

WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2005 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.

1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), B Collingridge (Vice-Chairman), C Bramall, T Parker, T Hill, R Matcham, P Parker, P Langdon, P Berman, B Wilson, Mesdames B Boyland, L Bedding, M Prior, S Fairfax, County Councillor Caroline Smeaton, PC Mark Jones and R N V Hewitt (Clerk).

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from B Whitman, District Councillor M Whitmarsh, District Councillor J Bone and Police Community Support Officer Julian Morant.

3. THE PADDOCKS, FORD ROAD

The Chairman read a letter of apology received from Howard Ridley in connection with his planning application.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th August having been circulated were agreed as a correct record subject to one manuscript amendment.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Website – Peter Parker gave a presentation of the re-designed website using a screen and overhead projector which took approximately ten minutes and detailed the progress of the construction of the new website. Much discussion followed and Bryn Wilson suggested there should be a link to the Wellington Weekly website as this was a good source of local reference and news. Sara Fairfax queried the accessibility of the website for new groups and local organisations and it was agreed that the Parish Council would be detailed on the home page as the owners and managers of the website with a link direct to the Parish Council web pages.

New Notice Board – The Clerk reported that the new notice board had now been constructed and it was agreed that the Chaplin brothers would be asked to collect it and install it as soon as possible subject to the cost being below £200.

Highways Matters – The Clerk read an email from Dennis Quick, Highways Manager, responding to various matters reported by Parish Councillors. Caroline Smeaton agreed that she would look into the possibility of a 'Children at Play' sign in the Old Brewery Road which Highways claimed they could not install. Peter Berman raised the matter of the speed limit review on 'B' roads and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask when the review was to take place and what the proposals were for consultation. In addition it was agreed that the Clerk would also query the review of speed limits on the Milverton/Wellington Road (near Langford Budville). Concern was expressed about ongoing flooding at Lion D'Angers caused by flood water passing through the old Manse site which is an historic problem and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask Dennis Quick to whom this should be referred for comment.

Street Lighting – The Clerk read a letter from Nigel Farrow, Corporate Director SCC, in connection with the Parish Council's request for street lighting between Wiveliscombe and Langley Cross and confirming that no funding was available. Brian Collingridge commented that some lights might be installed if further development took place but this would be limited. After much discussion it was agreed that Brian Collingridge would place an article in The Messenger inviting comments from the

community so that the matter could be further considered during the precept discussions in November and December.

Recreation Ground Vandalism – The Clerk read a letter from Scott Weetch at Taunton Deane confirming that in principle the street cleaner could help clean up litter and glass at the Recreation Ground but this would be subject to a charge and Bryn Wilson agreed to look into the matter and report back to the Parish Council.

Kingsmead – The Clerk read an email from Matthew Shane at Somerset County Council confirming that a meeting had been set for 20th September at 2.45 pm in order for various statutory bodies to consider the traffic congestion at the school in the morning and later afternoon.

Parking in Wiveliscombe - The Clerk reported that a member of the public had suggested that the 30 minute waiting bays in the High Street and West Street should be extended to one hour. After some discussion it was felt that this was not a good idea as those people who had special needs could obtain a disabled person's yellow badge for their vehicle.

Wiveliscombe Library – The Clerk read a letter from Mr R Pym at Somerset County Council confirming that the library had to relocate due to the termination of their existing lease and that negotiations were still ongoing and the proposed lease in respect of 9 The Square had not yet been completed. Discussion followed and it was generally felt that no consultation had taken place either with the Parish Council or local residents, and Caroline Smeaton agreed to take up the issue.

Community Centre – The Clerk read a letter from Taunton Deane confirming that the Parking Attendants would make more regular inspections on Fridays to try and resolve the problem of vehicles parking at the entrance to the Community Centre.

Recycling – The Clerk read a letter from Taunton Deane Waste Services Unit confirming that the problem of recycling cardboard was still being considered and the Chairman added that he had recently heard that a cardboard recycling skip will be available in the Croft Way Car Park.

Wivey Way – The Clerk read a copy of a letter addressed to Councillor Brenda Boyland from Somerset County Council Rights of Way confirming that land ownership issues were still being addressed in respect of the new walk and that they would be resolved as soon as possible.

Street Trading – The Clerk read a letter from Taunton Deane Borough Council confirming that the trailer operating in the layby on the 3227 was licensed by the authority.

Family Centre Project – The Clerk reminded Parish Councillors that a paper had been circulated with the agenda (a copy is attached to these minutes) written by Brian Collingridge and it was agreed that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

Plain Pond Parking – Peter Parker reported that he had looked at the vehicles which were parking across the footpath and he felt that there was room for vehicles to pass and pedestrians could use the pavement on the other side of the road.

Public Consultation – Bryn Wilson raised the difficulty of involving the public at Parish Council meetings and felt that the Council should be briefed beforehand as to what members of the public wished to discuss at meetings. It was agreed that the Clerk would refer this matter to SALC to see what general advice they could offer.

