

# WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## *MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.*

### **1. PRESENT**

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge (Vice-Chairman), P Parker, A Somerfield, R Matcham, C Cridland, B Wilson, R Adams, R Kingsley-Hall, Mesdames M Whitmarsh, L Bedding, B Boyland, and R N V Hewitt (Clerk), Police Inspector Tolley, PC M Jones, Parish Liaison Officer D Greig, Mrs J Hoyle, and members of the public.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Sir H Farrington, J Ollerenshaw, P Berman and P Langdon.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2007 having been circulated were approved as a correct record.

### **4. COMMUNITY OFFICE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

Mary Whitmarsh spoke on behalf of the Wiveliscombe Area Partnership and referred to the abbreviated accounts which had been circulated with the agenda for information and invited Edward Bloxham, WAP Treasurer, to answer various questions which were forthcoming. It was agreed that the Service Level Agreement would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **5. AVON & SOMERSET CONSTABULARY AND POLICE REPORT**

PC Mark Jones summarised various incidents which had taken place over the last month including damage at the Masonic Hall, Kingsmead School and the Primary School. He explained that there was still a problem with anti-social behaviour and noise but had spoken to the various shops, all of whom had policies for the sale of alcohol, including video surveillance and a requirement for ID at the point of purchase. Regular patrols were ongoing and some arrests had been made. Inspector Tolley explained that he had been in post since April and was meeting later this week to discuss various matters including anti-social behaviour with a group of local residents. He referred to a possible drinking ban and explained that this was a final solution and highlighted the need to look at all other options first. He recommended that local residents put together a forum to look into the problems of young people and anti-social behaviour and confirmed that the police would attend. Inspector Tolley went on to explain that police resources were limited but he would send officers to incidents in the town when able to do so. No further funds were needed towards the computer/secure phone line at Wiveliscombe House.

### **6. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

David Greig, Parish Liaison Officer, and Jenny Hoyle, a member of the Taunton Deane Standards Committee, explained that there would be a change in May 2008 when complaint management would be dealt with at a local level by the Standards Committee. David Greig presented an overview of the Code of Conduct and discussion followed.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING

**Cycle Racks** – The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to John Herrington and they had met in the town to look at the possibility of installing cycle racks at the North Street Car Park and on The Square. The Clerk proposed that two sets of cycle racks would be installed at the North Street Car Park near the litter bins, and a larger set of cycle racks next to the post box in The Square and this was agreed.

**Standards Committee** – The Clerk read a letter from Taunton Deane Borough Council confirming that Bryn Wilson had successfully been elected as a parish representative.

**Parking Restrictions** – The Clerk read an email from Ian Titcombe confirming that temporary traffic cones could not be put out by the school in North Street and that the proposed restrictions were now with Taunton Deane for advertising. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase matters and enquire whether the advertising had been completed and when the work would be likely to start.

**Croft Way Car Park** – The Clerk confirmed that he had received an acknowledgement from Taunton Deane in respect of his letter to Jonathan Pallett advising of Mrs de Barry Barnett's accident outside the Community Centre, and more recently had received a letter from the District Council's Legal Advisor confirming the land ownership and asking for the exact location of the accident to be determined.

**Rights of Way** – The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Somerset County Council regarding their ongoing public rights of way consultation.

**High Street and Silver Street Bins** – The Clerk reported that he had had a telephone call from a Mrs Jo Harding, a resident at the bottom of High Street, asking when the missing bin would be replaced. Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the Clerk would chase his earlier correspondence with Taunton Deane querying the Parish Council's liability to pay for the bins.

## 8. PLANNING

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

49/2007/028 Land south of 10 The Square, Wiveliscombe: Erection of three dwellings (as amended by 3 letters dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 and drawing no. 2007/5/5).

49/2007/032 Wiveliscombe Community Swimming Pool, Culverhay Lane, Wiveliscombe: Erection of support building and decked area, alterations to access and installation of solar panels.

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

49/2007/034 Land at rear of 6 High Street, Wiveliscombe: Erection of 3 no. one bedroom and 3 no. two bedroom flats in a three storey building with associated parking and cycle spaces (as amended by letter from agent dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007 and plans ref. 0711/01A & 02A) – *This application was discussed at a previous Parish Council meeting and the Parish Council agreed to object to the proposal.*

49/2007/040 White Hart Hotel, Wiveliscombe: Reconfiguration of vehicle entrance and parking provision of beer garden and smoking shelter, alterations to store building forming an external servery: *The Parish Council supported the application.*

49/2007/044 Land adjacent to Warren House, Milverton: Installation of radio transmission/receiving aerial and supporting 10m high timber mast and associated radio equipment housing: *The Parish Council supported the application but suggested that the consent should be subject to a five year temporary consent.*

49/2007/051 Higher Grants Farm, Wiveliscombe: Erection of detached double garage and revision to 49/2006/048 consisting of a glazed door to the west elevation: *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

43/2007/052 Pitt Farm, Ford, Wiveliscombe: Change of use of agricultural land to construct a riding ménage: *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

49/2007/053 Ford Gate Cottage, Wiveliscombe: Replacement of conservatory with single storey extension, utility room and terrace to rear (amended scheme): *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

49/2007/054 Wivey View, Higher Whitefield, Wiveliscombe: Variation of condition 11 of planning permission 49/2003/061 to allow for permanent residential rental usage in addition to the previously approved holiday accommodation use: *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

49/2007/055 Flead Farm, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of unit 5 to form dwelling, together with erection of conservatory and free standing garage: *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Civic Improvements - The Clerk read an email from Councillor J Ollerenshaw confirming that he was going to be ordering the bulbs referred to at the last meeting later in October and requested volunteers to help with the planting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> October. Councillors suggested that the Garden Club be contacted.

Polling Districts and Polling Places Review – The Clerk reported that he had received a consultation document from Taunton Deane Borough Council aiming to clarify whether the arrangements for elections were adequate, and after some discussion it was agreed this was the case.

## **10. ACCOUNTS**

The most recent bank statement was endorsed as an original.

Mr C Heard (Jubilee Gardens)	£84.00
Wiveliscombe Community Centre (Hire)	£48.00
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£915.73

## **11. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

Brian Collingridge confirmed that he had responded to letters in respect of the Business Park and proposed speed limits and access. In addition a request had been received from the developers who wish to change the name of the Business Park to 'Wiveliscombe Business Park' which was approved by the Parish Council. The Children's Centre was ongoing and ground works will start on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007. In connection with the Allenslade housing Taunton Deane Borough Council had nominated Wiveliscombe people for tenancies to MAGNA and currently had 25 people on the reserve list for rented housing. The shared equity housing was still being assessed.

## **12. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Mary Whitmarsh confirmed that a Somerset County Council scheme was available for close circuit TV and it was agreed if possible this would be ideally situated in The Square or Croft Way. Mary Whitmarsh went on to report that Taunton Deane were changing arrangements for scrutinising Council activities and that two new panels were being established.

## **13. MATTERS OF REPORT**

The Chairman reported that a resident had complained about various vehicles in the Croft Way Car Park which were being occupied and the Clerk went on to explain that he had had some

correspondence with Taunton Deane who were aware of the position. It was reported that one vehicle had no licence and it was agreed the Clerk would report this to PC Mark Jones.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.03 pm.