

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 17th September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, Mrs J. Reade, R. Young (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch and J. Dobson.

40. Declarations of Interest

Mr & Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway and in planning application 010 due to an interest in part of the site. They outlined matters of fact during the public session (Code of Conduct para 14) and left the room during consideration of the application. Mr Sharp disclosed an interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension and Mr Galloway disclosed an interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

41. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6th August 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

42. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Neither Member was present.

43. Big Local Funding

It was noted that the Interim Working Group was actually known as “Working Together” and a web-site had been established www.villagestogether.org.uk which outlined progress.

44. Maintenance Issues

It was noted that the District Council had commenced work to the various trees in the village. Bae Systems had provided sponsorship in the sum of £488 to cover the estimated cost of the Jubilee Tree Planting Project. It was agreed to request the County Council to inspect the health of the willow trees at Reeds Drive and to remove brambles at the Hill. No further information had been received regarding completion of the memorial bench. Urgent repair work identified in the annual inspection of the play equipment had been completed. Reports had been received of dogs being exercised in the cemetery extension. It was noted that a request had been received for a dog waste bin in the vicinity of Ham Lane.

45. Highways Issues

It was agreed to report road defects at Higher Road between Martlands Farm and East Approach, together with 30 mph speed limit signs obscured by vegetation at Higher Road, Crancombe Lane and Woolavington Hill. The quality of verge cutting at the Causeway had improved. The one-way street signs at Church Street had yet to be rectified by the Highways Authority. The School was willing to be involved with the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell and it was agreed to obtain appropriate Perspex sheets. The police had been requested to enforce the weight restriction along the B3141 and it was also agreed to ascertain the numbers of drivers prosecuted and if technology was available to assist with such enforcement. A meeting was being arranged with appropriate agencies in an endeavour to seek a solution to parking problems on Woolavington Estate.

46. 2012/13 Audit of Accounts

It was noted that the External Auditors had completed the audit of the 2012/13 accounts and had concluded 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 cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

47. Accounts for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	SDC	dog bin servicing	£83.62
000845	G. Bickers	grass cutting	£579.00
000846	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£169.99
000847	S. Banham	gardening	£294.00
000848	GB Sport & Leisure	play equipment maintenance	£746.40
000849	J. Wall	honarium	£125.00
000850	Parish Clerk	expenses	£996.11

48. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:-

010 Installation of solar energy facility, Pyde Drove – Wessex Solar Energy – defer for clarification of position regarding adequacy of public consultation;

011 Conversion of garage to living accommodation, 69 Highcroft – Mrs D. Thomas – recommend permission;

012 Erection of bungalow, garage and formation of access to the south of 11 The Drive – E. Sharp – defer for site visit, a recommendation to be made at the conclusion of the site visit.

42/13/010 Huntspill Energy Park – request further information/explanation/clarification from agent on issues raised by the Parish Council.

It was also agreed to insist National Grid utilise T-pylons for their new 400,000 volt electricity connection between Horsey and the Huntspill River.

49. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon the success of the 2013 Show.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman

Matter s relating to trees and highway issues were raised during public question time.