

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead
on Monday 6th September 2010 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs K Beacham Mrs H Clarke
Mr R Fielding Dist. Cllr. S Steele and Mrs M Knox (Clerk).

PUBLIC SESSION

Not held no Public present.

1687. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. N Cameron, Cllr. K Male & C. Cllr. D Nelson.

1688. MINUTES

The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 2nd August 2010 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman. Cllr. HC declared an interest for item 3e (min.1689e).

1689. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) **Planning issues.** A letter from Mr David Norris was read out which clarified how Enforcement is currently working. He agreed that the failure to enforce planning control can send out the wrong message. Enforcement matters are now to be directed to Adrian Noon who will allocate them to one of several officers with enforcement investigation responsibilities. Mr Phillips will be updating Council on the historic cases before the October meeting. Item for next agenda.
- b) The **Highways Winter Maintenance Schedule** questionnaire was completed.
- c) To receive notification of the **resignation of Cllr. G Balmer** with effect from January 1st 2011 due to work commitments. MC said Council would be very, very sorry to lose him and thanked him for his considerable input over the years.
- d) To receive information from Aon re **the insurance of ROW volunteers** by Council and consider the provision of tools. Clerk explained that volunteers are covered by Council's existing insurance providing the work is done under PC instruction, the PC (Clerk) having done a prior risk assessment. To have any cover for all parties the tools used must be purchased by and belong to the PC and be correctly used. The route and tools must be "safe and secure". It was **resolved** to allocate £100 for the purchase of tools prop. MC sec. unan. Clerk as PPLO to discuss with the volunteers what tools would be most appropriate.
- e) **Sedgmoor Game Farm.** The situation on the ground has not changed. Roger Wootton, head of Planning Enforcement, is writing a report. Clerk to write to RW to ask what is going on.
- f). The VHMC seek opinion of Council as to whether the **hall would be a suitable venue to hold a Folk Camp.** Literature was studied. Council would be happy with the prospect providing the references are good.

g) Invitation to a Focus Group to discuss the future of the **Library Service** on 30th Sept. at Martock Library or 7th Oct. Priorswood Library Taunton, both on Thursdays 2.30 - 4.30pm or 7-9pm. No member wished to attend but as meeting is open to library users Clerk to create and put up a notice advertising the event.

1790. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

a) From Clarke Willmott Solicitors re invitation to an event on Wednesday 22nd September from 4-6pm, at their offices in Taunton. Speaker on **Cancer research and advice on legacies**. No one wished to attend.

b) From The Community Council for Somerset re i) **Parish Plan** Objectives. ii) Completion of an on-line survey on the Parish Plan Process. This was delegated to the Clerk who should liaise with Mr K Stevens and if required seek assistance from MC.

c) From **South Somerset Links** re request for donation. Clerk to find out if the service is used by parishioners. Item for next agenda.

d) From SSDC re permanent **diversion of L11/21 at Swell Court**. Clerk to submit observation that Council see this as the most practical solution and therefore support the diversion.

e) From SSDC re further **invitation to the Annual Meeting with Area North Town and Parishes** on 15th Sept. No councillor available to attend.

1791. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought, none forthcoming.

New Guidance on assessing **Land for Designation as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** or National Park. Closing date 8th October. (Information available via email link as sent .)

Precept Capping. As per email received from SALC who will be responding. Email link sent.

1792. REPORTS.

b) **Village Hall.** GB reported.

d) **Cemetery Sub Committee.** There has been dog fouling in the churchyard. Item for newsletter as totally unacceptable. Book to MK.

e) **Highways.** The SID was installed during the month and is still in position.

g) **Police.** Crime report received. Dist. Cllr. SS gave Isle Moor Ward crime statistics.

1793. PLANNING.

Application: 10/03146/FUL 18 Ganges Close Fivehead. Erection of a single storey extension. No objections.

1794. STANDING ORDERS

The new **revised version of Standing Orders**, having been electronically circulated, was adopted. Prop. MC sec. unan. The resolution, relating at SO 23 passed at min.1684 was amended, on the advice of SALC, to read "To authorise members to maintain council property as and when appropriate as directed by the Clerk." Prop. MC sec. KB.

1795 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received and bank reconciliations for August & September.

a) **Payments to be authorised:**

i) Mrs M Knox	salary	£208.47
ii) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£8.70
iii) FVHMC	rent July	£11
iv) Moore Stephens	audit fee	£158.63
v) Mr M Pettitt	maint. July & Aug.	£702.47

c) **Income received during the month:**

vi) NATWEST	interest	£3.98
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1796. MATTERS OF REPORT, QUESTIONS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

a) **Chairman.** He had received a letter from the PFMC, (t.l.f.a. too late for agenda) saying that the Play Area received a “Very Highly Commended” certificate at the Somerset Playing Field’s Association. AGM. Mr B Harvey was honoured with the “Volunteer of the Year” cup.

b) **Clerk.** Nomination forms for **Community Policing Awards and Community Safety Consultation** forms available. Letter received (t.l.f.a.) from VHMC thanking Council for the annual grant and tarmac cheques and contribution to the Summer Fete, via activity, which raised £1,300. **Planning Application** 10/02418/FUL Greenshutters Langport Road Fivehead has been refused. (i.f.n.a. Item for next agenda.)

c) Councillors. GB gave **apologies** for next month. Harvest Supper at Sewers Hall Curry Rivel on 2nd Oct.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

Dated