

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead
on Monday 7th June 2010 at 8.15pm.

Present Mrs H Clarke (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs N Cameron
Mr R Fielding Mr K Male Dist. Cllr. S Steele C. Cllr. D Nelson Mrs M Knox (Clerk)
and one member of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

PCSO Ian Ross confirmed there was no reported crime in May. He cautioned against house and car doors being left open so opportunist thieves could gain entry and asked that this be publicised. Information was given regarding Swell Court Farm's Planning Application.

1660. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. M Cavill.

1661. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May 2010 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1662. PLANNING

Applications: 10/01986/COU **Swell Court Farm Higher Swell, Fivehead.** Change of use of agricultural buildings to storage of caravans and camper vans. Council has no objections but would like to see the visibility splay at the junction of Swell Lane with the A378 kept clear and the construction of a passing bay on Swell Lane at a place of the Highway's choosing.

Decisions: 09/04962/COL **Sedgemoor Game Farm, Fivehead.** Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land and buildings for manufacture and assembly. Refused.
10/01344/FUL **Mill Mount, Butchers Hill Fivehead.** Erection of a two storey and a single storey extension and erection of a detached garage. Granted (s.t.c.).

1663. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

a) Cllrs. H Clarke and Cllr. K Beacham agreed to accept the posts for which they had been nominated.

(mins. 1646 & 1650)

b) **Langford Corner.** Deferred from previous meetings. MC had informed the Clerk of his conversation with Mr Walters. A guideline valuation for the site of around £1000 plus costs had been given, an alternative of leasing at a nominal fee was suggested. Both options should benefit from a covenant on the type of fencing. Removing the shrubs and seeding with grass was a further option. **Council resolved unanimously to retain ownership of the area,** to remove the shrubs, put the area down to grass and add it to the maintenance contract. To be actioned in the early autumn. NC & KB would tidy the area on June 11th and a more major working party to be arranged in July.

c) To receive information from Enforcement regarding outstanding queries. Mr Phillips is trying to establish whether the owner can be legally enforced to rebuild **Ostler's Cottage's** southern boundary wall. A planning application for the mobile home to the rear of **Hillcrest** is anticipated. Clerk to write again regarding the mobile home at Mile Hill House.

1664. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

a) From Dave Grabham (SCC Highways) re offer of the installation of a **speed indicator device on the A378**. Council were pleased to accept this free “one off” installation. The Chairman had authorised the Clerk to proceed with arrangements during the month liaising with Mr Hunter, Speedwatch coordinator. Council had been kept informed by email. Clerk to ask if the SID records information thus providing statistics.

b) From Mr R Hadfield. Sec. **FHMC** re request for a donation in the region of £1000 to assist with the cost of **tarmacing the western end of the car park**. This is needed for safety of users, to satisfy Highways regarding the stones migrating onto the highway and will assist in preserving the wooden floor. GB provided additional information. The hall floor currently requires routine protective treatment and hall funds cannot provide for both improvements simultaneously. It would be counter productive to delay treating the floor. After debate Council **resolved** unan. to donate £1000 taking the money from reserves which at year end were £20K.

c) From the Society of Local Council Clerks re a **training course on Cemetery Management - Exclusive Rights and Transfer (£60)** at Burnham on Sea. Not considered relevant.

d) From South Somerset Together re **AGM** 16th June 18.30-20.00 at Long Sutton Golf Course. GB to attend.

1665. REPORTS.

a) Playing Field. KB reported.

b) Village Hall. GB reported.

d) Cemetery Sub Committee. Book to NC.

f) Rights of Way. Clerk had attended a meeting organised by SCC. The Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme may be revisited but at present is envisaged as a minor clearance activity.

1662. PLANNING.

Taken out of order, see above, item three.

1666. MAINTENANCE

To record receipt of a copy of an **insurance paper relating to Mr MW Pettitt**. It was agreed that this was not conclusive proof of insurance being in place. Clerk to ask to see and photocopy a copy of the certificate which should have been issued. In addition to ask Mr Pettitt to inform Council how much of an increase he considers necessary to cover the increase in the cost of fuel, given when he very competitively tendered for the three year maintenance contract fuel prices were some third lower than they are now.

1667. TO CONSIDER THE RENEWAL OF THE INSURANCE POLICY

To consider acceptance of a revised quote of £296.68. It was unanimously **resolved** to accept this quote which covers only the bus shelter under property damage. To cover the War Memorial for its true replacement value would be cost prohibitive. The cheque had been listed under payments to be authorised, renewal being overdue. Cover has been maintained via the telephone.

1668. ANNUAL AUDIT FORM

The declaration of the Internal Auditor and a copy of his report was received. The Clerk clarified 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 was completed. It was clarified that Council is not responsible for any Trust Funds.

1669 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received.

- a) **Payments authorised during the previous month:**
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| i) | Mr M Pettitt | maint. April, May | £287.37 |
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- b) **Payments authorised at the meeting:**
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| ii) | Mrs M Knox | salary | £208.47 |
| iii) | FVHMC | rent April x 2 | £31.00 |
| iv) | Aon Limited | insurance renewal | £296.68 |

1670. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

- b) **Clerk.** A meeting to review the Standing Orders to be arranged. MC KB & MK.
- c) **Councillors.** KB had attended the final Waste Partnership event, notes into circulation. Request for an additional dog waste bin in area approaching shop. Members of the Baptist Church have tidied The Pound. Clerk to write letter of thanks. The small hall is not being left fit for public meetings. The Under Fives equipment is encroaching on space available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman

Dated