

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
MONDAY 18th January 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.*

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman) Miss B Boyland, T Parker, A Somerfield, DB Wilson,
R Adams, P Langdon, W Whitman, B Collingridge, C Cridland, P Parker, R Matcham,
J Ollenshaw.

In attendance: Bryan Howe (Clerk)

Also present: Eddie Gaines (District Councillor) Tony McMahon (County Councillor)
Mr K Hall (member of the Public)

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames Mrs M Whitmarsh, Mrs S Fairfax, Sir H Farrington,
and P Berman. Tony McMahon (County Councillor)

3. MINUTES

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

Precept Grants 2010/11

The Clerk presented three options in awarding grants to organisations who had applied for
financial assistance for 2010/11. It was proposed and seconded that option one was accepted
with exception of the Wiveliscombe Rugby Club as they had confirmed that they had already
carried out the work that the grant was applied for. A vote was taken with nine Councillors
voting for the motion with three abstentions.

The grants awarded are:

• 10 Radio Community	£470
• WANDRAM (Amateur Dramatics)	£220
• War Memorial Recreation ground	£700
• Wiveliscombe Community Centre	£680
• Wiveliscombe Scouts	£180
• Wiveliscombe Civic Society	£370

Total awarded £2,620

Footpath Diversions

Brenda Boyland reported that she had been in contact with Somerset County Council Deane Borough Council regarding diversion signs placed at footpaths at WG16 that runs West from Jews Lane through Jews farm and east through Higher Orchard, she said she have received confirmation from that these changes are not official.

In respect of the footpath at Maunden treatment plant she was waiting to get confirmation of the diversion.

Salt/Grit Boxes

The Clerk reported that he had received many calls from residents regarding refilling of the boxes over the recent cold spell with some residents thinking that the Parish Council could help in the matter; the Clerk advised the residents to phone the dedicated telephone number 08453459155 for assistance.

The Clerk was asked to write to the highways department to get clarity regarding purchasing salt/grit boxes and the filling and re filling of them.

Road Signs – At FORD and Russell’s/Rotten Row area

The Clerk said he had received a quote from Taunton Deane to provide signage at FORD at £650 for three signs.

If was agree to purchase two signs on the main road through FORD saying ‘FORD Please drive slowly’

It was also agreed to write to Ian Titcombe at Somerset County Council to proceed with warning signs at Russell’s/Rotten Row area.

Change of name from Parish Council to Town Council

David Greg (Parish Liaison Officer) talked to the meeting regarding the advantages and disadvantages of changing the Parish Council to a town Council. He confirmed that the parish Council could change its name to a Town Council without any particular problems.

After a proposal from the floor to remain a Parish Council, a vote was taken that resulted in a majority of Councillors voting to remain a Parish Council.

Dog Wardens

The Clerk read a letter stating that the Dog Warden could not attend evening meetings.

The Clerk to write to the dog warden service inviting a day time meeting with Brenda Boyland, Bryn Wilson and Ralph Matcham.

5 POLICE REPORTS/PACT

Due to training PC Fleeteny was unable to attend the meeting. However he had prepared a written report that the Clerk read out.

Summary of report:

December 2009 provided 55 calls, including 6 reports of crime. In the same period of 2008, 11 crimes were recorded.

Breakdown of the reported crimes are:

1 Non dwelling burglary.

3 Incidents of theft from motor vehicles

2 Incidents of theft

6. PLANNING

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

49/09/0046

Conversion of barn to single storey dwelling at Maundown Cottage Jews Lane

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

49/09/0056

Roof alterations to agricultural building to provide protected species (bats) accommodation in connection with conversion of barn to dwelling (The Granary) at Footlands Farm, Ford

49/09/0063/T

St Andrews Church, maintenance of two yew trees

Applications for Planning Permission received:

49/09/0061

Change of use from office to veterinary practice at 3 + 4 old brewery road.

49/09/0064

Erection of porch to front of 24 West Street.

49/10/001

Conversion of garage, erection of porch and detached garage and change to windows at Orchard House - Hartswell

49/10/002

Erection of a 2 Bedroom bungalow on land –adjacent to 14 Palace Gardens.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Zebra Crossing Croft Way

The Clerk read a letter from the Somerset County Council highways department regarding the proposed Zebra crossing and traffic calming measures at Croft way.

The Clerk was advised to write to SCC upholding the previous decision to object to the traffic calming measures but to not to object to the Zebra crossing

Community work nomination

The Clerk read a letter regarding a request to nominate a member of the public for an MBE, the Parish Council agreed to reply suggesting that the proposer apply for the Taunton Deane Citizenship Award 2009 in respect of individual.

Ford Road/Church Street waiting Restrictions

The Clerk read a letter from the highways proposing restricting parking on a section of above road. It was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council write to the highways team stating that it did generally agree with waiting restrictions on B3188 Ford road /Church Street, however the Parish Council is against the restrictions extending beyond house number 4 on the West side of the road. Therefore there would be no restrictions outside house number 5 and beyond.

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	£413.57
Tax and National Insurance	£77.60
Wiveliscombe Community Centre	£68.00
Replicated Solutions	£282.00
Payment received from sale of 2 nd Edition Circular walk books	£46.75

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Eddie Gaines reported that had just attended a public meeting regarding change of use of Croft way car park – Day time hours 8am to 6pm designated to private cars only, non

commercial vehicles. Taunton Deane will try to find alternative spaces free for commercial vehicles if the change takes place.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

No report

11. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP (WAP)

Brian Collingridge reported on the business site, and that in the messenger there is an article regarding the future of 'GADDS' the builders.

12 MATTERS OF REPORT (Any other Business)

Bryn Wilson reported that he had been in contact with Taunton Deane Borough Council regarding the purchase and installation of two waste bins .It was agreed to proceed to purchase the bins and have the bins installed by Taunton Deane Borough Council at an estimated cost of £400.

A member of the public Mr K Hall talked about problems with parking at Tuckers Meadow and explained that he had written to Magna and other bodies on behalf of the residents trying to solve parking issues.

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