

# WIVELISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## *MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.*

### 1. PRESENT

D Luxton (Chairman), R Adams, P Berman, B Collingridge, C Cridland, Sir H Farrington, R Kingsley-Hall, R Matcham, J Ollerenshaw, P Parker, A Somerfield, B Whitman, B Wilson, Mesdames M Whitmarsh and L Bedding, T Parker (Press Officer) and David Leggett (Clerk),  
The meeting was also attended by eight members of the public.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Peter Langdon, Mesdames S Fairfax and B Boyland, and PCSO S Cridlin.

### 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008, having been circulated, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

**Wiveliscombe Walkers Book** – The Clerk read a report from Brenda Boyland on behalf of the Footpath Representatives. The report, after giving a short history leading to publication of the book in April 2006, recommends the Parish Council to support a reprint or revamp of the book, using retained profits from sales of the original book, which are currently held in the Reserve Account and which amount to £2,307.30. Quotes received from the original printers, Character Graphics, are as follows:

- Straight reprint with minor alterations - £1,200 for 500 copies  
- £1,500 for 1,000 copies
- Revamped book with extra walks - £2,000 for 500 copies  
- £2,500 for 1,000 copies

The report also suggests that if the monies available are not totally used for a reprint, then they could be used to erect a notice board depicting the Circular Walk in a prominent position in Wiveliscombe and/or to update some 'waymarks' embossed with 'Wivey Way' where needed. Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the matter should be taken forward by a group comprising John Ollerenshaw, Brenda Boyland and Mrs Ann Scotter.

#### **Recreation Ground Management**

Bryn Wilson reported that it had become apparent that the management document under which the Management Committee operate the Recreation Ground is in need of updating. The management document refers to bylaws made by and subject to the directions of the Trustees. The Trustees have been asked to produce the bylaws and /or any other written rules in order to facilitate a proper review of the management document. As this cooperation has not been forthcoming, the councillors appointed to serve on the Management Committee have informed the Trustees that if they are unable to clarify the terms under which the Management Committee is to operate, they will step down from the Management Committee.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council Chairman and Bryn Wilson would liaise with Eric Kidner and Dr John Rees to pursue a resolution to this issue.

### **Croft Way Car Park**

The Clerk reported that Taunton Deane BC had put work in hand to clear the weeds, but that there seemed to be no progress to resolve the problem of relocating HGVs parking. After much discussion, it was agreed that Brian Collingridge and Mary Whitmarsh would contact the manager at Grampian Co. to ascertain to whom they should talk, to explore the possibility of getting the cooperation of the developer with a view to finding an alternative site where HGVs could park.

Ralph Matcham raised the question of the frequent mess around the recycling bins. Taunton Deane Borough Council respond readily to requests to clear up, but there is an ongoing problem in that members of the public do not use the bins properly. It was agreed that Brian Collingridge should put an article in the Wiveliscombe Messenger urging people to use the bins properly.

### **Road Gullies and Drains**

The Clerk reported that Dennis Quick, Somerset Highways Manager, has in response to the Parish Council's request, put work in hand to check the road gullies at all the known trouble spots around the Wiveliscombe area and to clear the partially blocked drain outside The Croft adj. Jubilee Gardens.

### **Grass Cutting/Verges**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Paul Saturley, Taunton Deane Borough Council Parks Supervisor, in response to the Parish Council's representations regarding the poor quality of grass cutting in the town. With regard to the verges around the roundabout, he says that the ground is very uneven with wheel marks and ruts which is leading to the uneven cut. As TDBC has only the contract to cut the grass, he has reported the situation to Somerset Highways. He will be following up with Wessex Water the reinstatement of the open space at Lion d'Angers as at present this remains their responsibility. He states that Wessex Water are aware of the problem and are going to rectify it.

A second letter was received from Mrs C Buziau of 40 Lion d'Angers regarding a further sub-standard grass cutting in the area of Lion d,Angers.

With regard to the outstanding reinstatement of the grass verge at Allenslade (outside the new housing development), Dennis Quick of Somerset Highways has forwarded the Parish Council's concerns to the development control section in County Hall.

### **Notice Boards**

Bryn Wilson reported that he had looked at a redundant notice board offered for sale by Taunton Deane Borough Council at £68 plus VAT. The Parish Council decided, in view of the condition of the item and the additional costs of removal and installation, to take no further action.

## **5. PLANNING**

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

**49/2008/026** 4 Southgate, Wiveliscombe. Erection of dwelling as amended.

**49/2008/028T** Eldon, Wiveliscombe. Management work to one multi-stemmed Beech tree in Taunton Deane Borough (Wiveliscombe No 2) Tree Preservation Order 2002 (TD938).

**49/2006/071** Land south of B3227, East of Wiveliscombe: Use of land for B1 (light industry) B2 (general industry) and B8 (warehouse and distribution) development including the formation of vehicular access from B3227, OS plot 8457.

