

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.*

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), Mesdames, B Boyland, and M Whitmarsh, P Berman, B Collingridge, J Ollrenshaw, C Cridland, T Parker, A Somerfield, P Langdon and M B Wilson.

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk)

Also present: E Gaines (District Councillor) T McMahon (County Councillor)

D Greig (Taunton Deane Borough Council Liaison Officer) and 1 member of the public.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from R Matcham, P Parker

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th July 2009, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Dog excrement at Nordens Meadow Play Park.

The Clerk reported that he had seen correspondence between David Leggett and Taunton Deane Borough Council and asked if anything had been done about excrement at Nordens Meadow. After a debate regarding bylaws and ownership the Clerk was asked to write to Taunton Deane Council to ascertain who owns the park and therefore responsible for the play ground equipment, the entrances, signage and litter bins etc.

Walkers are Welcome Project

Brenda Boyland reported that the Council have signed up to the project and that a donation of £20 from Peter Tennant had been used as the subscription fee for the first year, Brenda thought that Wiveliscombe would be the first town in Somerset to sign up to the scheme. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Peter Tennant thanking him for his donation.

Section 106 Money re land at 3 Meadows Field

Bryn Wilson reported that he had updated the recreation ground committee explaining the requirements to release the 106 money and they were going to look at areas such as the swimming pool and the recreation ground and report back.

Resignation of Internal Auditor (Bryan Howe)

The Clerk reported that he had resigned as the current internal auditor.

The Chairman asked if the Clerk knew of anyone interested in taking on the role and the Clerk explained that he would advertise and ask applications to apply directly to the Chairman.

Website Problems

The Clerk reported that he was finding problems with three sites, Wiveliscombe.com/whats on. Wiveliscombe.com/milverton parish council. and Wiveliscombe.com/ten parishes. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next Website subcommittee meeting and reported back.

Maintenance and Ownership of Plaques

The Clerk read a letter from the Jim Laker Fund asking for confirmation that the Parish Council owned the plaques and it also requested that the Parish Council contributed towards the materials to clean the plaques - it was agreed that the ownership was with the Parish Council and that the Clerk would write to the Jim Laker Fund asking for clarification about the level of funding required for cleaning materials.

Mobile Food Van – on land at Ford Road

The Clerk read a letter received from Grandthistle Properties Limited complaining about the nuisance caused by the Food Van. The main concerns are over the disposal of waste, lack of toilet facilities, lack of litter bins, and the actual location of the van in respect of customers encroaching on private land.

The Parish is concerned about these issues and asked the Clerk to write to Taunton Deane Borough Council (Environmental Health Officer) sending a copy of the complaint, requesting that these issues are resolved and also that regular monitoring is carried out.

5 POLICE REPORTS/PACT

A report was received.

6. PLANNING

The Clerk reported that conditional planning permissions had been granted in respect of The following applications:

49/09/0007/LB

Display of one non illuminated fascia sign and one non - illuminated hanging sign at The Co-Op, 9 the Square.

49/09/0016

Demolish Nissan hut and erect timber built building with box profile roof at Whitefield Farm,

49/09/0022

Variation of condition number 15 (surface water, foul water, fresh water and any other sewerage systems) of application 49/06/0008 at The Old Hancock Brewery, Golden Hill,

49/09/0024

Change of use of land for siting of a mobile food van on land at EPS Howard Precision Saws and A E Coles Machinery at Ford Road,

49/09/0026

Continued use of land for siting of agricultural mobile home for Heathstock Farm, Ford Road, Wiveliscombe (amended proposal to 49/09/0020)

49/09/0030

Erection of a two storey side extension at 16 Palace Gardens

49/09/0034

Change of use of agricultural land to wildlife/casual recreation area, new lake, etc, Langley house.

49/09/0035

Construction of 2 no dormer windows, to the front elevation and 1 no to the rear elevation at Widmore, Langley Marsh.

An additional approved application was added to the agenda list dating back to 2007.

49/07/0034

Erection of 3 no one bedroom and 2 no two bedroom flats in a three storey building with associated parking and cycle spaces on land at rear of 6 High Street (accessed via car park) as amended by letter dated 10 August 2007 and plans.

The clerk was asked to write to Taunton Deane Borough Council regarding the effect on the Croft Way car park, and pointing out the Parish Council objected in 2007 and that the decision was subject to section 106 agreements.

The Clerk reported the following applications were withdrawn.

