

Fifehead Magdalen Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 7.00pm

Chair: David Redwood

In attendance: Nick Tucker, Rosemary Redwood, Valerie Burnham, Helen Mera, Peter Mera, Mary Sturgess, John Sturgess, Angela Stevens, Geoff Merrick, Patsy Lydsey, Lee Sutton, Andrew Lakeman, Jeanne Lakeman, Mervyn Hanford, Chris Vallance, Karin Vallance, Rosie Belsham, Alixe Brooke, Eileen Riches, Pete Figgins, Rose Figgins, Patsy Merrick (scribe)

Agenda Item 1. Election of Chairman

David Redwood was proposed by Patsy Merrick and seconded by Chris Valance. No other nominations were forthcoming and DR was unanimously re-elected.

Agenda Item 2. Apologies for absence

Roger Trevor, Bill Bryson, Fiona Howard, Victoria Tucker

Agenda Item 3. Declaration of interests

DR had no pecuniary interests to declare.

Agenda Item 4. Minutes of the previous meeting

DR gave a précis of the minutes of the previous meeting. Unanimous approval was given and DR duly signed the minutes as being a true and accurate account of that meeting.

Agenda Item 5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Agenda Item 6. Annual accounts for 2013-2014

DR thanked GM for his diligent auditing. DR confessed that he had made an error in filling out the necessary forms for submission to the external auditor. The error has been corrected, the amendment initialled, and the form was made available for immediate inspection by the meeting. The accounts were accepted by unanimous vote, being proposed by AL and seconded by NT.

Having noted the purchase of the BT telephone kiosk, PL took the opportunity to thank DR, on behalf of the village, for carrying out its splendid renovation.

Agenda Item 7. Cheque signatories and internal auditors

Peter Mera and Bill Bryson were proposed as signatories by PM and seconded by JL. They were unanimously voted for.

GM was proposed by HM and seconded by Rosie B as internal auditor. Chris Valance was proposed by RR and seconded by PF as internal auditor. Both were unanimously voted for.

The risks and control measures are satisfactory.

Agenda Item 8. Henstridge Airfield

DR summarised the history of Henstridge airfield for the benefit of new villagers. He reported that SSDC has limited expertise to properly manage planning issues at the airfield that are outside the Council's normal remit. DR briefly brought the meeting up-to-date with dialogue that had taken place between local parishes and the airfield management. He also read out selected data of flights in and out of the airfield over the previous period. Due to poor flying conditions during the winter months, the number of flights had been well below the maximum permitted.

The meeting was informed that a Wings and Wheels day will be held at Henstridge on 23rd August. More information on this can be found at: www.henstridgeairfield.com

There have been complaints about motor bike racing noise arising from the airfield. Twenty eighth days are allowed for this activity per annum, but excessive activity has been reported by the local public to SSDC which, together with the council's own logs, has provided sufficient evidence to bring a case against the owner of the airfield. CV condemned the noise and he intends to keep a diary of dates when excessive noise occurs. DR suggested that anyone in Fifehead who wishes can also keep a log for future evidence.

AS informed the meeting that there is now a car boot sale at Henstridge Airfield. However this is, so far, a small weekend event.

Agenda Item 9. Village Matters

9.1 HGVs Andrew Brown Samantha Paulley from the Traffic Engineering team at Dorset Highways have visited Fifehead and walked the areas of concern with DR, who showed them the damage done to roads and verges. They were helpful and, using a detailed signage plan put together by Rollo Belsham, they have suggested new format signs - a blue lorry with a diagonal red line through it – which, together with more directional signs, ought to lessen the numbers of HGV drivers coming through Fifehead. This plan of action should be now have been completed but recent correspondence confirms the CC is overwhelmed with repair and preventative work following the winter floods and storms.

Closure of Landshire Lane

DR will put a notice of timing for this both on the village notice board and website.

9.2 Road Drainage

Roland Keats of Dorset Highways has sent his gang to Fifehead. The drain outside Peter Custard's house has been cleared, though the drain outside DR's house is still clogged, as are the drains outside the telephone box and the Bright's house. More pressing work elsewhere has held up the completion of Fifehead's work.

9.3 Planning applications

Bill Bryson's application conditions have been "discharged".

Applications for planning permissions on Trent House, the Long House, Home Farm and Derwent House have all been approved.

The battery egg farm application at Henstridge has been rejected on environmental grounds.

Agenda item 10. Any other business

HM thanked MS for her diligent work in picking up litter in our lanes when on her daily walks.

There was no other business.

Agenda item 11. Next meeting

The next meeting will be due in September. If there is insufficient information to merit a meeting DR will issue a news sheet.

The Chairman records his thanks for our indefatigable scribette

The meeting was closed at 19.40