

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2006 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge (Vice-Chairman), T Hill, P Parker, R Matcham, B Wilson, C Cridland, P Langdon, H Farrington, B Whitman, Mesdames S Fairfax, B Boyland, L Bedding, R N V Hewitt (Clerk) and PCSO Cridlin.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from P Berman, T Parker, Mesdame M Whitmarsh, and County Councillor C Smeaton.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th October 2006 having been circulated were agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Somerset & Avon Constabulary – The Clerk read an email from Inspector Mike Ashwin expressing his gratitude at being invited to the last Parish Council meeting.

Huish Champflower Parish Council – The Clerk read an email from the webmaster advising that he had been approached by Huish Champflower Parish Council who are interested in sharing the website. It was agreed the Clerk would respond that this would be welcomed provided they were willing to cover the costs of updating the website and thereafter paying an annual contribution towards the general overheads based on the population of the Huish Champflower Parish Council.

Allotments – Much discussion took place regarding the planting of a hedge along the boundary with Plain Pond and the Clerk had already circulated a copy of the allotment Deed plan and supporting papers with the agenda for the meeting. Brian Collingridge proposed that the hedge be planted at the base of the bank and this was seconded by Bryn Wilson. Peter Parker abstained from voting and the proposal was carried. It was agreed that Bill Whitman and Peter Parker would measure the boundary in order to obtain an estimate for the supply and planting of the hedge. It was further agreed that in the absence of any grant funding the Parish Council would pay for the establishment of the hedge.

Wiveliscombe Walking Book – The Clerk mentioned that he had received a query from Brenda Boyland as to whether the income and expenditure associated with the book was being kept separate within the accounts, and was able to confirm this was the case. Discussion then followed regarding advertising the book on the website and it was agreed this should be done at the Parish Council's expense.

Election Costs – The Clerk reported he had received a letter from David Greig at Taunton Deane confirming it was still uncertain as to whether an election would be held next year but Parish Councils were being advised to ring fence appropriate funds in case an election does take place. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's reserves were sufficient to allow for this.

5. PLANNING

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

49/2006/054 High Orchard, Maundown, Wiveliscombe: Erection of two storey extension, extension of existing porch and widening of driveway.

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

49/2006/052 Ridgehaven, Ford, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of loft and installation of dormer windows to front and rear elevations and installation of wind generator (as amended by drawings numbered A-01 and A-05 received 18th October 2006) – *The Council did not object to the application subject to any comments made by the Conservation Officer.*

49/2006/053 Flead Farm, Waterrow, Wiveliscombe: Change of use of annexe accommodation to form separate dwelling – *The Council had no comments to make.*

49/2006/055 Higher Grants Farm, Wiveliscombe: Proposed lake – *The Council had no comments to make subject to the Environmental Agency's consultation.*

49/2006/056LB Wiveliscombe Evangelical Congregational Church, Silver Street, Wiveliscombe: Change of use to provide two offices – *The Council supported the application.*

49/2006/057 Wiveliscombe Evangelical Congregational Church, Silver Street, Wiveliscombe: Change of use to provide two offices – *The Council supported the application.*

49/2006/058 27 Lion D'Angers, Wiveliscombe: Erection of conservatory to rear – *The Council had no comments to make.*

49/2006/059 Trelawney, 46 Ford Road, Wiveliscombe: Erection of two storey extensions on the east and west sides, and erection of single storey extension to the rear – *The Council supported the application.*

49/2006/064 37 Lion D'Angers, Wiveliscombe: Erection of conservatory – *This application was received after the agenda had been circulated and the Parish Council had no comments to make.*

For information only:-

Appeal by Jacqueline Cook – Site at BT Repeater Hut, Taunton Road, Wiveliscombe.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

White Paper – The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Tim Parker advising that details of the latest Government White Paper was now available on line and advised Councillors that they should keep abreast of this issue.

Road Weight Limits – The Clerk reported he had received a letter from Trading Standards advising that they would be willing to take up breaches of weight limits on local roads providing that they had sufficient evidence from local residents who were expected to log incidences in order to provide future evidence.

Taunton Deane Borough Council, Annual Allotment Meeting – The Clerk reported he had been advised that the annual allotment meeting would be held on 21st November 2006 and details were passed on to Bill Whitman.

7. PCSO'S REPORT

PCSO Sharon Cridlin reported that three nuisance behaviour complaints had been received by the police, two burglaries had taken place in the Congregational Church, and one vehicle had been broken into in Croft Way Car Park. A new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was now operating at Tucker's Meadow, and Speedwatch was ongoing at Langley Marsh. PCSO Cridlin was still promoting the Youth Action Team and monitoring traffic congestion at the Primary School. Harry Farrington raised concern over the degree of attendance to false burglar alarms and a number of Councillors expressed concern that young cyclists were riding irresponsibly in the town.

8. ACCOUNTS

The most recent bank statement was endorsed as a true copy.

The Clerk passed the Chairman the annual precept form for signature so that the agreed amount of precept (£17,600) could be claimed from Taunton Deane.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

D Bailey (Poppy wreath)	£15.00
Wiveliscombe Scouts (grant)	£743.00

Precept

The Chairman advised the Parish Council that at his request the annual sifting committee for grant applications would comprise himself, the Vice Chairman, Clerk and Bryn Wilson. In addition the Chairman advised Councillors it was likely that some applicants would not be considered and that they should not therefore complete the grant feedback forms which the Clerk had circulated with the agenda until after the sifting committee had met on Saturday, 18th November following which new forms would be circulated by the Clerk.

9. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP

Brian Collingridge reported that the town walk leaflet written by Bob Croft was now in short supply and only German and French versions were available. The Ten Parishes Centre committee were now finalising the Croft Way site proposals with a view to applying for outline planning consent. An article would be placed in the next Messenger detailing the proposals for the Allenslade housing site. The BT grant scheme which had previously provided a computer at the Post Office was currently inviting new applications and it was noted by the Parish Council that Brian Collingridge would be completing such an application in order to try and secure a new computer for the community.

10. MATTERS OF REPORT

Bryn Wilson thanked various Councillors for their help at the fireworks display on behalf of the Recreation Ground Management Committee, before reporting that a small group of Councillors had met following the last meeting to formulate proposals for making regular inspections in the area in order to report defects and that this sub-committee intended to formulate a new reporting form which they would pass to the Clerk so that it could be sent to various statutory undertakers who are responsible for addressing such matters. It was agreed the Clerk would forward to Bryn Wilson a list of key contacts. Bryn Wilson also suggested that the Parish Council should incorporate a youth representative and it was agreed this was a good idea and the Clerk would check with David Greig that such an initiative would not present any problems, although it was understood that such a member would not have any voting rights.

Tony Hill reported that the seat at Jubilee Gardens had been damaged and that Dennis Quick had agreed to inspect Jews Lane. The puddle opposite the chemists which had been reported previously was still causing a problem with HGV's spraying water on to pedestrians.

Brian Collingridge mentioned that he had been approached by the Gazette regarding Christmas lights in the town, and the Clerk reported he had also had a conversation with the journalist concerned. It was agreed that the Parish Council was not responsible for the lighting and was grateful to Taunton Deane for providing this function.

Various Councillors mentioned that the damaged wall in Gadds Lane had not yet been repaired despite the building contractors agreeing to do so, and that this was providing an opportunity for trespass into Market Place which could result in vandalism. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase matters.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.