

Fivehead Village Plan Steering Committee

Wednesday 14 March 2007

Fivehead Village Hall

Present: Keith Summers, Richard Chedzoy, Kevin Stephens, Margaret Knox, Bob Powell, Sue Jackson, John Taylor, Bruce Whittle, Barry Knox, Mervyn Wilson

Apology: Malcolm Cavill

Minutes: were approved

Matters Arising: John Taylor reported on the seminar attended by Keith Summers, Bruce Whittle and himself. It had among other things concerned Funding. They were told that the list of potential funders was always changing, but the information required to back an application was likely to be more constant. It was also reported that local councils could only recycle material from which a profit could be made.

Finance: Richard Chedzoy reported that funds stood at £1638, £100 less than last month. The £100 had been sent to the Village Hall. No bills were outstanding, though something would be owing for room hire.

Response to Fivehead Matters 5: Getting things moving. Minimal: 7 written responses and 2 telephone calls. No offers to organise. Participation welcomed in History (2), bowls (2), oil purchase (4), composting (2), neighbourliness, RSPB, computers, garden club, music, art, social actions, an open day on learning (1 each).

In the discussion following little surprise was expressed. Kevin Stephens said he was planning to make a move on the short mat bowls. Mervyn Wilson said that after he and Barry Knox had started on the History group, ten people had responded, a convener found, and an opening programme set up.

Definitive Report: There was lengthy discussion, but hampered because not everyone present had received a copy of the latest draft of the report. This had been emailed. Kevin Stephens and Bruce Whittle have no email; John Taylor had not received it. The draft assembled all the material. Barry Knox introduced it and said that now a process of sifting was needed.

We agreed on A5 format, up to 48 pages. We liked Shepton Beauchamp's. It should be made user friendly, (i) to the village, (ii) to local councils (iii) to other potential funders. It should include some photos: Margaret Knox had secured the promise of an aerial photo from Yeovilton. As to content and arrangement, there was less certainty and agreement. What follows does not represent everyone's views. These points were made:

1. Summarise actions that belong to present plan of existing organisations, but do not make too much of them

2. Limit number of actions and put them in a time frame: immediate, 5 years, long term
3. Include some context material, on village, services, roads, etc.
4. Simplify and coordinate section heads and material
5. Shorten introductions.

On the usage of questionnaire results, there was no agreement, but it provided important background material.

Options: Print as companion booklet
 Print as appendix
 Incorporate some of the material in final report and refer/not refer to source

Most people thought that the final report should stand on its own, but for the village it would not be sensible to repeat too much of what they had seen already. Equally the printed statistical information of the questionnaire results would be useful in grant application, but overburden the main text of the final report.

Process: all members of the committee, now having sight of the draft, should write in comments to Barry Knox by 21 March. Then the appointed drafting group, Keith Summers, Sue Jackson and Barry Knox would produce a new draft on the basis of the comments made.

Any Other Business: distress had been caused to Lynn and Jean Griffiths by an inaccurate minute of the Post Office Forum in which Keith Summers had been misrepresented as saying that under 50% of Fivehead people use the shop and Post Office. Mervyn Wilson to write and request a correction of the minute. What Keith had said was that under 50% of people used the shop as they were out at work during opening hours. NB in fact only 5% said they did not use it.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 April 2007