

Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 3rd July 2006 at 8.35pm.

This was preceded by a presentation given by John Wolfe, Chairman of South Somerset Community Speed Watch and Andy Blackwell, dedicated road crime officer for Avon & Somerset Constabulary. 29 parishioners, Parish, District and County Councillors were present.

Present Mr M Cavill (Chairman) Mr G Balmer Mr K Male Mr K Summers
Mrs N Cameron Mr M Tennant Dist. Cllr. S Steele C. Cllr. D Nelson and Mrs M Knox Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

This was well attended. The main topic was safety issues on the A378 and how they might be addressed. One parishioner wanted priority signs on Butchers Hill bridge. Background information was given on planning application 06/01851/FUL (see below). All public left following the public session.

1130. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs H Clarke. Personal & prejudicial interests for item 7a (min 1136a) were received from Mrs N Cameron.

1131. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2006 having been circulated were taken as a true record of what took place and duly signed by the Chairman.

1132. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.

- a) Parish Plan progress report. The questionnaires have been /are being distributed.
- b) A378 The road has been walked by SS & DN with Colin Fletcher of Highways who will arrange for the speed to be monitored during the coming month. He considered the recent A378 safety scheme (improved white lining etc.) to have addressed most problems but that the road users need educating. Some alteration or extension to the speed limit to the east of the village might be a possibility. A letter from S Davidson-Grant of SCC stated that further engineering works could not be justified. A supportive letter from G Tucker of SSDC offered to set up and chair a lobbying LAT meeting. This was considered unnecessary at present as all bodies have been contacted and have now responded. Interim accident statistics were distributed, scrutinized and found to be either inaccurate or seriously out of date. Points raised in Public Session were discussed including those ideas which it is known will not be implemented by the authorities. All agreed that most accidents had involved inexperienced drivers. DN said there is officially no more money for flashing speed signs. He would press SCC for chevrons at Mullion corner. Council felt the Speedwatch presentation had been impressive. Given the high public attendance and authorities' responses Council looked favourably on implementing Speedwatch if sufficient support exists. This to be gauged prior to the next PC meeting. Item for next agenda.
- c) Routine Inspection of cemetery. A letter from Allianz Cornhill states that a logged and signed weekly visual inspection and a monthly gentle topple test must be implemented to support any claim. It was reluctantly but unanimously **resolved** this will be undertaken. Details to be minuted under Reports to support the book log.
- d) Church Matters. 1. Friendly Society Banner. Mr D Page of Isle Abbots, an artist, recommends taking a high quality digital photo print before and after treating with acrylic varnish to stabilise the degenerating material. SS would investigate how easy this is to apply. It was suggested it would be better to photograph the copy of the banner held at Taunton Museum KM to investigate. Banner currently lodged behind the altar. 2. Churchyard Wall. Mrs P English, Churchwarden, states there are no deeds to the church. Mr Knox to be asked to view Tythe map at records office. KM & MC would look at the wall before the next meeting.

1133. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- a) From Yeovil District Council for Voluntary Service re request for donation. **Resolved** not to donate.
- b) From SCC re booklet "Making a Difference" -comments and suggestions welcome. Into circulation.
- c) From Charter 88 re showing support for the Sustainable Communities Bill by signing an Early Day Motion. Deferred from June meeting for circulation. Clerk to ask MP to sign.
- d) From WRVS re request for donation. **Resolved** not to donate in light of anticipated other expenditure.
- e) From Pat Price re request to increase the newsletter print run by ten copies. **Agreed** unanimously.

f) From The Community Council re workshop on “Proving the Need” (for a project) July 7th 3pm - 7pm. No one wished to attend.

g) From Shopmobility, Yeovil, re request for donation. **Resolved** not to donate.

1134 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.

Mental Health - Fit for the Future. (In circulation). No comments to submit.

Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West. (In circulation). Interesting but no comments to submit.

Draft South Somerset Sport & Recreation Built Facilities Assessment Report. Document available at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/PPG17. MT undertook to read and respond if appropriate.

1135. REPORTS.

b) Village Hall GB reported d) Cemetery Sub Committee MT had logged a monthly inspection as per min. 1122e. NC undertook the weekly inspections for July. e) Highways Two officers had told the Clerk of their concerns re the consequences of excessive gravel on Stowey Rd by the VH car park. Item for next agenda. A blocked drain on Stowey Rd junction had been reported to Highways. Fly tipping on Stowey Lane reported to SSDC. HGVs were using Isle Abbotts Rd at night probably to collect chicken. SS stated weeds in Ganges Close have been logged for removal. h) Clerk Thanked Council for funding her attendance at the auditors training which had been useful. At the PP open day various parishioners had made comments on ROW faults and volunteered to report others. MC happy to coordinate this. i) FLAG GB reported on a meeting at Yeovilton.

1136. PLANNING.

a) applications 06/01851/FUL Glendale Butchers Hill Fivehead. Siting of a mobile home and connection to services and facilities. NC left the meeting having presented a copy of her individual response as a neighbour. This application was discussed at length due to the particular circumstances of the applicant. Information provided at the public session was also considered. DN expressed his concern at the policy of the social services in relation to this application. Council unanimously agreed to object to the application purely on planning grounds stating opposition to the principle of the siting of mobile homes in gardens in the centre of the village, concerns about constructing an entrance so close to the narrow bridge on Butchers Hill and that the area proposed for the siting appears to be designated as C6 for no development on a structure plan map of the village. There was considerable concern for the well being of the applicant. NC rejoined the meeting.

b) decisions (granted s.t.c.) Moortown Farmhouse, Moortown Lane, Curry Rivel. Remedial repairs to first floor joists. Greenways, Green Lane, Fivehead. Demolition of single storey area and erection of a two storey extension.

1137. TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW INTERNAL AUDITOR FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT OF THE EXISTING.

Mr Jackson was warmly thanked for his five years of excellent service to the Council. Clerk to write a letter of appreciation. MT authorised to purchase and present an appropriate token of appreciation up to the value of £30. The appointment of Mr R Loveridge as the new internal auditor was unanimously considered most appropriate. Mr Loveridge had suitable qualifications and was a resident of long standing. He had informally agreed to undertake the post and it was **resolved** that the clerk write a letter of appointment.

DN left the meeting.

1138 FINANCE

The financial position of the Council was received. The bank reconciliation and interim statement April to June were presented.

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) A & Garden services	maint. May	£319
ii) Fivehead Village Plan	for printing questionnaire	£500
iii) Wessex Malthouse Direct	newsletter printing	£48

b) Payments authorised at the meeting:

iv) Mrs M Knox	salary	£160.29
v) Mrs M Knox	expenses June & July	£12.43
vi) Information Commissioner	Data Protection DD	£35

c) Income received during the month

vii) Andrew Hewitt	newsletter advert	£30
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1139. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

b) Clerk A Parking Strategy document has been received. SS stressed it's importance. Into circulation for next agenda. Letter from Age concern. Various invitations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Chairman

Dated

DRAFT - Unapproved