6. PLANNING

49/2005/057 The Paddocks, Ford Road, Wiveliscombe: The Chairman informed the Council that a special Parish Council meeting would be held at 6 Ford Road at 6.00 pm on Monday 19th September in order that the Parish Council could inspect the site for the proposed new garage and extensions and decide what responses should be made to Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Development Matters – The Clerk reported that John Hamer, the Area Planning Officer, had agreed to attend the next Parish Council meeting with John Hardy, the Area Enforcement Officer.

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

49/2005/039 Nunnington Park, Wiveliscombe: As amplified by agent's letter dated 27/7/05

49/2005/040 29 Plain Pond, Wiveliscombe: Retention of porch

49/2005/041 19 Silver Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of barn to form studio annexe and formation of roof terrace, as amended by letter dated 12/7/05

49/2005/042 Mill Barn, Jews Lane, Maundown, Wiveliscombe: Erection of balcony and enlarging of window opening

49/2005/044 9 The Square, Wiveliscombe: Change of use to library

49/2005/046 21 Spring Gardens, Wiveliscombe: Erection of Conservatory

Applications received:-

49/2005/047 28 West Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of space over garage and store to form living accommodation (as amended by letter and plans received 8/8/05) – *The Parish Council agreed that they would reiterate their earlier comments.*

49/2005/051T Abbotsfield, Wiveliscombe: Application to carry out tree work to one Oak and one Wellingtonia – *No comments to make.*

49/2005/053 The Old Barns, Waldrige Farm, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of former agricultural building to single dwelling – *No comments to make.*

49/2005/052LB The Old Barns, Waldrige Farm, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of former agricultural building to single dwelling – *No comments to make.*

49/2005/054LB Lower Grants Farmhouse, Ford, Wiveliscombe: Erection of porch to replace existing porches – *The Parish Council supports the proposal.*

49/2005/055 Lower Grants Farmhouse, Ford, Wiveliscombe: As above – *The Parish Council supports the proposal.*

49/2005/056 Wiveliscombe Community Centre, West Street, Wiveliscombe: Erection of single storey extension to kitchen – *Ralph Matcham declared an interest and the Parish Council supported the proposal.*

The following items for information were noted by the Parish Council:-

GC/R58/HSG/PD.22/805/TD.989 Tree Preservation Order 2005 Recreation Ground, Wiveliscombe

49/2005/043 Melamine Building, Ford Road, Wiveliscombe: Erection of extension to factory

49/2005/047 28 West Street, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of space over garage and store to form living accommodation

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Community Council for Somerset, Parrett Catchment Project, Society of Local Clerks and SALC's AGM and Taunton Deane's meeting were all noted by the Parish Council.

Age Concern – The Clerk read a letter from John Buchan confirming that a local coordinator had been appointed for their Local Link Project and that Barbara Lloyd was going to undertake this role.

Women's Institute – Sustainable Energy Partnership – The Clerk read a letter from Wiveliscombe's Women's Institute asking the Parish Council to support the Sustainable Energy Partnership which is a national initiative by urging the local MP to attend the forthcoming debate in the House of Commons.

8. POLICE REPORT

PC Mark Jones reported that he had also looked at the parking at Plain Pond and would be writing a letter to the residents asking them to respect the needs of pedestrians. There had been a trend in overnight burglaries in the area, both at commercial and residential properties, and some vandalism at the swimming pool. The Croft Way Car Park was still suffering from vehicle break-ins at night and the Police were considering the possibility of using CCTV.

9. ACCOUNTS

The most recent bank statements were endorsed as an original copy.

New bank account – The application forms for a new bank account were completed and it was agreed the Clerk would transfer the balance of the money received towards the recent arts project to the new account once it is up and running.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Wiveliscombe Area Partnership	£3272.00
Wellington Timber (Materials for new notice board)	£565.89
Burial Ground	£925.00
Recreation Ground	£2310.00
Clerks Salary and Expenses	£856.38
A G & J M Hoyle (Notice board)	£623.39

10. PRECEPT

It was agreed that the Clerk would now make available the grant application forms and that the sifting committee would comprise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Clerk, Bryn Wilson and Brenda Boyland.

11. WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP

Brian Collingridge spoke on the Family Centre project and referred to the paper which had been circulated with the agenda. Brian Collingridge covered new legislation, funding and the need for a family centre in the area. It was hoped that a meeting would be forthcoming on 12th October when funding arrangements might be more certain and Parish Councillors were urged to note this date in their diaries so that they might attend.

12. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Unfortunately neither of the District Councillors were able to attend the meeting (apologies were given by Mary Whitmarsh and John Bone).

13. MATTERS OF REPORT

Land at Emborough Electric Sub-station – Tony Hill raised the matter of the storage of pipes on this land but it was felt that no action was needed at the current time.

Traffic lights - Tony Hill mentioned that in his opinion the green filter arrow was not working correctly, however several Councillors mentioned that they had seen it operating in the last few days and the Clerk reminded Parish Councillors that a few years ago this matter was raised and the lights were tested and the Parish Council advised that the filter had sensors attached to the traffic lights so that the filter was only operating when traffic flow was above a certain level.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.