed would be beneficial. Clerk to ask the Environment Agency who is responsible for the upkeep of the stream. In effect who "owns" it.
- e) **Siting of a mobile home at Mile Hill House**. Clerk to write to the Planning Office asking for clarification.
- f) **Dead tree in cemetery**. This had been cut down during the month by MC & RF.

- g) To authorise **end of year payments** and raise cheques as required. i) Chairman's expenses, to remain at £35. ii) Councillors expenses. It was prop. GB sec. NC that councillors receive a £5 annual allowance towards the cost of printing council papers. **Resolved** 4 in favour 1 against. Clerk left the room. iii) Use of Clerk's house as office, to remain at £170. iv) Contribution to Clerk's Broad band cost. Two thirds of the cost to be paid (see mins.1047 & 1429c). This equates to £50 for 2009. Clerk rejoined the meeting. Cheques as detailed above were raised.
- h) **Village Fete** - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009. Council agreed they would provide an activity. Next meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- i) **Dissemination of emailed information** received by Clerk during each month. Clerk to forward on receipt. RF said that he had not been receiving emails from the clerk. To be investigated as they had been sent.

### **1503. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From i) Mr W J Taylor ii) Mr B & Mrs A Whittle re **snow clearance and drainage** on Butchers Hill during recent winter weather. These letters were read out. SS had also received complaints and taken appropriate action. It was agreed the local roads had been treacherous and emergency vehicles might well have been unable to get down into the village. Clerk to ascertain from Highways whether there is provision via a local farmer for snow plough clearance of the village and if so why it had not been actioned by County Hall and if not to request same is put in place. During heavy rain combined with snow melt only prompt action by residents had prevented some houses from flooding. The drainage pipes on Butchers Hill need checking and the ditch has not been dug out for years. Clerk to request these are actioned by Highways.
- b) From Mr M Drury re i) **Stillbrook Woodyard**. This is now historical and nothing will be able to be changed. ii) Unsightly **Field Shelter in Swell**. Planning enforcement are keeping in contact but Council regrets that nothing seems to be achieved although matters are said to be proceeding. iii) **Fly Tipping**. There has been an increase in Swell. Clerk to advertise the means of reporting fly tipping via the newsletter. iv) Deteriorating **condition of Langford Lane and Swell Lane**. Clerk to raise with Highways. DN arrived during this item. v) **Wessex Water Pumping Station** - lack of planting. Clerk to raise the issue with Enforcement but there is one more month of the planting season left before planning conditions have been breached.
- c) From SALC re **Promotion of "The Power of Well-Being"** Event at Fivehead VH on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. MC and NC would attend. KB raised the questions of refreshments. Clerk to ask if teas and coffees had been ordered and contact KB if there was a problem.
- d) From SSDC re **Joint Annual Meeting with Area North Town and Parish Councils** at Long Sutton Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. GB would attend.
- e) From Somerset Culture Forum re **meeting at Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall** 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-12.30. Papers to be given to HC.
- f) From **Somerset Levels and Moors Leader+ re invitation to final event** on 4<sup>th</sup> March Meadway Hall Compton Dundon at. 1.30pm. KM might attend.

## 1504. REPORTS.

- a) **Playing Field.** KM reported. Clerk to write to PFMC asking that the non laying of a lighting duct for the MUGA be reconsidered. It was strongly felt by all present including SS that ducting for lighting should be installed while it was a simple matter to do so. The lighting itself might not be installed but the provision for it should be.
- b) **Village Hall** .GB reported.
- e) **Highways.** Clerk to allocate the roads among councillors who would report faults to her so a consolidated fault report list could be sent to Highways.
- f) **Rights of Way.** The faulty bridge on L11/51 is to be repaired at the end of March by volunteers under the guidance of Peter Keenly-Side. Clerk to arrange a date. A full set of maps and fault reports have been received. Clerk to arrange a meeting/s with the volunteers for distribution and planning purposes.
- g) **Police.** Covered under Public Session.

## 1505. PLANNING.

### **Application:**

09/00682/FUL **Wybarn Isle Abbotts Road Fivehead.** The erection of an extension to existing agricultural building. No objections but Council would like to see screening by planting as the large building will be visible from the road, neighbours and the village of Isle Abbotts to the rear.

### **Decisions granted** (s.t.c.)

08/05184/FUL **Ashgate, The Old Forge Langport Road Fivehead.** The erection of a log cabin (retrospective).

08/05318/LBC & 08/05307/FUL **Moortown Farm Moortown Lane Curry Rivel.** Erection of an outdoor swimming pool and plant room.

## 1506. EMERGENCY PLAN

MC asked for **volunteers for a vice Chair.** There was no firm response. KB volunteered to join the committee. Some updates were made to the plan. A committee meeting will be called.

## 1507. FINANCE

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

i)	Mrs M Knox	Salary	£205.80
ii)	Mrs M Knox	Expenses	£1.13
iii)	Fivehead VHMC	Rent Jan.	£11.00

### b) **Income received during the month**

iv)	NATWEST	Interest received 31.12.08	£68.74
v)	Mrs H Maisey	Purchase of grave space & assoc. expenses	£273.00

c) **Cheques raised at the meeting.**

vi)	Mr M Cavill	Chairman's expenses and printing exp.	£40.00
vii)	Mrs K Beacham	Printing expenses	£5.00
viii)	Mrs N Cameron	Printing expenses	£5.00
ix)	Mrs H Clarke	Printing expenses	£5.00
x)	Mr G Balmer	Printing expenses	£5.00
xi)	Mr R Fielding	Printing expenses	£5.00
xii)	Mrs M Knox	House as office & 2/3 BB cost	£220.00

**1508. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

a) Chairman. A new **vehicular entrance at Ostlers Cottage** (Foxhound Farm) has been made. Two complaints have been received about black smoke bonfires. MC would speak to the householders concerned. A letter of thanks had been received from the PFMC for the role played by the PC in obtaining grants for the MUGA.

c) **David Heath's surgery** is on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Ridgeway Hall, Langport 11.15am - 12 noon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20pm

Chairman

Dated