

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

**Present** Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mr R Fielding Mr K Male C. Cllr D Nelson Dist. Cllr. S Steele Mrs M Knox (Clerk) and four members of the public.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Neighbourhood Watch coordinator raised the issue of **unsafe parking by new residents on the corner at The Glebe.**

Two residents voiced serious concerns about the proposed **upgrading of Green Lane to a bridleway.**

PCSO Elaine Seward asked for any **issues effecting Police** to be raised. She was updated on item 1580k. She left after Public Session.

**1578. APOLOGIES**

**Apologies** were received from Mrs N Cameron and Mrs H Clarke. Declarations of interest were received from GB for item 3g min.1580g and from KM for 3a min.1580a.

**1579. MINUTES**

The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

**1580. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) Possible **Land Purchase** adjacent to the Playing Field. No meeting has been held. MC to arrange same.
- b) Activity at **Sedgmoor Game Farm**. Enforcement anticipate receipt of an imminent Planning Application and an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness.
- c) Activity at **Stillbrook Woodyard**. Enforcement have asked the owner and his agent for their observations and explanations regarding the quantity of drainage being installed and why there are a toilet block and a twelve place shower unit on the north end of the site. A roadway and over enlarged entrance, both on the north end of the site (designated as a green area under planning condition 4), should be removed and/or rectified. Temporary storage of touring vans while work progresses is accepted. SS stated a photographic record is being kept.
- d) To consider further **maintenance at Langford Corner**. KM had been unable to find any conclusive ownership evidence. The area was frequently referred to in minutes between 1985/6 and 1990. HC to be asked if she could search the Land Registry and find out if Council could claim ownership if no registration is recorded. KM & MC would spray out the weed grass and prune as required during the month.
- e) **Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community 2009**. A submission, read out by KB, compiled by Cllr. N Cameron in respect of Mr K Stevens was approved. KB would return it to NC.

- f) To consider the offer of **adoption of the BT phone box** for £1. It was unanimously resolved to decline the offer. Clerk to inform BT and request removal after disconnection.
- g) **Spring bulb planting**. KB had emailed thanks to the organiser. Additional daffodils had been planted westwards from the easterly Fivehead sign on the A378 and crocuses on the mown triangle at the top of Mile Hill and under the chain link fence on the War Memorial Green. Most councillors had assisted with other volunteers and three council workers.
- h) The placement of **Voltaic cells on VH roof**. GB explained a 50% grant is available for installation if taken up before March 2010. The cost would be £7K plus scaffolding costs. Total funding via grants is a strong possibility. There should be a worthwhile payback over time. The VHMC is considering applying for same.
- i) To consider the **advertising charges for the Parish Magazine**. After debate it was decided to ask the editor if she would consider enlarging the newsletter by one page to enable more advertising but retain the same charges. The last increase was in 2006 and there is a waiting list to advertise. Item for next agenda.
- j) **Potential flooding issues on Butchers Hill**. Highways state that they will jet the drains but not until all the relevant ditches have been dug out by the adjacent landowners. GB to identify which residents need to be informed and the Clerk will notify them. The drainage at the bottom of Butchers Hill and the ditch behind Silver street were discussed. DN said a plan for the allocation of snowploughs to parishes was in progress.
- k) Excessive number of **distracting road signs**. Raised by HC, not present. Clerk to write to Colin Fletcher, stating although delighted with the installation of the pedestrian warning signs querying why the anticipated slow bars have not been painted on the road at the approaches to the corner.
- l) Repeat incident of damage from **gun shot to telephonic equipment**. This had been reported to the police and was raised again with the PCSO at Public Session. Suspects and a car had been seen.

#### **1581. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From **Shopmobility** re request for grant/donation. Resolved not to donate.
- b) From **Citizens Advice**, Yeovil re request for donation. GB proposed a donation of £50. Sec. unan. Council therefore **resolved** that in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 it should incur the following expenditure, which in the opinion of the council is in the interests of the area, or its inhabitants, and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of £50.
- c) Somerset County Council re request for **comments on transport issues/challenges**. There had been no complaints therefore no comment was offered.
- d) From Mr & Mrs A Glide & family re concern over the application to **upgrade the status of Green Lane**. This had been raised at Public Session by other residents. Council has not yet been formally advised of the application and is supportive of the concerns of the residents who were advised to register their objections with ROW at SCC.
- e) From **SAW Ltd** re invitation to presentation event at Bruton. No one wished to attend.

- f) From Derek Waddle ton (SSDC) re information relating to a **Public Path Diversion Order**. Noted.
- g) From SSDC re invitation to **Cluster Workshops**. Briefing meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 7pm at Haynes Motor Museum. Workshop on Thur. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7 -9pm at Edgar Hall Bancombe Trading estate Somerton. Possible follow up on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Two members required. GB, work permitting, would attend on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- h) From **Somerset Waste Partnership** re invitation to morning workshops on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Bridgwater and Albion Rugby Football Club, Bath Road. Bridgwater. KB would attend on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **1582. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS - response sought.**

**NHS Foundation Trust** as put forward by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust. Into circulation. Item for next agenda.

#### **1583. REPORTS.**

- a) **Playing Field**. The problem with potential clashes between football matches and weddings at the VH needing to share the overall facilities has been satisfactorily addressed.
- b) **Village Hall**. GB reported.
- d) **Cemetery Sub Committee**. Book to remain with KM.
- e) **Highways**. Pothole reported.
- f) **Rights of Way**. Papers for the Regulation Committee Meeting on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. (ref. South Drove.) had been received. MK would be attending in her own right.
- g) **Police**. Crime stats. Received.
- i) **Clerk**. Financial training. No travel expenses occurred. A lift had been accepted Report into circulation.
- i) **Environmental Workshop**. Attended by GM & MK Report into circulation.

#### **1584. PLANNING.**

**Applications:**09/03673/ful 9 Ganges Close Fivehead. The erection of a side extension to dwelling.  
09/04055/ful Glyndon Fivehead. Alterations and the erection of a two storey extension.

09/03737/LBC & 09/03736/ful Spring Grove Silver Street. The erection of a two storey extension To dwelling house. Council had no objection to any of the above.

#### **1585. TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR 2009-10**

A **draft budget** was distributed and preliminary debate ensued. A letter from the VHMC was read out.

Item for next agenda.

## **1586 FINANCE**

The financial position of the Council and the interim statement for July to October were received.

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

i) Mrs M Knox	salary & back pay	£220.89
ii) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent September	£11
iii) WM Direct	nl printing for Oct.	£54

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

iv) P.O Stores	nl advert	£30
v) R King (Beverley Ann Blinds)	nl advert	£30
vi) M Rogers (Plumbing)	nl advert	£15
vii) Fouracre (plumbing & heating)	nl advert	£15
viii) Arbortec (A. Glide)	nl advert	£15

## **1587. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

b) **Clerk** David Heath MP is holding an advice centre in Ridgeway Hall Langport on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 11.15am -12 noon. SSDC are arranging two Flooding Awareness and Presentation Workshops over the winter months. Posters will give details.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Chairman

Dated