

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 8th January 2007 at 8pm.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mrs H Clarke Mr K Male
Mrs N Cameron Mr K Summers and Mrs M Knox Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

1192. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr M Tennant and Dist Cllr S Steele both attending another meeting.

1193. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2006 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1194. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Parish Plan. Prior to the meeting Councillors had been circulated a resume of Actions Required as a response to the questionnaire. KS was thanked, on behalf of the PP committee, for bringing it to Council's attention. After discussion it was considered that Council need not pass comment at present as it was appropriate for the PP committee to take the matter forward at this stage. Many of the items deemed to be the responsibility of Council were part of Council's ongoing work. It was felt that the details Council's work needs to be expanded upon. The newsletter would be a good vehicle for this. Many of the items listed required self help from parishioners.
- b) Condition of Notice Board. MC had inspected and needs to purchase equipment to effect the repair.
- c) Development at Glendale Butchers Hill. There had been no response to a letter sent to the head of the Planning Dept. Clerk to chase.
- d) The Threat to the Post Office Network. A letter from David Heath MP was read out and a petition deploring the closure of a substantial number of Post offices in the constituency of Somerton and Frome was signed by all members. The policy document from the DTI has been ordered and will be put into immediate circulation on receipt. The consultation response form can then be completed at the February meeting.
- e) South Somerset Links. (see min1182g) A letter was received stating that Fivehead parishioners do benefit directly from their services on a regular basis. It was therefore unanimously **resolved** to donate £50 in the knowledge that this exceeded the budgeted figure for donations in the financial year 06-07.
- f) Misuse of Bridleway network by motorcyclists. Clerk reported that the police did devote some time, albeit unsuccessfully, to this matter hoping to apprehend the perpetrators. They ask that number plate details should be reported to them. MC has seen them using Stillbrook Lane.
- g) Disposal of cemetery waste. Clerk had been unable to get any advice from SSDC refuse department. Council unanimously agreed that people need to be strongly discouraged from leaving any waste materials on site. Clerk was authorised get a notice made (Timpsons in Taunton was suggested) stating "Please respect the cemetery and remove all waste, dead flowers, wrappers, containers etc." This to be backed and attached to the fence near the gate. A similar notice to be put in the magazine. It was considered the Fivehead Cemetery sign could do with some "tlc" but the "old" appearance was considered appropriate.
- h) Local Government Reorganisation - possible Unitary Authority for Somerset. Deferred to next meeting in anticipation of input from MT and SS. See min 1192.
- i) To approve the transfer of the Village Hall Management Committee's loan to a mortgage. The necessity for the mortgage had been explained to the Clerk and Chairman by the FHMC Chairperson and was expanded upon by GB & HC. The PC being the Lessor, as Custodian Trustee of the Playing Field, has to give "consent to charge". A letter from Battens solicitors was read out and the "consent to charge" form was signed by the Chairman thereby giving approval.

1095. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

From LADT re invitation to an open meeting about Waterlinks. Wed. 10th Jan. Long Sutton Golf Club 7pm.

The Clerk volunteered to attend.

1196. REPORTS.

b) Village Hall GB reported d) Cemetery Sub Committee Book handed to MK. e) Highways A parishioner had reported fallen dead trees dangerously close to the road surface on the A378. MC to contact landowner.

1197. PLANNING.

b) decisions (granted s.t.c.) 06/04193/FUL Land OS 8410 Top Road Curry Mallet. Construction of Gabion basket retaining wall, retrofire land to cover pipe together with associated screen landscape planting, GR 333848/123106.

06/03230/COU Cathanger Cottage Cathanger Lane Fivehead. Extension of domestic curtilage.

1198 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received.

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) Mrs P Price	honarium	£90
ii) Wessex Malthouse	newsletter	£48
iii) Fivehead Village Hall MC	don. for vandal proof lights	£100

b) Payments authorised at the meeting:

iv) Mrs M Knox	salary	£160.2
v) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£2.67

c) Income received during the month

vi) NATWEST	interest 29.9.06	£66.70
vii) Riverford Home Delivery	newsletter advert	£15
viii) Manning & Knight	memorial for A Male	£50

1199. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

b) Clerk. Letters of appreciation for financial support had been received from the Citizens Advice , FVHMC, plus confirmation that the grant would be used solely for paying interest, and Mrs P Price (honarium). The road at Two Bridges will be closed for 1 day starting from 25th January 07. Details and map on notice board. Details pf BTCV a Conservation Charity, had been received. This were of potential interest and the Clerk would distribute the details before putting the letter into circulation. VH AGM 24th Jan. 7.30pm

c) Councillors. The Swell sign on the A378 has fallen down. Request to raise the issue of vandalism in the village via the newsletter as the Xmas tree in the churchyard was vandalised on New Years Eve as had been the VH lights.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman

Dated