

# WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## *MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.*

### 1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge (Vice-Chairman), R Matcham, T Hill, P Parker, P Berman, C Cridland, P Langdon, B Wilson, B Whitman, and Mesdames M Whitmarsh, L Bedding, County Councillor Caroline Smeaton and R N V Hewitt (Clerk). The meeting was also attended by PC M Jones and PCSO S Cridlin.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sir H Farrington, C Bramall, and Mesdames B Boyland and S Fairfax.

### 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006 having been circulated were agreed as a correct record save for one manuscript amendment.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

**Clerk's Holiday Arrangements** – The Clerk advised the Parish Council that he would be on leave from 24<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2006 and that during this time any queries should be directed towards the Chairman.

**Kingsmead School Special Needs Unit** – The Clerk read an email from Mark Blaker and a letter from Somerset County Council advising that a hearing would take place on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006 to decide the fate of the Resource Base, and urged Councillors to attend.

**Website** – The Clerk read an email from Dave Meehan confirming that the Community Office were in the process of updating the website data and that Taunton Deane had offered to assist with this task.

**Wessex Water** – The Clerk read a letter from Wessex Water confirming that the capacity of Hillsmoor Sewage Works would be reviewed in 2009.

**Western Power** – The Clerk read a letter from Western Power advising that an appropriate scheme would be costed for the Business Park development.

**Allotments** – Peter Parker reported that tenants of the allotments had asked if a small number of ponds could be installed at the allotments. Much discussion followed and Bryn Wilson proposed that for health and safety reasons permission would not be granted for ponds, which was seconded by Brian Collingridge and unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would meet Peter Parker on site to discuss the planting of boundary hedges.

### 5. POLICE REPORT

PC Mark Jones tendered apologies for PS Nurse who was unable to attend and went on to discuss various minor crimes in the town and the importance of working in partnership, and circulated contact details. PCSO Sharon Cridlin introduced herself as the new support officer.

## 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Caroline Smeaton confirmed that she was in contact with various Councillors regarding the new Business Park, and that Wyvern had recently been sold by the County Council. The County Council had nearly completed this season's hedge cutting and Caroline Smeaton urged Councillors to refer any problems direct to her. The County Council are currently considering privatising or outsourcing some functions.

## 7. PLANNING

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

49/2006/015 Kingsmead, Jews Lane, West Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of outbuildings to dwelling  
49/2006/027 Land to rear of 24 North Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of barn to dwelling and extension to stable to form garage

49/2006/032 Unit 4 Flead Farm, Wiveliscombe: Erection of detached double garage

3/02/06/010 Mountberry Farm, Pitsford Hill, Wiveliscombe: Extension to existing agricultural building

49/2006/036 16 Lion D'Angers, Wiveliscombe: Erection of a first floor extension

49/2006/038 16 Style Road, Wiveliscombe: Erection of single storey extension to rear

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

49/2006/030 Flead Farm, Wiveliscombe: Change of use of annexe accommodation to form separate dwelling – *The Parish Council had no comment to make provided the application is in accordance with Taunton Deane Borough Council's policy.*

49/2006/041 25 North Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of loft space – *The Parish Council supported the application.*

49/2006/043 Castle Rocks Barn, Ford, Wiveliscombe – *The Parish Council had no comment to make provided the application is in accordance with Taunton Deane Borough Council's policy.*

PC/4/49/06/044/JF Kingsmead Community School, Wiveliscombe: Retention of Unit TJ in its current position – *It was agreed that the Clerk would request that the consent granted is temporary.*

49/2006/042LB Wiveliscombe CP School, North Street, Wiveliscombe: Removal of existing arch partition and formation of two new rooms in main library entrance – *Peter Berman declared a pecuniary interest and it was agreed the Parish Council would support this application.*

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

49/2006/023 Culverhay, Wiveliscombe: Retention of existing structure and completion to form agricultural building for animals.

49/2006/029 Reeth, Langley Marsh, Wiveliscombe: Erection of 50cm stone wall with 120cm fence on top and finished with a brick pillar.

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

Stacey Construction Ltd, Station Road, Wiveliscombe: Notice of Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order,

Brook Meadow, Ford: Dangerous Leylandii within Ford Conservation Area – Permission to fell tree.

49/2006/035T Application to fell one Southern Beech tree within Wiveliscombe Conservation Area at Jubilee Gardens, Wiveliscombe as amended by email dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

Tree Preservation Order – Hesperus Cottage, Tracebridge, Wellington.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Age Concern – The Clerk read a letter setting out Age Concern’s project to create 50 active living centres across Somerset and it was agreed that Mike Allen be invited to speak to the Parish Council at a forthcoming meeting.

Maundown Speed Limit – The Clerk read an email from Dave Meehan advising that a temporary speed limit is to be applied whilst Wessex Water are undertaking works at Maundown and that he would be starting a speedwatch campaign.

TDBC Capital Grants Scheme – The Clerk read a letter from Deborah Arscott confirming that funds are available from April 2007 and it was agreed that Bill Whitman would obtain an estimate for planting hedges at the allotments so that this can be put forward as part of a grant application.

Maintenance Grants – The Clerk handed out to the Chairman and Bryn Wilson TDBC forms for grants in respect of St Andrew’s Graveyard and the Recreation Ground, the forms needing to be completed and returned by the end of July.

Footpath Maintenance Grants – The Clerk confirmed that he had received the form to apply for the usual grant.

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

The two most recent bank statements were endorsed as true copies and the book-keeping was signed as a true record..

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Replicated Solutions (Website)	£205.63
Moore Stephens Accountants	£141.00

## **10. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

Brian Collingridge reported that the new bungalows were now occupied and that MAGNA were currently identifying a contractor for the next development. The Family Centre steering group were working behind the scenes to secure an agreement for the joint use of the paddock site.

## **11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mary Whitmarsh confirmed that the Community Centre trustees were considering involvement with the Family Centre site which might necessitate the sale of the existing Community Centre, provided the trust’s funds were ring fenced. Mary Whitmarsh reported that she was helping the Tennis Club finalise formalities relating to re-surfacing of the courts and had recently been to a Local Authority seminar.

## **12. MATTERS OF REPORT**

Bryn Wilson reported that the Lion D’Angers water tanks had overflowed twice during heavy rains and that water was backing up at Nordens Meadow causing some localised flooding rather than going into the stream. It was agreed the Clerk would refer the matter to Wessex Water. Peter Parker reported that the wall at Gadds Lane had been demolished and was waiting to be re-built. Tony Hill reported that he had received a complaint regarding advertising on the highway near the trafficlighs and the Chairman confirmed that this was in hand with Highways.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.