

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

**Present** Mrs H Clarke (in the Chair) Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mr R Fielding  
Mr K Male Dist. Cllr. S Steele and Mrs M Knox (Clerk)

**1569. APOLOGIES**

**Apologies** were received from Mr M Cavill, Mr G Balmer and C. Cllr. D Nelson. Declarations of interest were offered from KM for 3a min. 1571a, not needed, and were received from RF for 3e min. 1571e.

**1570. MINUTES**

The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman with the addition at min. 1561 of “and Mr K Male”.

**1571. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) Possible **Land Purchase** adjacent to the Playing Field. No meeting held.
- b) Request for an “Unsuitable for Wide and **Heavy Vehicles**” **sign for Ganges Hill**. Highways have undertaken to erect same and also a “warning horses” sign. They note support from C. Cllr. DN.
- c) To consider the offer for inclusion in the **newsletter** of a supply of questions and answers from Able Care. This was unanimously considered to be inappropriate.
- d) To receive any information regarding activity at **Sedgmoor Game Farm**. RF arrived during this item. Clerk to write to Steven Phillips (planning enforcement) to ask for the current position as the PC understood a stop notice had been served.
- e) To record the placing of caravans and a mobile home on the northern end of **Stillbrook Woodyard site** and to receive any information. Enforcement has been regularly updated by a resident and the Chairman has been in contact with the lead enforcement officer to ensure that he is fully aware of activity on the grassed area. The sewage tank, required as a condition of occupancy, has been installed near the southern boundary. Pipe work, ditched, with junctions off, has been installed going quite a distance up the northern, grassed, part of the site. Clerk to write to enforcement and building regulations querying the activity on the northern section of the site stating the conditions of planning consent
- f) To consider further **maintenance at Langford Corner**. KM to see what paperwork he has retained regarding the agreement with Berkeley Homes. Item for next agenda..
- g) **Bulb planting** scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. meeting at the Village Hall. KB has two volunteers lined up and there is a request for more in the newsletter. HC will attend and if possible so will RF, KM and MK. If crocuses are supplied they should be planted around the notice board and the edges of the War Memorial Green. KM suggested excess daffodils, if any, should be planted by the easterly Fivehead sign.
- h) **Fly tipping** at north end of Crossham Lane. Tyres etc. have been removed by SSDC and a “no tipping” sign erected. The tipped vegetation and soil will be left to naturalise.

- i) **Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community 2009**. NC is preparing an application form in respect of Mr K Stevens who has consented to be nominated. The submission will be finalised and approved at the November meeting.

#### **1572. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From the **VHMC** re thanks for the PC contribution to the Summer Fete. Noted.
- b) From Avon & Somerset Police re **Community Policing Awards**. Council did not wish to nominate but asked Clerk to write stating the parish receives less community support since being allocated to the Somerton Sector. SS said the crime stats. for her Islemoor Ward, not specifically Fivehead, have increased by 25%. There has been no direct response from Sergeant Bell to a letter sent to him on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 although PC Lines and PCSO Unthank had contacted the Clerk in reaction to the letter.
- c) From SSDC re **Area North Parish Projects** re successful submission for improvements to the pinch point on L11/51. Noted. Clerk to email appreciation.
- d) From Victim Support re funding request. Resolved not to contribute.
- e) From SSDC re **Garden Waste service**. This has been promoted via the notice board and newsletter. Into circulation.
- f) From BT re adoption of our **local red telephone kiosk** for £1. After some debate and then concern over what liabilities might be incurred it was decided to circulate the letter. A notice asking for comments from parishioners to be put on the notice board. SS said acceptance had caused some difficulties in other parishes. A vote to be taken next month. Item for next agenda.
- g) From Mrs A Whittle re non resolution of **potential flooding issues on Butchers Hill**. Clerk to write to Mr K Sharp and copy to DN.
- h) From **Campaign to Protect Rural England** re their AGM on Thur. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7pm at the Memorial Hall Seavington St. Michael. The speaker is Paul Goltz the Community Liason Officer for SSDC. HC will attend.

#### **1573. REPORTS.**

- a) **Playing Field**. KB reported. Work on the MUGA will commence on the 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- d) **Cemetery Sub Committee**. Book to KM.
- f) **Rights of Way**. Volunteers had put in a full day on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct
- g) **Police**. Crime stats. received. 1 crime other than in a dwelling.

#### **1574. PLANNING.**

**Decisions granted** (s.t.c.) 09/02305/FUL Homeacre Stowey Road Fivehead. The erection of a multipurpose agricultural building and an agricultural building for the storage of agricultural machinery.

## **1575 CLERKS SALARY**

To receive from SALC the revised **pay and car allowance scales** dated from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. Clerk left the room. It was unanimously agreed to maintain the scale and hours and adjust the figures according to the revised scale giving a salary for November onwards of £208.47 with a one off back dated sum of £12.42. Previous salary reference. mins. 1460 & 1516. Clerk rejoined the meeting.

## **1576 FINANCE**

The financial position of the Council was received.

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

i) Fivehead Village Hall MC	rent August	£11
ii) A & M Garden Services	maint. Aug. & Sept.	£285.50

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

iii) Mrs M Knox	salary	£206.40
iv) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£8.79
v) SALC	Clerks workshop	£15

## **1577. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

- a) **Chairman.** Excessive number of distracting road signs.
- b) **Clerk** SSDC's new "Looking Local" teletext style site available via Sky & Virgin TV's, poster up. David Heath's next visit. Request for funding from Shopmobility. Newsletter advertising rates.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman

Dated