

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 12th JUNE 2006 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge (Vice-Chairman), P Parker, R Matcham, H Farrington, T Hill, P Langdon, T Parker, B Whitman, B Wilson, P Bramall, and Mesdames S Fairfax, M Prior, Miss B Boyland, and R N V Hewitt (Clerk).

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from P Berman and Mesdames M F Whitmarsh, L Bedding and C Smeaton.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2006 having been circulated were agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reminded Councillors at the last meeting that the Risk Assessment and Asset Register had been circulated with the minutes but had not been adopted. Both documents were discussed and formally adopted by the Parish Council.

Somerset County Council, Kingsmead School Special Needs Units – The Clerk read a letter from J Rose acknowledging that the Education Department had failed to consult Wiveliscombe Parish Council on the potential closure of the Special Needs Unit at Kingsmead and agreeing to an extension of time for consultation. The letter was passed to Brian Collingridge for attention.

16 North Street - – The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Chartwell Building Contractors confirming that the dangerous wall reported by Councillors at the last meeting, would be repaired.

Croft Way Speed Limit – The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of complaint from Mr & Mrs R Newby suggesting that the speed limit should be reviewed as far as Abbotsfield. Parish Councillors recalled that the Highways Department were unable to comply with this request for technical reasons.

Somerset County Council, Rights of Way – The Clerk read a letter from Tamsyn Matthews asking for confirmation of which paths are maintained by the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond that these were Newtons, Gadds Lane and Cutthroat Lane.

Relate – The Clerk read a letter from Relate requesting a donation to their work in Taunton Dean. It was agreed the Clerk would respond on the basis that grants are considered in the Autumn of each year.

Wiveliscombe Evangelical Congregational Church – The Clerk read a letter from Elizabeth Pearce of the Congregational Church confirming that their new buildings would be opened on the weekend of 9th and 10th September 2006.

Website – Tim Parker confirmed that the website data would be updated by Wiveliscombe House staff for a three month trial in order to see how things progressed.

Somerset County Council Parish Council meeting – Tim Parker reported that he had attended a liaison meeting at the County Council and had been to seminars in respect of the

new Local Area Agreement Policy, Highways, Community Strategy and gave a brief overview of each initiative.

Allotment Gardens – Brian Collingridge reported that the Allenslade development would include provision for a play area and once this was planned he would look more closely to see what surplus land might be available for allotment gardens.

Sandys Moor - Brian Collingridge reported that Brendon Powerwashers were now in arbitration with Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Parking and Housing – Much discussion took place about the shortage of parking and merits of housing policy in the town and it was agreed that both should be kept under review.

5. PLANNING

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bryn Wilson declared an interest in application 49/2006/039 and Sir Harry Farrington declared an interest in application 49/2006/031LB.

The Clerk reported that TDBC had approved the following applications:-

49/2005/053 The Barns, Waldrige Farm, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of former agricultural building to single dwelling, as amended by agent's letter dated 5 March 2005.

49/2006/016 Maundown Water Treatment Works, Langley Marsh: new water treatment works and associated facilities and demolition of part of existing water treatment works.

49/2006/018 Land north of Plain Pond: Erection of 20 dwellings, widening of existing road, formation of new access and new field access with associated works.

49/2006/021 Nunnington Park Farm, Wiveliscombe: Erection of silage clamp.

49/2006/022 Nunnington Park Farm, Wiveliscombe: Extension to existing portal frame agricultural building.

49/2006/024 Cordings Farm, Whitefield: Erection of cattle shed/storage building,

49/2006/028 34 Nordens Meadow, Wiveliscombe: Erection of conservatory.

49/2006/006 Higher Grants, Ford, Wiveliscombe: Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic.

49/2006/026 Culverhay Cottage, Wiveliscombe: Erection of two storey extension to north side.

