

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2008 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.

1. **PRESENT**

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge, C Cridland, P Langdon, R Matcham, J Ollerenshaw, P Parker, A Somerfield, B Wilson, Mesdames B Boyland, L Bedding and S Fairfax, W Whitman and David Leggett (Clerk).

The meeting was also attended by three members of the public.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from P Berman, Sir H Farrington, Mary Whitmarsh and County Councillor C Smeaton.

3. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

The Chairman reported that the Deputy Returning Officer had advised that he had not received requests from ten electors for an election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr R Kingsley-Hall. The Parish Council co-opted Mr Tim Parker to serve as Councillor until the next elections in May, 2011.

4. **RURAL COMMUNITY YOUTH WORK PROJECT**

Bob Nicholls, the Rural Project Worker addressed the meeting, introducing the nature and aims of the project. The first aim, to audit the existing provisions for young people in the County Council Electoral Divisions of Upper Tone and Lydeard, began with his appointment on a one-year contract at the end of May, 2008, and is now well under way. Anyone wishing to know more about the project, or wishing to contribute to the audit by completing a questionnaire is invited to contact Bob at Wiveliscombe House.

5. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

Felix Marsh, the Rural Housing Enabler of the Community Council for Somerset addressed the meeting concerning the proposed survey. The Parish Council had asked for a survey, having been advised by the Housing Officer at Taunton Deane Borough Council of its necessity, to facilitate the Council to increase the provision of affordable housing in Wiveliscombe. A survey form would be provided for each household in the Parish, but replies would be requested only from people in need of affordable housing. Replies would be analysed and a report of the findings prepared for the Parish Council. If a need is ascertained, consideration would then be given as to how the need could be met. Provision of the survey forms and the analysis and report would be free of charge to the Parish Council and the community. The Community Council for Somerset could not meet the costs of delivery of the forms to households, but an offer of delivery with the Wiveliscombe Messenger had been received. The Parish Council decided to accept this offer at a cost of £50.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th September 2008, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Wiveliscombe Nameplate The clerk reported that Somerset County Council's Traffic Engineer, Ian Titcombe had confirmed that the old nameplate had been scrapped and that as it would have belonged to SCC, no restitution would be appropriate. The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to press SCC for return of the £250 cost of the new sign which had been paid.

Norden's Meadow The clerk reported that Taunton Deane's Legal Services Manager had written to confirm that the land has not been adopted as there is a requirement to install a land drain in order to bring the area up to standard and the developers have not done so. Borough Council officers were meeting on 10th October to decide how to move the matter forward

Recreation Ground Management – Bryn Wilson reported that, following 18 months' attempts to achieve full communication with the Trustees and to clarify the bye-laws under which the Management Committee were supposed to work, the members of the Management Committee appointed by the Parish Council had resigned.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Eric Kidner, secretary of the Trustees, stating that the Trustees were anxious to restore good relations with the Management Committee and the Parish Council. The Trustees wish to reconvene a meeting of the Management Committee on Thursday, 27th November, 2008 and ask the Parish Council to appoint replacement Management Committee members. In the interim, a meeting of the Trustees with three Parish Council members willing to serve on the Management Committee is proposed for 23rd October at 6.30pm.

The Parish Council welcomed and shared the Trustees' wish that good working relations between the Trustees and the Management should be restored. The following three councillors were appointed to attend the 23rd October meeting, as representatives of the Parish Council, with no commitment at this stage to rejoin the Management Committee: Bryn Wilson, Bill Whitman, and Colin Cridland. The clerk agreed to reply to Mr Kidner accordingly.

Dog Fouling The clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from TDBC's Dog Warden Service contractor in response to his letter asking for something to be done about dog fouling in Wiveliscombe. The service now operates on 2.5 days a week to cover the whole borough. The Dog Wardens will attend a specified location until any reported problem is eliminated.

The clerk was instructed to ask for the dog waste bins at the top of Jews Lane and in North Street to be relocated to the other end of Jews Lane and the opposite side of North Street respectively.

Removal of BT Call Boxes The clerk reported that at present the BT payphone at Plain Pond remains on the list of boxes scheduled for removal.

Clerk's Training The Parish Council approved the attendance of the clerk at a training session for new clerks, on Interests and Finance, to be run free of charge by SALC at Edington on 27th October.

8. **PLANNING**

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

49/2008/036 Three Horseshoes, Langley Marsh

Removal of Condition to planning application 49/2001/006 to enable residential use

49/2008/038 10, The Square, Wiveliscombe

Change of use of part house to dining room/restaurant

49/2008/039LB 5, The Square, Wiveliscombe

Construction of new opening from shop entrance lobby to East section of building, new wrought iron gates to entrance lobby and of replacement plastic sheeting to roof light with glass.

Appeal:-

49/2007/076 24 Silver Street, Wiveliscombe

The Clerk reported that an appeal had been lodged against the decision of the Local Planning Authority to issue an enforcement notice in respect of roller shutters being fitted to the exterior door and window openings.

Appeal Decision:-

49/2007/074 3, Silver Street, Wiveliscombe

The Clerk reported that the appeal against the condition limiting business hours to 1100 -2200hr had been allowed and that the planning permission for change of use from offices to restaurant and takeaway had been varied to the effect that the use permitted shall not be open to customers outside the hours 11:00-22:00.

