

## **WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey(Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, District and County Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 12 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson, M.P. Herbert and Mrs. J. Reade.

### **28. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Chidgey declared personal interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway and Mr and Mrs Galloway declared personal interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the village hall committee.

### **29. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **30. Reports of the County and District Councillors**

Councillor Healey reported upon a Scrutiny Committee Meeting relating to EDF/Bridgwater Bypass, a logistics firm being based at the former ROF Site and traffic light controls at Silverfish. It was agreed to hold a meeting with representatives of Puriton Parish Council to explore a possible weight restriction in the area. Mrs Hamlin reported upon planning issues and apprentices.

### **31. Parish Plan**

Members considered and approved an updated Parish Plan for 2011/12.

### **32. Woolavington Postal Sorting Office**

The Chairman reported that the solicitor had e-mailed the solicitors acting for Royal Mail and if no response was forthcoming would be contacting them again.

### **33. Maintenance Issues**

In Touch with Communities were currently building the new web-site and instructions were awaited on how to update information. Concern was expressed at the length of time the process was taking. The play equipment had been inspected and it was agreed to undertake minor works required to the swings at Sedgemoor Way. It was agreed to obtain quotations for works to the Village Hall hedge and the eastern hedge at the Sportsfield. It was also agreed to obtain a quotation from the District Council for supplying, fixing and emptying a dog waste bin at the Crancombe Lane entrance to the Sportsfield.

### **34. Highways Issues**

A number of road defects had been reported since the last Meeting and had been repaired. It was agreed to continue to monitor the condition of Higher Road in the vicinity of Martland Farm. East Huntspill Parish Council were still identifying businesses which would need exemptions from the Weight Restriction Order. The grit bin was on order. Mr Zobel and Mr Loveless had kindly cleared the right of way at Bitham.

### **35. Parish Cemetery**

It was noted that work on preparing the land for use as a cemetery was nearing completion. It was agreed to seek quotations for the supply and planting of hedging plants and trees to comply with a planning condition. Local residents wished to donate a memorial seat for the cemetery and it was agreed to accept this kind donation and place the appropriate order.

### **36. Accounts for Payment**

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

000727 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£378.00
000728 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00

The following payments were authorised:-

000729 Moore Stephens	audit fee	£480.00
000730 SPFA	play equipment inspections	£150.00
000731 SDC	lease payment	£140.00
000732 SDC	election fees	£195.00
000733 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00

### **37. Audit Matters**

It was noted that the external auditors had completed their audit of the 2010/11 accounts and had no matters to draw to the attention of the Council and on the basis of their review, in their opinion the information in the annual return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention giving concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

Members received and approved a budget monitor and bank reconciliation for the first quarter of 2011/12 and inspected the original bank statements as part of the Council's internal controls.

### **38. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered:-

22/11/00008 Use of land to site four mobile homes, four touring caravans and erection of four utility dayrooms for four gypsy families, formation of turning area and children's play area, Henshirl Paddock, Cossington Lane – H. Isaacs – support Cossington Parish Council's reasons for recommending refusal;

22/11/00013 Variation of condition, Green Paddock, Cossington Lane – H. Isaacs – recommend refusal.

### **39. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Members received a report on behalf of the Woolavington Rural Activities Project relating to their summer programme of activities and Mr Galloway reported upon the Village Show to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

Issues raised during public question time included issues at the sports field and a tree at Reeds Drive.