

Fivehead Matters

Steering Committee

Wednesday November 2nd

Minutes

Present: Keith Summers (chairman) Bob Powell, Bruce Whittle, John Taylor, Will Shakespeare, Barry Knox, Margaret Knox, Sue Jackson, Margaret Smith, Andrew Barrett, Kevin Stevens, Richard Chedzoy, Ian Davis, Mervyn Wilson (secretary)

Apologies: George Fox, Jane Corns, Harry Price
Suzie Parsons had withdrawn because of pressure of other commitments

1. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved
2. **Report of Village Plan Meeting: 31 October**, attended by KS and MW: about 40 present from different villages; interesting to compare notes. Presentation on En-Act: a government project running from September 04-August 06. Aim to encourage villages to set up community businesses and make money for local projects. En-Act provides guidance and support. Successful examples given were from more urban and populous places.

Report on Parish Plans Guidance: some quotes:

- Set to work with an open mind
- Get the views of everyone possible
- Work at a pace everyone can keep up with
- Enjoy it
- Keep a record of everything you do
- Accept that people's skills are different

Resource leaflets listed and some passed on - some details read about SPG (special planning guidance) procedure and VDS (Village Design Statement). There is also a need to contact various authorities – District Council, Police, Health Authority, etc.

3. **Prebid:**
Village Maps – Millenium map was circulated
Ordinance MK seeking, MW to contact SRCC
Parish Council hold a large scale map
Question of one showing village boundaries

Approach to groups: Letters sent out by BK & MK. Some response already. Suggested that each member ask to raise the matter in a group they belong to. To that end a paper circulated to get information on who belongs to what. KS agreed to approach St Martin's Close. MW to approach Keith re Baptist Church and Youth Group. WS to approach Curry Mallet school.
Approach to individuals: Bruce Whittle and John Taylor to arrange delivery of *Fivehead Matters*. One to every household. Others undertook to do certain areas. Delivery could provide an opportunity for some personal talking. Every member encouraged to talk to neighbours and friends about their ideas.

Other suggestions: talk where people meet – playing field, bus stop, pub, etc., left to private initiative, consult to avoid overlap.
All members of Steering Committee to have 5-10 copies of *Fivehead Matters*.

Funding: RC had drawn up an accounting proforma. Records of time spent on the PP by each member to be given him before each meeting.

KS would talk to Val Grainger on external funding.

Suggestions for money raising made, but inconclusive

KS a wine and cheese with opportunity to talk

MW a pancake party.

Before Christmas too early, so after pantomime in February

4. Some views of individuals of areas of need: traffic calming, access onto A378, policing and petty crime, mains gas, general appearance of village
5. **Website:** accept AB's recommendation of www.fivehead.org.uk subject to satisfactory financial arrangements. AB took on responsibility for arrangement and funding. He would value help with content and gave us various examples and comments on village websites. It would be a useful tool for PP.
6. **Date** of next meeting: Wednesday 16 November at 8 pm in the Village Hall.