The Clerk reported that the following application had been withdrawn:-

49/2008/041 Collards, Wiveliscombe *Erection of bungalow and freestanding garage*

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

49/2008/040 10, The Square, Wiveliscombe *Erection of dwelling*

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

49/2008/046T 4A Town Mills, Wiveliscombe *Fell and replace one Poplar tree*

The clerk further reported that the application had been approved

49/2008/047 Industrial Units on land at Hillsmoor *Variation of condition No 6 on*

planning permission 49/05/04 to allow for phase 1/ unit 2 to be occupied with temporary external works..... The Parish Council supported the application

49/2008/048 HazelCottage,LangleyMarsh *Erection of single storey extension to rear*

The Parish Council supported the application

49/2008/049 Culverhay, Wiveliscombe *Conversion and change of use of agricultural barn to form a single dwelling*

The Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds that development of this prominent building situated outside the development area would be inappropriate

49/2008/050LB 2 High Street, Wiveliscombe *Internal alterations to combine flats 2 &*

3 into one first floor flat

The Parish Council had no comment to make

49/2008/052 Hartswell House, Wiveliscombe Approval of reserved matters
following outline approval for erection of dwelling and
garage

The Parish Council supported the application

49/2008/053 17, Kingsmead Close, Wiveliscombe
Conversion of garage to living accommodation

The Parish Council had no comment to make

49/2008/054 The Granary, White House Mews, North Street, Wiveliscombe
Erection of 2 dormer windows to south side of roof

*The Parish Council recommended that the Conservation Officer should
consider this application*

49/2008/059T Walford Cross Field, Walford House, Taunton Application to fell 4 oak trees
The Parish Council had no comment to make

9. CORRESPONDENCE

PACT- The Parish Council agreed that, as requested by Avon & Somerset Constabulary,
PACT (Partners and Communities Together) will be a regular quarterly agenda
item
as from the November meeting. The Parish Council will receive information
from the
PCSO, then decide one issue as priority for the area to be considered at the
following
Community Partnership meeting.

Pioneer Somerset: “Devolution of Services” survey – The Parish Council agreed to leave
this survey on the table.

WAP/Wivey Link – The Parish Council agreed to the transfer to the proposed new
charity, of the SLA for support funding for the Community
Office.

Wiveliscombe Community Centre – The Parish Council instructed the clerk to reply to the
Community Centre’s request for financial assistance, inviting completion of the appropriate
form, to be submitted by 31st October.

The Parish Council noted receipt of a number of items of correspondence as listed in the
agenda for the meeting

The clerk reported the following correspondence received since the agenda was prepared:-

Somerset Rural Youth Project – Leaflet “Working with Young People and their
Communities & poster re football sessions

Shaw and Sons Ltd – Leaflets re forms, records & registers

10. PCSO’s REPORT

No report was received and regrettably no police representative was present.

11. FINANCE

Precept Grants 2009/2010 The Parish Council considered a report of the income and expenditure to date and of the expected outturn of the current year's accounts. It was agreed that the maximum amount to be made available for precept grants in 2009/2010 would be £3,500. The Parish Council expressed an expectation that the precept, having remained at £17,600 since 2006/07 would be increased for 2009/10 by 10% to £19,360. A revised draft budget for 2009/10 is to be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Parish Clerk' Conditions of Employment The Parish Council agreed the recommendations of the committee set up to appoint the clerk which met immediately before this meeting, in line with the proposals contained in the clerk's letter to the Chairman dated 26th August 2008 (previously circulated).

The clerk was authorised to purchase a notebook computer and software, photocopier/printer and ink cartridges for Parish Council business within an overall cost of £1,000.

12. ACCOUNTS

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

Payments approved:-

C Heard (Jubilee Gardens)	£128.00
Wiveliscombe Community Centre	£48.00
B Wilson (Replacement cheque)	£5.67
Clerk's salary & expenses	1,488.28
HMRC-PAYE	£224.20

13. **WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

Brian Collingridge reported that talks are taking place with the Primary Care Trust concerning the removal of the Doctors' Surgery to a new location. No details are yet available.

A brochure will be issued shortly identifying issues arising from the last Community Strategy Action Plan and looking forward to a further Action Plan.

With regard to the proposed Gadds Homes housing development on land to North of Style Road, Wiveliscombe, Mr Collingridge reminded the Parish Council that the plans submitted provide for a leisure area showing a play area, large pond for surface water and an indicative junior rugby pitch.

The developer was to provide funding for the maintenance of this area for six years.

The Parish Council discussed ways in which they would like to see the leisure area used and whether the Borough Council or Parish Council should be responsible for its maintenance.

It was agreed that Mr Collingridge would pursue with Taunton Deane the following upon which the Parish Council were agreed:-

There should be a children's equipped play area

There should be an open area for children's play

The area should not be allocated for any one single sport.

Some allotments should be provided.

14. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

John Ollerenshaw proposed and the Parish Council agreed that the area of bulb planting undertaken last year should be extended for a further 20 metres towards Taunton and for about 15 metres on both sides to the West side of the roundabout at a cost of between £40 and £50.

Mr Ollerenshaw reported that Somerset County Council's Rights of Way Officer wants to be informed if there are any footpaths crossing arable land which have not been reinstated within two weeks after harvest.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.