The Clerk reported that the following applications had been received:-

49/2006/012 Barn opposite White Horse Mews off North Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of barn: *The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

49/2006/017 BT Repeater Hut, Taunton Road, Wiveliscombe: Change of Use: *This application had been received after the last Parish Council meeting and a letter of refusal had since been received on the grounds of parking, turning and the access..*

49/2006/028 34 Nordens Meadow, Wiveliscombe: Erection of Conservatory: *The Parish Council did not object to the application.*

49/2006/029 Reeth, Langley Marsh, Wiveliscombe: Erection of 50cm stone wall with 120cm fence on top and finished with a brick pillar: *The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

49/2006/031LB Castle, Wiveliscombe: Repairs and alterations to porch: *The Parish Council did not object to the application.*

49/2006/032 Unit 4 Fleed Farm, Wiveliscombe: Proposed erection of detached double garage: *The Parish Council did not object to the application.*

49/2006/036 16 Lion D'Angers, Wiveliscombe: Erection of first floor extension: *The Parish Council did not object to the application.*

49/2006/035T Jubilee Gardens, Wiveliscombe: Application to fell one Spanish Beech tree: *Discussion took place about the merits of the tree but as this is the Parish Council's own application it was decided that no comment should be made.*

49/2006/037 North Rodden Farm, Maundown, Wiveliscombe: Change of use and conversion of agricultural barn for use as a single private dwelling: *The Parish Council did not object to the application provided it does not conflict with Local Plan Policy.*

49/2006/038 16 Style Road, Wiveliscombe: Erection of single storey extension to rear: *The Parish Council did not object to the application.*

The following application was received after the agenda had been circulated:-

49/2006/039 14 High Street, Wiveliscombe: Change of use from dwelling to retail shop: *The Parish Council supported the application.*

The Clerk reported that the following applications had been refused:-

49/2006/017 BT Repeater Hut, Taunton Road, Wiveliscombe: Change of use.

49/2006/020 48 Nordens Meadow, Wiveliscombe: Erection of timber balcony.

The Clerk reported that the following had been received for information:-

49/2006/013 Stacey Construction Ltd., Station Road, Wiveliscombe: Residential development comprising 35 dwellings – Withdrawn

49/2006/016 – New water treatment works, Maundown – Officer’s report.

49/2005/007 Yeo Farm, Wiveliscombe: Change of use of garage and ancillary accommodation to 3 holiday lets – Amended proposal.

49/2005/016 Flead Farm, Wiveliscombe: Barn conversions – Amended proposal.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J Blackwell said that he felt the Jubilee Garden tree should be retained and proposed that it be lopped or trimmed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Community Council for Somerset – The Clerk reported he had received applications for the Somerset Village Communications competition which was passed on to Brian Collingridge.

TDBC National Veterans Day – The Clerk reported that a service would be held on 27th June 2006 which was noted by the Parish Council.

Kingsmead Zambia Link – The Chairman reported he had received a letter from Clive North, Chairman of the Zambia Link Project, asking whether the Parish Council had any objection to the school fundraising in The Square on 29th July. It was agreed the Clerk would confirm this would be in order.

8. PCSO’S REPORT

There were no officers available to report at the meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Clerk’s salary & expenses	£886.79
Mr D Bailey (taps at allotment)	£195.00
Wiveliscombe Community Centre	£45.00
R M Taylor (Jubilee Gardens)	£226.78
Wiveliscombe Primary School	£25.50

10. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP

Brian Collingridge also reported that the hedgerow adjacent the gateway sculpture needed trimming and lopping, and was owned by Grampian Foods. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with Grampian Foods as soon as possible.

Housing – The bungalows next to the Primary School are nearly ready and tenants are currently being invited to look around the new properties.

Allenslade Development – MAGNA Housing have now confirmed that they will be putting the development out to tender.

Business Park – Brian Collingridge reported that he had met Staceys and the new partners and unfortunately a problem had been identified with the speed limit despite this being agreed previously. Also, the sewerage works were apparently at capacity as was the electricity sub-station. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Western Power and Wessex Water and Brian Collingridge provided a draft letter.

10 Parishes Centre – Brian Collingridge reported at the last meeting the steering group considered the community questionnaire in which 63% of respondents supported the relocation of the Community Centre onto the 10 Parishes site.

11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no District Councillors present.

12. MATTERS OF REPORT

Tony Hill reported that the road sweeper had noted that there were various grass cuttings etc. being collected in piles on the Jubilee Garden boundaries against Jones' Garage and the rear retaining wall. Some concern was expressed regarding the fire potential of this dry material and also that it could put undue pressure on the dilapidated wall. It was agreed that the Clerk would refer the matter to Mary Whitmarsh for attention. Tony Hill went on to report that the road sweeper was also perplexed by the amount of overflow from the recycling containers on the Croft Way Car Park, and that residents in the vicinity of the Recreation Ground were concerned about young people's activities on the Recreation Ground in the very early hours of the morning. It was agreed that the Clerk would refer these on to the police.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.