

# WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## *MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.*

### 1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge (Vice-Chairman), T Hill, P Parker, R Matcham, C Cridland, P Langdon, T Parker, B Wilson, Mesdames M Whitmarsh, B Boyland, M Prior, S Fairfax, L Bedding, and R N V Hewitt (Clerk). The meeting was also attended by Police Sergeant D Nurse and PCSO Sharon Cridlin, District Councillor John Bone and a member of the public.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sir H Farrington.

### 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 having been circulated were agreed as a correct record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

**Highways** – The Clerk read an email from Dennis Quick confirming that the blocked pipe at Blackwater Lane will be rectified during the next financial year.

**North Street Waiting Restriction** – The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of a letter from Ian Titcombe to County Councillor Caroline Smeaton confirming the proposed arrangements for double yellow lines and waiting restrictions at the junction between Northgate and Style Road, in the vicinity of the primary school. Ralph Matcham was concerned about the time it would take to put the restrictions in place and suggested going to the press because he feared there was a chance of a fatal accident occurring in the area. After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk would write to County Councillor Smeaton asking her to ascertain the timetable for these restrictions to be put in place.

**Croft Way Car Park** – The Clerk read an email from John Pallett at Taunton Deane Borough Council confirming that the repairs necessary to the wall in the car park would be undertaken in early April.

**Croft Way** – The Clerk read an email from Ian Titcombe at Somerset County Council Highways confirming that the 30 mile an hour and 40 mile an hour speed markings would be corrected as soon as possible.

**No Drinking Ban** – The Clerk reported he had received an email from PC Mark Jones confirming he had met with Scott Weetch at Taunton Deane Borough Council to discuss the possibility of a ‘No Drinking’ designated area in the town. The Chairman invited Sgt Doc Nurse to speak and he reported that he had reviewed all the calls to the police in the last twelve months to see if there was any evidence for a ban but this was lacking. Sgt Nurse expressed concern that a ban which would have to be applied unilaterally may cause problems for local people and that there were already laws in place to allow the police to confiscate alcohol from young people under the age of eighteen. Much discussion about the merits of the scheme followed and Brian Collingridge emphasised that the Parish Council needed to decide what it was asking for and where the scheme should be put in place. Peter Parker proposed that the matter should be put on the agenda for the new Council and this was seconded by Tim Parker and agreed.

**Bulland Ford** – Peter Parker reported that he and Bryn Wilson had met with Dick Moody of Chipstable Parish Council to discuss their concern about parking and children playing in and near Bulland Ford which raised obvious safety issues. It had been suggested at the meeting

that the two Parish Councils had representatives to meet with Ian Titcombe from County Council Highways to discuss the matter further and agree what measures could be put in place to improve safety as well as to discuss various ongoing repairs to pillars and signage in the area. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Ian Titcombe on behalf of Wiveliscombe and Chiptable Parish Councils in order to obtain a date for a meeting.

## **5 PLANNING**

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

49/2007/003T Oak Court, 9 Silver Street, Wiveliscombe: Application to fell 3 Cypress trees and carry out work to 2 Yew trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wiveliscombe No.3) Tree Preservation Order 1976.

49/2007/002 Storeys Close, Jews Lane, West Street, Wiveliscombe: Extension to porch.

49/2007/005 48 Plain Pond, Wiveliscombe: Erection of shed.

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

49/2006/071 Land south of B3227, East of Wiveliscombe: Use of land for B1 (light industry) B2 (general industry) and B8 (warehouse and distribution) development including the formation of vehicular access from B3227, OS plot 8457 – *The Parish Council agreed to support the application.*

49/2007/007 24 Silver Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of shop and storage/garage to enlarged one three bedroom dwelling and replacement of shop front – *The Parish Council agreed to support the application.*

49/2007/008T Abbotsfield, Wiveliscombe: Application to crown reduce one Maple tree and to thin out several woodland trees adjacent to the driveway, including Oak, Sycamore, Ash and Hazel, within Wiveliscombe Conservation Area – *The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

49/2007/009T Abbotsfield, Wiveliscombe: Application to fell 2 Ash trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wiveliscombe No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1998 – *The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

49/2007/010 Ford Gate Cottage, Wiveliscombe: Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey extension, utility room and terrace to rear – *The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

49/2007/011 Kingsmead House, Wiveliscombe: Erection of double garage – *The Parish Council did not object to the application.*

The Clerk reported the following matters which were noted by the Parish Council:-

49/2006/017 Site at BT Repeater Hut, Taunton Road: Appeal Decision – Dismissed

Application to fell trees at Oak Court, 9 Silver Street, Wiveliscombe: Permission to proceed with work.

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

Following Planning the Council went into a brief time of Closed Session to discuss a private issue.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Devon County Council - The Clerk read a letter from Devon County Council to a local resident regarding their policy for investigating bus service failures which was noted for information.

Gadds Lane – The Clerk read a letter from a resident concerned about ivy growing up her boundary wall from Gadds Lane and it was agreed Peter Parker would look at this and liaise with the Clerk over an appropriate response.

A303/A358 Proposed Improvements – The Clerk reported he had received notification of the consultation for the proposed improvements to the A303/A358 which was noted by Parish Councillors.

10 Parishes Centre – The Clerk read a letter from Paul Weston confirming that he is happy to speak to the Parish Council about the project. Brian Collingridge pointed out that most Parish Councillors would be going to a forthcoming Civic Society event which would provide further information and it was generally felt it would be better for Paul Weston to come and talk to the new Parish Council following the forthcoming round of elections in May.

## **8. ACCOUNTS**

The most recent bank statement was endorsed as an original.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

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| Clerk's salary & expenses | £886.79 |
| TDBC (Emptying dog bins)  | £230.96 |
| SALC (2007/08)            | £532.36 |

It was agreed the Parish Council would reimburse Bryn Wilson the cost of purchasing a speed camera and that he could liaise with the Clerk before the next meeting regarding payment.

## **9. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

Brian Collingridge confirmed that the contractors had been appointed by MAGNA for the new development at Allenslade Close.

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

Mary Whitmarsh spoke regarding the proposals for a unitary authority by Somerset County Council and Taunton Deane's Team Somerset approach and discussion followed regarding the possibility for more opportunities for Parish Councils, whether there was sufficient economies of scale for a unitary authority, and future ongoing consultation. Peter Parker mentioned the possibility of authorities working in partnership which was also discussed. Ralph Matcham mentioned that a Brompton Ralph Councillor had queried the 10 Parishes Parish Council forum.

## **11. MATTERS OF REPORT**

The Chairman mentioned he had received a complaint that the website's minutes and agendas were not up to date and it was agreed this would be looked into by the Clerk.

Tony Hill mentioned the storm drains in Jews Lane had still not been cleared and Mrs Jones' house roof and gutters had been damaged by HGV's coming down Jews Lane because the camber in the road needed altering. It was agreed the Clerk would ask Highways whether anything could be done about this.

Peter Langdon reported that the cables to the town clock had been damaged by contractors working for the Co-op.

Peter Parker referred to the collapsed wall in Gadds Lane and it was agreed the Clerk would refer this to Taunton Deane in respect of the wall being in a Conservation Area and also a public safety concern.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.