49/09/0031

Replacement of 1 no. refrigeration plant unit with new plant unit set upon existing slab together with removal of 1 no. air-conditioning condenser unit at Co-op, The Square, Wiveliscombe

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The Parish Council considered the following applications which had been received:-

49/09/0037/LB - RW - DD

Removal of upper floor and corrugated roof to be replaced with new slate roof to garden shed at Cruwys Farm, Wiveliscombe-

The Parish Council supported the proposal as it improved the look of the building.

49/09/0039/LB - RW - DD

Internal alterations to replace 2 no. stair cases, demolition of walls, erection of new stud walls and installation of under floor heating at Cruwys Farm, Langley Marsh, Wiveliscombe

The Parish Council supported the proposal.

49/09/0040

Erection of garage and summer house at 7 Silver Street.

The Parish Council supported the proposal as it was replacing existing summerhouse/garage with improved facilities.

49/09/0041LB

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49/09/0042

Erection of steel framed Agricultural Building –Coate Farm

The Parish Council supported the proposal as it supported local industry and farmers.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Taunton Deane B.C re emptying dog bin at golden Hill.

It was agreed to have the dog bin at Golden Hill emptied by Taunton Deane Borough Council once a week for the fee of £2.25 per collection.

Letter received from Wiveliscombe Rugby Football Club-Funding.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rugby club asking for financial assistance in respect of remedial work and replacing training lights.

The Clerk to write to the Rugby Club enclosing a financial assistance application form to submit to the November or December meeting.

Request to erect small marquee on the square on 3/10/09 for 10 parish's apple day. Mandy Johnson.

The Clerk read an e mail from Mandy Johnson requesting the use of the square on the 3rd October 2009 between 10am and 3pm to erect a marquee to promote the 10 parishes transition apple day.

The Parish Council wish to support the day and therefore give permission.

Housing Needs Survey

Brian Collingridge presented the Housing Needs Survey and said more copies are available from Wiveliscombe House.

Allotments - Plain Pond

Bryn Wilson updated the Parish Council regarding vacant and un cultivated allotments, he said that the allotment committee have written to three tenants requesting that they maintain their allotments to the required standard and the committee had warned them that if this standard is not met then their tenancy would be terminated.

8. ACCOUNTS

The most recent book-keeping was signed and the bank statements were endorsed as originals. The following payments were approved:-

Payroll and expenses –David Leggett	£193.15
Payroll and expenses - Bryan Howe	£307.26
Tax and National Insurance	£124.80
Wiveliscombe Community Centre-5 meetings	£85.00
Moore Stephens (external auditors)	£327.75

Payments were also approved for:

C J Heard £52.00

Jotun Paints £73.60

Payment received from Simone Guest-Expanding Business entry on web site £50.00

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Mary Whitmarsh reported that major changes are taking place within the staffing structure of Taunton Deane Borough Council which could result in reducing staff also there is a review of the DLO (direct labour organisation) taking place with a report being produced regarding the future of the DLO.

Mary mentioned other issues such as the Market site development, the new park and ride site, and the need for a new economic development site in Taunton.

Eddie Gaines raised issues at Flats on Golden hill, Brian Collingridge and Mary Whitmarsh said this was an ongoing problem and these issues had been reported to Taunton Deane Housing Department

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Tony McMahon reported on the library and that he had spoken to Cllr Antony Trollope Bellew regarding the Parish Council's objection to the pedestrian crossing. He also reported that Cllr Christine Lawrence and Cllr Tony McMahon would contribute £500 each towards the children's recreation area and he would clarify which scheme it was.

Peter Berman thanked the County Councillors (Christine Lawrence and Tony McMahon) for their work.

11. WORKING AREA PARTNERSHIP (WAP)

Brian Collingridge and Eddie Gaines updated the meeting regarding car parking and other issues. He said the group are considering setting up a strategic plan group consisting of local representatives to look at a strategic plan for Wiveliscombe and Brian proposed that he and Bryn Wilson would represent the Parish Council on the group.

12 MATTERS OF REPORT (AOB)

Land at the back of bungalows (east site of Plain Pond)

A discussion took place in respect of the above and it was agreed that Mary Whitmarsh would talk to Taunton Deane Borough Council housing team regarding the future ownership and use of the land.

David Greig (Taunton Deane Liaison Officer)

David reported that there would be a new Parish Council at Cotford St Luke.

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