

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
MONDAY 14th December 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.*

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman) Mesdames, B Boyland, L Bedding, Mr T Parker, A Somerfield,
P Langdon, W Whitman, B Collingridge, Sir H Farrington, C Cridland,

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk)

Also present: Eddie Gaines (District Councillor) Tony McMahon (County Councillor)
Three members of the Public.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames Mrs M Whitmarsh, Mr P Berman, R Matcham
P Parker, J Ollerenshaw.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th November 2009 having been circulated, were
agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Precept and Budget 2010/11

The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2010/11 setting the precept at £20,000. This was
agreed (copy attached)

Applications for Financial Assistance 2010/11

The Clerk collected completed voting forms in respect of applications received for financial
assistance in 2010/2011 and said he would contact Councillors who were not present at the
meeting to obtain their forms in order to collate information for the January meeting.

A discussion took place regarding retrospective claims and the Clerk was asked to write to any
applicant that could be making such a claim, also the Clerk suggested some draft rules to be
included in next year's application packs.

The following rules were adopted to be included in the 2010/11 application packs:

- Applicants need to provide receipts before funds are released.
- The Chairman would be able to release emergency funds when necessary.
- All money must be spent in the current financial year ending 31st March.

- The Parish Council must receive evidence of the project starting.
- Introduce an element of match funding.

B.T. Kiosk Telephone Boxes

The Parish Council has been asked by British Telecom if it would like to adopt the three red telephone boxes situated in the Wiveliscombe area.

Brian Collingridge said that 10 Radio were interested in the Kiosk situated by the Church.

Bryn Wilson asked if BT could convert one telephone box to emergency only use.

The Parish Council agreed to:

- **Plain Pond Kiosk** – Objects to the removal of the service and therefore adoption will not proceed-because the town needs an emergency service.
- **Church Street Kiosk** – Agrees to the removal of the service and wishes to adopt the telephone kiosk subject to an agreement with 10 Radio.
- **Langley Marsh Kiosk** – Agrees to the removal of the service but does not wish to adopt the telephone box, however it would like to have an emergency service in the town.

Change of name from Parish Council to Town Council

The Clerk read a letter from Taunton Deane Council stating that if the Council would like to change its name to a Town Council they could see no reason why should not re name itself.

In order to achieve this there would need to be a formal resolution of the Parish Council.

The subject was discussed and it was agreed that no decision would be made until it was discussed at the next meeting in January when David Greg would be invited to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Footpath Diversions Burges Meadow/Jews Farm

Brenda Boyland said that the Parish Council had never received any official notification of any diversions in these areas, and she that she would contact the Taunton Deane footpath Officer to ask if these diversions have been officially agreed.

5 POLICE REPORTS/PACT

Nick Fleetenby reported that there had been night operations in operation and the police had arrested four people for burglary offenses and a further four people had been arrested since gathering other information.

50 calls received including 15 recorded incidents including 12 criminal offences.

Breakdown of calls:

- 2 dwelling burglaries
- 3 Assault
- 1 Theft's from motor vehicles
- 1 Public Order offence
- Criminal damage to a building

Drink driving checks will be in force during December.

The Speed Gun and Jackets owned by Wiveliscombe Parish Council will be returned to Wiveliscombe House from Wellington Police Station.

It was agreed that PC Fleetenby would invite Sam Williams (Inspector) to a future Parish Council meeting.

6. PLANNING

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

49/09/0050

Change of Use of Land from Agriculture to Domestic and Erection of Two No 1 ½ Storey extensions at Whitefield Cottage, Whitefield

49/09/0051/LB

Erection of two No 1 ½ story extensions and alterations at Whitefield Cottage, Whitefield

49/09/0052

Erection of dwelling on land opposite 4 Palace Gardens.

49/09/0060

Reconstruction of Former Milking parlour to form ancillary home office accommodation at Frys Farm, Croford.

49/09/0057

Demolition of buildings and erection of dwelling and garage at the Old joinery works Style Road,

Applications for Planning Permission received:

49/09/0058

Roof light West Roof 2 High Street.

The Council Supports the Application

49/09/0062

Erection of Link Extension to provide hallway and shower 5 Flead Farm, Waterrow

The Council Supports the Application

7. CORRESPONDENCE

E mail from Phil Nicholas SCC re Library opening on the 12th January 2010

E mail from Judith Tilley (Avon and Somerset Police) Community volunteers-Wellington and Area Community Panel inviting volunteers to training sessions-agreed to put the letter on the notice board.

Letter from the health and safety executive re Nordens Meadow play area. The Clerk read the letter from the Health and Safety Executive stating that the HSC would not be taking any

further actions in respect of play area. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Persimmon with reference to the Health and Safety Executive letter.

Letter from SCC regarding budget setting for 2010/11.

8. ACCOUNTS/FINANCE

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

Payroll and expenses - Bryan Howe	£371.47
Tax and National Insurance	£77.40
Web site Domain Renewal Group	£66.50
Royal Legion Poppy Appeal	£32.00
John Hamilton	£45.00

Payment received from sale of 2nd Edition Circular walk books £69.30

All invoices have been prepared for the allotment rents in respect of 2010/11 totalling £413.10 and invoices will be dispatched in December 2009.

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Eddie Gaines (District Councillor) reported consultation had taken place regarding Croft Way car park and the results would be taken to a panel.

Taunton Deane Borough Council had been looking at savings in all service areas and three areas in Wiveliscombe had been raised.

The areas are:

- Charging at Car Parks.
- Closing or passing the toilet to the Parish Council.
- Replacing the street cleaner with a mobile service.

He also gave information regarding changes in the political make up of Taunton Deane Borough Council.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Tony McMahon (County Councillor) reported that all budgets are being looked at as there is a £370m deficit in the Somerset County Council budget. He also confirmed the opening of the library as mentioned above.

11. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP (WAP)

Brian Collingridge gave information regarding the Local Development Framework and said they would be an exhibition on January the 15th.

Copies of the Local Development Framework agreement will available in public places on the 11th January 2010 and he encouraged everyone to give their views.

He also updated the meeting regarding the GADDS development company.

12 MATTERS OF REPORT (Any other Business)

Members of the Public asked if a signs could be erected as you enter and exit the village of Ford asking drivers to drive carefully. The Chairman asked the Clerk to enquire about the cost of erecting and purchasing signage from SCC and Taunton Deane Borough Council. Also the Clerk was asked to contact the PCSO to carry out a speed check at Ford.

Bryn Wilson asked if two litter bins could be replaced in Wiveliscombe square. It was agreed that two bins are to be purchased in dark green up to a maximum cost of £600.

A request was made to purchase a Dog bin at the recreation ground – the Clerk said he was still waiting for a price to purchase and to empty a new bin from Taunton Deane Borough Council. The Clerk was asked to invite the TDBC dog warden to the next meeting to discuss issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.