

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council  
held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead  
on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at 8pm.**

**Present** Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron Mrs H Clarke Mr K Male Dist. Cllr. S Steele and Mrs M Knox (Clerk)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Not held. No public present.

**1615. APOLOGIES**

**Apologies** were received from Cllr R Fielding and C. Cllr. D Nelson.

**1616. MINUTES**

The **minutes** of the meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

**1617. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) **Langford Corner**. Deferred as full Council not present. (See below.)
- b) **Damage to surface of some Swell bridleways**. A letter, addressed to Margaret Knox rather than the Clerk, was received from Mrs B. Burbidge MFH which apologised for the upset caused and offered to bear in mind concerns. GB & KM arrived.
- c) To consider the **safe custody of documents** given the charge of £24.47 made by NATWEST. Clerk to write to Foot Anstey who hold the PF deeds to ask if they would be willing to also hold the Cemetery Deeds.
- a) **Langford Corner**. Taken out of order as six councillors now present. HC's research showed that it would be possible to claim title or to permit transfer of title of the land. There was debate as to what members wished to do with Langford Corner. If retained it should be made maintenance free. If offered for sale the bin would have to be re-sited and control over the area would be lost. Currently maintenance does not cost a lot other than in members' time. It was **resolved** (unan.) MC to ask adjacent house owners if they have any interest in acquiring the corner. If so it would have to be valued and the matter debated further. Item for next agenda.
- d) To **authorise end of year expenses**. i) Chairman's expenses. To remain at £40. ii) Councillors' expenses. Members did not wish to claim. (Both **resolved** unan.) iii) Use of Clerk's house as office. Clerk left the room. £180 (prop. MC sec. KM) iv) Contribution to Clerk's broadband cost. Prop. MC sec. GB to pay £120 which is approx. 2/3rds of the cost. (ref mins. 1047 1429 & 1502g). Clerk rejoined the meeting.
- e) **Village Fete** 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010. Clerk had attended the inaugural meeting. Council has been asked to provide an attraction. Members agreed to do so.
- f) **Annual Parish Meeting**. To confirm date of April 21<sup>st</sup> and the speaker, Sam Healy of SSVCA.

**1618. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) **From SSDC re invitation to Cluster Workshops** Outcome Meeting on Thur.4<sup>th</sup> March 7-9pm at The Shrubbery Hotel Ilminster (note change of date and venue from that previously given). KB & NC hoped to attend.
- b) From **St. Margaret's Hospice re request for financial support**. KB proposed a donation of £50 sec. NC. 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. The donation to be made in either this or the following financial year after Clerk has ascertained how much remains unspent from the budgeted allocation for donations.

- c) From **SAW Ltd.** re information and invitation to presentation event. Noted.
- d) From **Steve Shaw re Sustainable Communities Act.** Noted, no action taken.
- e) Too late for Agenda but taken due to time constraint. **From SSDC re Area North Parish Workshop** 10<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm - 9pm. at Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall. MC hoped to attend.

#### **1619. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.**

- **Taunton Deane Local Development Framework** (r.d. 28.02)
- **Office of Nuclear Development** - consultation on potential site for new nuclear power station at Oldbury.

It was agreed not to respond to either consultation.

#### **1620. REPORTS.**

- a) **Playing Field.** KM reported.
- b) **Village Hall.** GB reported.
- c) **Cemetery Sub Committee.** Clerk to retain book for February. She raised concern at the condition of the Pound Wall and coping stones. Item for next Agenda.
- d) **Highways.** A site visited had been anticipated but it did not take place. The S bend sign in Silver Street has been damaged. Clerk to inspect and report. Mr P Mills had repaired the Silver Street sign. A new back board was required which had been reported. Council thanked Mr Mills.
- f) **Police.** There was no reported crime in January.

#### **1621. PLANNING.**

**Decisions granted** (s.t.c.) 09/04529/ful Crossacres Butchers Hill Fivehead. Alterations, the erection of a conservatory, conversion of roof space and formation of a dormer window.

#### **1622. RENEWAL OF THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.**

**Mr Pettitt had agreed to continue** for 2010-11.

#### **1623 FINANCE**

The **financial position of the Council** was received.

- a) **Payments taken previously:**
  - i) NATWEST Safe Custody Charge £24.47
- b) **Payments authorised during the month:**
  - ii) SALC Clerk's training on new SO's £15.00
- c) **Payments authorised at the meeting:**
  - iii) Mrs M Knox Salary £208.47

iv) Fivehead Village Hall MC

Rent December

£11.00

**1624. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

- a) **Chairman**. The Dog waste bin appears to have been stolen from its site on the Isle Abbotts Road.
- b) **David Heath MP's surgery** at Ridgway Hall Langport on Feb.13<sup>th</sup>. Posters up.
- c) **Councillors**. The following planning issues, Sedgmoor Game farm, Stillbrook Woodyard, mobile home at Hillcrest, entrance on the A378 at Ostlers Cottage and residential home at Mile Hill House.

There being no further business the **meeting closed at 9.10pm**

Chairman

Dated