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

**49/2007/074** 3 Silver Street, Wiveliscombe: Change of use to restaurant – re conditions - would like opening hours extended to 23:00. – *The Parish Council supported the appeal.*

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

**49/2008/017** Land to North of Style Road, Wiveliscombe:.. Erection of 89 residential units....

- *The Parish Council or a specially convened committee to consider further when revised plans become available*

**49/2008/027** 16 North Street, Wiveliscombe: Erection of 2 dwellings and provision of garaging. – *Councillor Peter Parker declared an interest in this application. The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from a resident of Market Place making representations against the proposed development, with particular reference to issues relating to parking and access. A member of the public attending the meeting expressed concerns regarding parking and the height of the proposed buildings on a rising site. The Parish Council agreed to forward the letter received to Taunton Deane District Council, together with a reiteration of the Parish Council's previous comments (in relation to application 49/2007/073) concerning access and the proportions of the proposed buildings.*

**49/2008/031** The Old Wagon House, Flead Farm, Wiveliscombe: Erection of stable block.

- *The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

The following applications were received after the agenda had been circulated:-

**49/2008/032** The Burrows, Warren House, Quaking House Lane, Wiveliscombe

- *Erection of conservatory The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

**49/2008/033** – Maundown Farm, Wiveliscombe - Change of use of redundant agricultural barn to stables - *The Parish Council had no comment to make.*

**49/2008/034** – Maundown Farm, Wiveliscombe - Conversion of redundant milking parlour and erection of new garges – *The Parish Council drew attention to the inadequate slate tile roofing and asked the planning authority to consider the highways implication of the access to the site which is at the brow of a hill.*

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

**49/2008/016** Removal of condition 11 of permission 49/2003/061 in order to allow residential usage of Wivey View, Higher Whitefield, Wiveliscombe

For Information:-

**49/2008/013** Cruwys Farm, Langley Marsh, Wiveliscombe: Conversion of barns to three residential units – Application withdrawn.

**49/2008/025** 10, TheSquare, Wiveliscombe: Change of use of part of house to dining room/restaurant. – Application withdrawn.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10 Parishes Carnival and Street Market 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008** - The Chairman introduced a letter from Pauline Homeshaw, the event organiser, describing plans to date for this day, requesting use of the Jubilee Gardens, where live music will be played in tents and asking for a financial contribution from the Parish Council. During discussion, it was suggested that the Parish Council could participate by having a table display to publicise the Parish Council's powers and activities. It was proposed by Peter Parker and seconded and agreed that approval be given for the use of the Jubilee Gardens and that the Parish Council donate £200 towards the costs of the event.

**Illegal Parking, Silver Street** – The Clerk informed the Parish Council of a letter from Ms Margot Chahin of Russet Vale, Silver Street, complaining of cars parked illegally on a hatched area of the road, obstructing her entry to her property opposite. The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to send a copy of her letter to the police and to write to Ms Chahin to inform her that their best advice would be to telephone the police station when she finds herself unable to access her property, as the police would take action in the case of traffic obstruction, even though they would not in the case of illegal parking itself.

**Suggestion for Requesting Town Council Status** – The Chairman reported a letter from Mark Formosa suggesting that Wiveliscombe Parish Council might like to consider requesting Town Council status. The parish Council agreed that the Clerk should write to David Greig, Taunton Deane Borough Council Liaison Officer for information as to what benefits would accrue from acquiring Town Council status.

**Waiting Restrictions Changes** – The Clerk reported that the consultation process for the proposed changes has begun. The outcome of a safety audit on Somerset Highways' proposals for the zebra crossing is awaited. When this audit is complete, the location of the crossing will be finalised, then progress on the Croft Way additional parking restrictions can be resumed.

**Precept Grants** – The Clerk reported letters from Wiveliscombe Area Partnership and Rainbow Playgroup expressing their appreciation for the precept grants recently received.

**Avon & Somerset Constabulary** – The Clerk reported a letter received from Inspector Roger Tolley regarding an incident at Wellington Police Station on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## 7. **POLICE REPORT**

Regrettably Police representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

## 8. **ACCOUNTS**

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

Payments approved:-

C Heard (Jubilee Gardens) £169.00

Wiveliscombe Community Centre 48.00

Replicated Solutions (Website) 205.63

£7,000 is being transferred from current account to deposit account.

## 9. **WIVELISCOMBE AREA PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

Brian Collingridge reported that it had been suggested by Lesley Webb, Taunton Deane Borough Council's Principal Housing Officer, that it is time to ask the Community Council for Somerset for a Housing Needs Survey for the parish. It was agreed that the Clerk would write accordingly.

## 10. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mary Whitmarsh reported that Planning Rules are changing. In rural areas, such as is Wiveliscombe, a development charge of perhaps £20,000 will have to be paid in respect of any development of 3 or more houses.

## 11. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

The Parish Council accepted the report by Peter Parker of the meeting of the Allotments Committee's meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 and approved the following:-

**Rent Review** –The yearly £1 increase in rent to be discontinued in favour of a 3-yearly rent review. The next review to be held in 2010 in respect of rents for the years 2011-2013

**Site Security** - A lock to be provided for the gate and that a notice to be erected to the effect that the site is owned by the Parish Council.

**Risk Assessment** – The following actions arising from the risk assessment:-

Removal of 60ft white asbestos-further enquiries are to be made re costs and method of removal.

Non-return valves to be fitted to all taps

Water butts to be covered with wire mesh frame

Future risk assessments to be carried out by the Parish Council Allotments Committee

Revised procedure for dealing with unkempt plots –

In first instance, Peter Parker to telephone plotholder

After 4 weeks, further telephone call to warn of impending letter  
and letter to be sent by Clerk

After further 4 weeks, Clerk to send letter terminating tenancy

**Footpath WG 16/8** – John Ollerenshaw reported that he had cleared a 150 yard section of this footpath which had become overgrown and that it is now passable. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Wednesday Walkers, asking them if they would walk this path 2 or 3 times a year to keep it clear..

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.