

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2008 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge, C Cridland, P Parker, B Wilson, R Matcham, R Kingsley-Hall, P Langdon, J Ollerenshaw, R Adams, Mesdames L Bedding, B Boyland, S Fairfax, R N V Hewitt (Clerk), and T Parker (Press Officer) The meeting was also attended by County Councillor C Smeaton and two members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sir H Farrington, A Somerfield, P Berman and Mrs M Whitmarsh.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th January 2008 having been circulated were agreed as a correct record subject to one amendment as Brian Collingridge and Bryn Wilson had yet to attend the meeting referred to in the minutes.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Footpath at Community Centre - The Clerk read an email from John Pallett, Taunton Deane Borough Council, to Mary Whitmarsh, confirming that the tarmac paving previously inspected by the Parish Council and situated outside the Community Centre, would cost approximately £4000 and requesting a contribution from the Parish Council, in addition to the Community Centre, of one third of the cost so that the works could go ahead. Discussion followed and it was agreed the Parish Council would contribute the same proportion as the Community Centre's obligation in their Lease, being one quarter of the cost, capped at £1000.

Allotment Risk Assessment – The Clerk had circulated a draft Risk Assessment with the agenda and following discussion this was agreed on the basis that it will be reviewed periodically. The Clerk read an email from Adrian Somerfield raising various points in connection with the Risk Assessment and it was agreed the Clerk would ask him to liaise with the Allotment Sub-committee.

External Audit – The Clerk confirmed that Moore Stephens Accountants had been re-appointed by the Audit Commission as External Auditors for a period of five years.

Gadd Homes – Brian Collingridge reported on the public consultation undertaken on behalf of Gadd Homes' proposed development at Style Road and the Clerk read an email from Concensus Consultants acting for Gadd Homes requesting a further discussion with the Parish Council and it was agreed the Clerk would invite them to the next meeting. There was some unease within the Parish Council regarding comments made at public consultations in connection with social housing.

Alcohol Prohibition Order – The Chairman reported that Taunton Deane Borough Council and the Police were unwilling to support this initiative due to insufficient written complaints which could be used as evidence to support an application to the Home Office. Discussion followed on the importance of the public reporting incidents to the Police and Bryn Wilson confirmed that some report forms had now been compiled and were available at the Community Office in order to collate evidence over the forthcoming months. Ralph Matcham spoke regarding problems at Spring Gardens and mentioned he had been invited to attend a

Police Action Community Team meeting on Friday and some discussion followed as to why the Parish Council had not been invited. It was agreed that Brian Collingridge, Peter Parker, Colin Cridland, Ralph Matcham, Lisa Bedding and Sara Fairfax would make every effort to attend the meeting.

Parking Sub-committee – Various issues relating to parking restrictions in the town were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Ian Titcombe at County Council Highways to request a site meeting in order to look at areas including West Street, Silver Street, Golden Hill (including re-appraising the need for disabled parking bays and restrictions at Wyndhams Flats), Tuckers Meadow (where a ‘Residents Only’ sign might be required) and parking in North Street where some entrances are being obscured.

Forward Dates – The Chairman reported that the Annual Parish Meeting to which local organisations are invited to report on their activities over the year would be held at the primary school hall on 16th April 2008 at 7.00 pm. In addition the Annual Parish Council Meeting including the Election of Officers would be held on 15th May 2008 at 7.00 pm with the venue to be confirmed.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

County Councillor Caroline Smeaton confirmed that the Rural Youth Project was moving ahead and Wiveliscombe House would be hosting the proposed Youth Worker who would be charged to help to deliver youth services in rural areas.

6. PLANNING

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

49/2007/068 Unit 5, Flead Farm, Wiveliscombe: Erection of detached double garage.

49/2007/075 Kingsmead, Jews Lane, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of outbuildings to dwelling (amended scheme to 49/2006/066).

49/2007/079 North Rodden Farm, Maundown, Wiveliscombe: Retention of summerhouse and change of use from pasture paddock land to domestic curtilage

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

49/2007/080 1 Southfields, Wiveliscombe: Erection of two storey and single storey extension and detached garage – *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

49/2008/001 Langley Farm, Langley Cross, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of buildings to dwellings – *The Parish Council supported the application.*

49/2008/002 Langley Farm, Langley Cross, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of stables to dwelling – *The Parish Council supported the application.*

49/2008/003LB Woodvale, Croford Hill, Wiveliscombe: Retention of new windows on front elevation – *The Parish Council were not aware of any negative local comments and supported the application.*

49/2008/004 8 Langley Cross, Wiveliscombe: Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to the rear – *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

49/2008/005LB London House, Wiveliscombe: Retention of satellite dish – *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

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

49/2008/006T Ford House, Ford, Wiveliscombe: Application to carry out management work to one Beech tree within Ford Conservation Area – *The Parish Council had no comments to make.*

The Clerk reported that TDBC had refused the following application:-

49/2007/073 16 North Street, Wiveliscombe: Erection of two dwellings.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Somerset Local Access Forum (SLAF) – The Clerk reported he had received an invitation for local people to become members of the forum and he had already circulated details to Bill Whitman and any other Councillors who are interested could contact him direct for information.

Strategic Housing Marketing Assessment – The Clerk reported he had received details of an assessment to be undertaken in the Taunton Deane area from Fordham Research which he had copied to Brian Collingridge for information.

Parish Flood Fair – The Clerk reported he had received details from Somerset County Council of a Flood Fair to be held by the Civil Contingencies Unit on 21st/22nd February which had been copied to Bryn Wilson for information.

Taunton Deane Community Partnership – The Clerk reported he had received details of meetings to be held by the West Community Partnership and Councillors could contact him direct if they were interested in attending.

8. PCSO'S REPORT

Regrettably Police representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS

The most recent bank statement was endorsed as an original and the book-keeping was signed as a correct record.

M Hendy (2007/08)	£252.00
TDBC (Bins)	£352.50

It was agreed that the final demand for the new bins recently installed by the DLO would be paid but the Clerk would write to Ross Henley expressing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction that an answer had still not been received to the query as to the Parish Council's liability to pay for these fittings.

10. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Brian Collingridge reported that the Childrens' Centre was on time for the opening on 28th April 2008 and that a manager had been appointed and eight posts were currently being advertised. The Rural Youth Service were working with Kingsmead School with the intention of delivering a rural science project. The 10 Parishes Centre Steering Group had failed to secure sufficient funding for the venture which was now unlikely to go ahead. However, the site might be suitable for a new doctors' surgery and medical centre and it was agreed the Parish Council would write to the Primary Care Service in support of the doctors' business plan for a new surgery and their need for financial support.

11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Regrettably no District Councillors were present at the meeting.

12. MATTERS OF REPORT

The mud on the road outside the Allenslade housing development was discussed and it was agreed that Brian Collingridge would talk to the site foreman. John Ollerenshaw queried when the allotment invoices would be circulated and Ralph Matcham referred to Wessex

Water's works in the Spring Gardens area and the unkempt state of Gadds Lane, and it was agreed that in respect of this the Clerk would write to Taunton Deane Borough Council.

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