

**WIVELISCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL  
LIBRARY WORKING GROUP MEETING  
Held at Community Office, Wiveliscombe  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 4.00pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr T Parker (Chair) Cllr Gaines, Cllr B Wilson, Cllr F Higginson

**CLERK:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**OTHER:** None

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Wilson

**24/27LWG Apologies:** As noted above

**24/28LWG Declarations of interest:** There were none.

**24/29LWG Minutes from meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025:** It was resolved to approve the minutes.

**24/30LWG Discuss Library Meeting between SC/WAP/WTC:** This meeting was the quarterly meeting which discusses how the library is going and the maintenance of the library building. The Town Council learnt that WAP had been given many more duties in the last 18 months such as the yearly asbestos inspections which is what is taking up most of our £2500 admin fee and why WAP would need this figure to increase if the contacts were to continue as they are. However, SC were willing to discuss the Town Councils resolution from their January monthly meeting. WAP reported that they had a board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and would discuss the proposal.

**24/31LWG Any feedback from WAP:** WAP would continue to support both the Town Council and Somerset Council in any way possible regarding managing the library but would not be able to facilitate any fundraising for the library.

**24/32LWG Way Forward – possible models of Community Library:** Discussions took place regarding how Nether Stowey and Porlock run their Libraries. The working group would explore other options.

**24/33LWG Public consultation:** It was thought that more information is required by the working group before putting anything to the public.

**24/34LWG Items for next meeting:** Feedback from meeting with WAP and SC on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb to discuss future contract for the library.

**24/35LWG Date, time and place of next meeting:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 at 4.00pm in Wiveliscombe House.

Meeting closed at 5.25pm