

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 30th June 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman) A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, County/District Councillor M. Healey and 10 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson.

18. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway, Mr Sharp disclosed an interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension and Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr Herbert took no part in discussions relating to planning applications as a Member of the District Council's Development Control Committee.

19. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th May 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

20. Report of the Police

PCSO Dan Wheller presented a report on local crime statistics and work being undertaken with other agencies in Woolavington. He undertook to liaise with the Traffic Section regarding enforcement of the weight limit along the B3141 and report back and also to report back on length of acceptable behaviour contracts imposed on local young people.

21. Reports of the County and District Councillors

County/District Councillor Healey had submitted a written report which had been circulated to Members and would be placed on the web-site. He invited nominations for the County Chairman Awards and would assist in arranging for Councillor David Fothergill, the new County Portfolio Holder for Highways to visit Woolavington to view issues of concern relating to highway maintenance. District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon Member training following the District Council elections.

22. Woolavington Awareness Day – 6th June 2015.

Mrs Galloway was thanked for organising the Village Awareness Day on 6th June which was regarded as very successful. It was felt that similar events should be organised bi-annually.

23. Big Local Funding

Robert Hemms had submitted an update on the position regarding the Big Local/Villages Together scheme during early June which was displayed on the parish web-site.

24. Maintenance Issues

It was hoped that work would commence on the complete refurbishment of the play area in the Lower Playing Field on 13th July 2015. An official opening was planned for 1st September to coincide with the Somerset Playing Fields' Association AGM/Presentation Evening in the Village Hall. Wessex Water had rectified the sewer leak in the cemetery. A pipe had been diverted and full burials could not take place in the vicinity of the new pipeline. It was agreed to report fly tipping in Crancombe Lane. It was also agreed to arrange for repairs to some wet pour surfacing in the sports field and to the memorial bench in the Lower Playing Field.

25. Highways Issues

It was noted that defects in the “red areas” at Woolavington Hill had been patched. Reference was again made to the poor quality of highway reinstatements. It was noted that requests for dropped kerbs had been placed on the County Council’s waiting list. It was agreed to check the situation regarding hedge maintenance in Crancombe Lane to the rear of properties in Horton Way/Highcroft. Mrs Galloway reported upon a site meeting with County Officers to consider problems experienced by buses in negotiating junctions on Woolavington Estate. Feedback from the County Council was awaited but it appeared that H bars might be proposed. It was agreed to clarify the status of the bus stop adjacent to the surgery with First Bus and to forward details of inconsiderate parking outside the surgery to the Practice.

26. Authorisation for Payment

The following payment had been made since the last Meeting:-

000935 PJ Wallace	Big Local support	£2,166.00
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The following payments were authorised:-

000936 GWB Services	grass cutting	£1,383.00
000937 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
000938 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£339.98
000939 Parish Clerk	expenses and sundry payments	£1, 140.41

27. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:-

- 005 Erection of side attached garage with store rooms, 63 Highcroft – Mr & Mrs P. Underwood – recommend refusal;
- 006 Permanent occupation of holiday lets, Hurmans Farm, Vicarage Road – G.M. Watts – recommend refusal;
- 008 Replace and extend decking area, 24 Higher Road – Mrs J. Bowers – recommend permission;
- 010 Erection of double garage, 23 Lower Road – P. Brandon – recommend permission;
- 011 Remove branch from Corsican Pine tree, 10A Higher Road – Mrs C.M. Moss – recommend permission;
- 012 Retention of 4.5m mast with anemometer, off Pyde Drove – Cleomedes Energy Ltd – recommend permission.

It was agreed to forward a letter received from Mr and Mrs J. Wylde to the Planning Enforcement Officer for consideration and the Chairman undertook to arrange a site visit for members to the Newland Homes development.

28. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon work planned at the Village Hall and upon the success of the library project. Helen Baker presented a report upon the work of Flare and youth issues in the village. After discussion, it was agreed to decline a request from Sedgemoor District Council for the Parish Council to fund the total cost of a project to repaint the mural on the storage container in the Sports field and to express concern at a lack of consultation with Helen and the Parish Council regarding initiatives by various agencies involving young people in the village. It was also agreed to launch a Young Citizens’ Award with the winner receiving a cup and £25 voucher.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman