

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 8th December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman) A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin and 5 members of the public.

60. 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, Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee and Mr Herbert took no part in discussions relating to planning applications as a Member of the District Council's Development Control Committee.

61. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th October 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

62. Sedgemoor District Council Local Plan Review Stage 1 Consultation Document

Andrew Reading, Planning Policy Officer, Sedgemoor District Council, gave a presentation on Stage 1 of a review of the Sedgemoor District Council Core Strategy Local Plan. The consultation was due to end on 18th January 2016. The second stage would be consultation on a proposed submission document which was scheduled for mid 2016.

The comments of the Parish Council on the Consultation Document were agreed and forwarded to Mr Reading, a copy of which is filed with the signed copy of these minutes and displayed on the web-site.

63. Big Local Funding

Big Local/Villages Together sought the views of the Parish Council on sites for two notice boards to be used to display information on the scheme. It was agreed that the notice boards be sited outside the village hall and the Co-op.

Dawn Smith updated the Parish Council on the work of her improvements group. Designs had been produced for new village nameplates and other plans included a raised bed under the Causeway nameplate, tree planting, a bench for the sports field and providing hard core along the public footpath to the rear of the former chapel. The projects were supported and it was agreed that the Parish Council should fund the Causeway nameplate following clarification of the design and also arrange removal of some redundant concrete posts in the Lower Playing Field.

64. Woolavington Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Kellaway reported upon a request for assistance on behalf of Woolavington Neighbourhood Watch. It was noted that more comprehensive information on the organisation had been placed on the Parish Council's web-site. It was agreed to make a grant of £60 towards the hosting fee of the Organisations web-site and to provide neighbourhood watch signs on the posts of the proposed new village nameplates, subject to investigation into their availability from the police.

65. Sportsfield Projects

Nigel Frith, Pete Hardwidge and Nick Presley made a presentation on outline plans being drawn up to improve the indoor sporting, recreational and social activities available in the sportsfield. It was suggested that provision could be made for badminton, volleyball and skittles so that it would not replicate provision at Puriton Sports Centre and it was also noted that investigations were taking place into the drainage problem in the field with a full report being shortly available. The proposals had been supported by the Playing Fields' Association at their meeting held on 1st December 2015.

It was agreed to support the above ideas in principle and to establish a Working Group comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and Messrs Frith, Hardwidge and Presley to work up a development plan to enable the project to progress with applications for necessary consents and bids to funding streams.

66. Estimates 2016/17

The Council gave further consideration to the draft Estimates for 2016/17. It was agreed that the Estimates be approved and the precept for 2016/17 be £42,517 less any Council Tax Support Scheme Grant.

Arising thereon, it was agreed to place an order to Clean Surroundings for the provision, installation and subsequent weekly servicing of a litter bin inside the play area in the Lower Playing Field and to J. & C. Wylde for the provision of security cameras on the Village Hall which would also cover the play area at a cost of £1,162.00 plus VAT.

67. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

000958	GWB Services	grass cutting	£559.00
000959	Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
000960	J. Wall	honarium	£125.00
000961	Parish Clerk	expenses and sundry payments	£827.18
000962	N. Watch	grant	£60.00
DD	Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£127.83

68. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:-

023 Erection of extension, 5 Cossington Lane – G. Mitchell – confirm recommendation of permission;

024 Fell one maritime pine tree, 10A Higher Road – Mrs C. Moss – recommend permission;

025 Erection of extension and loft conversion, 51 Sedgemoor Way – Miss G. Doughty – recommend permission.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman