

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Special Council Meeting held on MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2005 at 6.00 pm at The Paddocks, Ford Road, Wiveliscombe.

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), P Parker, T Hill, R Matcham, C Bramall, B Wilson, C Cridland, P Langdon, P Berman, Mesdame B Boyland and R N V Hewitt (Clerk), and members of the public including Mrs M Nation (owner/occupier of 5 Ford Road) and Mr H Ridley (owner/occupier of The Paddocks, Ford Road).

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Sir H Farrington, M Prior (having declared an interest in the application) and B Collingridge (having declared an interest in the application).

- 3.** The Chairman opened the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was so that the Parish Council could compile their responses to a planning application submitted by Mr H Ridley in respect of The Paddocks, Ford Road. The Chairman went on to explain the proposal which included the construction of a new garage with accommodation above, and this led to a time of general discussion in which various facets of the application were raised including boundaries, loss of light, impact on the neighbour's property and surface water drainage.

After debating the matter Councillors agreed unanimously to reiterate the comments the Parish Council had made in respect of an earlier application to construct the garage and confirmed that their concern related to the construction of the new garage only and not the proposed alterations to the dwelling. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the application on the grounds that a light impact assessment was required in respect of the neighbouring property, 5 Ford Road, and the visual impact of the proposed garage when viewed from the same neighbour's garden. It was further agreed that the Clerk should suggest to Taunton Deane that they undertake some spot measurements on site in order to ascertain the accuracy of the plans and to point out that the neighbour has written a letter setting out various objections. It was also agreed that the Clerk would point out that surface water drainage should be considered at this stage to ensure that any water run off does not exacerbate flooding problems in Ford Road, where water pools virtually opposite the entrance to the property.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30 pm.