

**Minutes of a meeting of the Fivehead Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Stowey Road Fivehead on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2006 at 8pm.**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The editor of the newsletter asked that she be instructed as to policy regarding the placing of private advertisements, a request for same having been received.

**1159. APOLOGIES and declarations of interest.**

Apologies were received from Mr M Tennant and C. Cllr. D Nelson.

Mrs H Clarke declared a personal and prejudicial interest for item 6 min 1165 and duly signed the Register of Interests.

**1160. MINUTES**

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

**1161. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND RAISED BY MEMBERS.**

- a) Progress report on the Parish Plan. KS reported and asked whether Council wished to check the results of the questionnaire at this time before the PP proceed. Council unanimously agreed that the PP proceed with producing a report which will detail requests/desires the parishioners have identified. NC asked if is known what percentage of the respondees want each action. KS responded in the affirmative. KS was asked to decide on a percentage response line to be drawn to identify which projects should be prioritised. The request for sheltered housing was raised as an example which will cause difficulty as SS warned that sheltered housing built in Fivehead is not specifically for Fivehead residents . Housing is allocated on a points system. e.g. Hambridge sheltered housing contains no original Hambridge residents.
- b) Invitation to participate in the Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme. Deferred from previous meeting. Clerk reported that at the ROW meeting she attended it was stated that membership of the scheme need not commit Council to more than providing a contact phone number . The next level could be volunteers undertaking a signing survey. It was unanimously agreed to participate but councillors were not in favour of volunteers undertaking official clearance work due to health and safety and risk assessment issues.
- c) Condition of notice board. MC has still to action repair.
- d) Request by a parishioner to place a private advertisement in the newsletter. The background to this had been explained at public session and related a bona fide desire to purchase land within the parish. After debate council unanimously agreed not to accept this private advertisement as it could create a precedent. There were also concerns over the undesirable element who search out small parcels of land and the problems this can create. Witness North Curry. The individual wishing to place the advert was to be invited to speak to the Chairman who would explain the reasoning behind the decision.

**1162. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- a) From 02 News re a community fund for projects to improve local environments. Into circulation. Item for next agenda.
- b) From VHMC re dates for cleaning duties. PC is responsible for November 06. To appoint members to a rota. The following rota was established.  
5<sup>th</sup>. MC & GB    12<sup>th</sup> HC & NC    19<sup>th</sup> KM MT & GB    26<sup>th</sup> KS & MK    All at 10am on Sundays.
- c) From Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance re request for donation. Agreed unanimously to donate £50 under sect. 137.
- d) From Victim Support Somerset re request for donation. Agreed unanimously not to donate.

**1163. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. response sought.**

Statement of Community Involvement for Taunton Deane (in circulation). Delegated to MC.

**1164. REPORTS.**

b) Village Hall GB reported. c) SALC KS reported on attendance at the AGM. d) Cemetery Sub Committee GB to inspect for the coming month. Book handed over. f) Rights of Way. Clerk presented a report on the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. she attended in lieu of the Chairman which was put into circulation.

**1165. PLANNING.**

a) applications 06/03230/COU Cathanger Cottage Cathanger Lane Fivehead. Extension of domestic curtilage. HC left the meeting. No objections. HC rejoined the meeting.

**1166 FINANCE**

The financial position of the Council was received.

a) Payments authorised during the month

i) Fivehead Village Plan	release of funds to cover expenditure	£300
ii) A & M garden Services	maint. August	£288
b) Payments authorised at the meeting:		
iii) Mrs M Knox	salary	£160.29
iv) Mrs M Knox	expenses	£14.40
c) Income received during the month		
v) R&B King Beverley Ann Blinds	newsletter advert	£30
vi) Mike Rogers Plumbing	newsletter advert	£15

**1167. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

c) Councillors. SS put into circulation a paper on improvements to the Planning Service which would be achieved by the move to Chard. The crime statistics for her ward of Islemoor are flawed by the inclusion of the statistics for all bar too of her parishes in Area West not Islemoor. Fivehead figures come under Area West. Inspector Pitman’s non visit was commented on. Apparently he had not turned up at other such meetings. There is no date as yet for a rescheduled visit.

GB reported that Speedwatch training had taken place on Saturday. It had been asked if Council would pay for the batteries to work the equipment.

NC raised the condition of the road surface where the water board have dug up “Cemetery Hill”. The installation of the pipeline has caused many problems for landowners and there are many leaks at the joints.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman

Dated