

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson, M.P. Herbert, Mrs J. Reade and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

### **67. Disclosures 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.

### **68. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> October and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

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

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no report upon District Council issues. Members raised concerns about a lack of notification from elected Members regarding the County Council's plans to withdraw the 102 bus service as part of a cost cutting exercise. The Parish Council had already lodged an objection against these plans.

### **70. Jessops Store**

It was understood that the possibility of running Jessops Store as a community shop was not proceeding due to an insufficient number of volunteers willing to serve on a committee and/or work in the store.

### **71. Community Development Issues, South Ward**

The Chairman submitted a report upon his attendance at a further public meeting at which the police had reported back upon action recently taken to reduce anti-social behaviour. The District Council/Housing Associations were now concentrating on community support issues with SRYP. It was agreed to invite a representative of SRYP to the next Meeting of the Parish Council to explore how they could work more closely with Helen Baker/Flare Youth Group.

### **72. Big Local Funding**

The Parish Council had been invited to act as Interim LTO for the Scheme. It was agreed to accept this invitation and various forms were completed. The Parish Council would receive a fee to meet expenses. An update on the current position regarding the scheme was discussed and a newsletter had been placed on the web-site.

### **73. Maintenance Issues**

It was noted that the RLT3 grant application in respect of the proposed goal/basket ball facility had been supported at the recent Polden Hills Cluster Meeting. It would now go before the Sedgemoor Grants Panel in January. GB Sport and Leisure had completed the repairs to the skateboard facility but there was currently an issue with part of the work. Gary Bickers would fit sheep wire to the fence in the Lower Playing Field following treatment of wood with preservative and other winter maintenance work was being undertaken by Mr Bickers.

### **74. Highways Issues**

It was noted that the white lining work at Higher Road had now been completed and the base for the new bus shelter alongside the Surgery had been installed. Other long outstanding highway items discussed at the Polden Hills Cluster

Meeting together with the standard of reinstatements:- signs at Church Street (which would involve illumination of certain signs), provision of a bus stop flag at Higher Road and damaged verges at Woolavington Estate (which were a low priority for reinstatement) had still not been completed. It was agreed to commence work on the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell in the near future. Breaches of the weight restriction by HGVs were still occurring and it was agreed to log details of offenders for forwarding to the police whenever possible. It was also agreed to clarify the position regarding highway defects at Reeds Drive and report subsidence along the edge of the carriageway at Cossington Lane.

## **58. Financial Matters**

The following payments were authorised:-

000900 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
000901 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£1,013.10
000902 BWBSL	allotments water account	£257.67
000903 Post Office Ltd	pavilion electricity account	£153.01
000904 Parish Clerk	expenses	£1,360.55

The Council gave further consideration to the draft Estimates for 2015/16. It was agreed that the Estimates be approved, the precept for 2015/16 be £38,970 less any Council Tax Support Scheme Grant and the Clerk's salary be fixed at £3,400.

It was also agreed to accept a quotation received from A1 Gardening and Tree Surgery Contracts in the sum of £75 per cut for grass cutting and strimming in the Churchyard and Cemetery.

## **59. Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered:-

020 Erection of 45 dwellings, formation of internal estate roads, open space, LAP, community orchard and allotments to the west of Crockers Hill – Newland Homes – recommend permission

It was agreed to consider an update on the Huntspill Energy Park at the next Meeting.

## **60. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon a disappointing attendance at the 2015 Village Hall Committee AGM and consequently there was a need for more volunteers to serve on the Committee. A new door would be fitted in the near future to the Belcher Room.

Helen Baker reported upon the work of Flare and the Job Club. It was agreed to invite some young people to give a presentation to the Parish Council on a project, perhaps to the March meeting. No objection was raised to the possibility of changing the date and time of the Job Club.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman