

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond, Mrs J. Reade, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin and 26 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, M.P. Herbert and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

### **71. Disclosures of Interest**

Mr Chidgey disclosed an interest in matters relating to the B3141 as a resident of Causeway. Mr Sharp disclosed an interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension, Mr Galloway disclosed an interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee and Mrs Reade disclosed an interest in matters relating to the School due to employment.

### **72. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **73. Report of the Police**

PCSO Lora Bray attended the Meeting to discuss three issues at the request of the Parish Council.

With regard to enforcement of the weight restriction along the B3141, it was confirmed that the Road Policing Unit had been tasked to check vehicles. As the Unit had other priorities, the possibility of Speedwatch volunteers being empowered to note details of HGVs breaching the Order was being investigated. An issue relating to the legality of specified construction traffic passing through the restricted section of the road was also being clarified.

Possible provision of a youth shelter was supported. PCSO Lora Bray would further explore the matter involving the young people with Helen Baker. Various sources for funding were being investigated. The site of any shelter would need to be carefully considered.

The problem of parking in Higher Road at School times was discussed. A drop off zone was suggested and it was noted that the Village Hall Car Park was usually available for use by parents. Possible extension of the yellow zig-zag markings, which could be enforced by the PCSO, was put forward and it was agreed that local residents living opposite the School be consulted on this suggestion.

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

County/District Councillor Healey had indicated that the County Council was currently concentrating on flooding issues and that he was opposed to planning application 023. District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no report.

### **75. Big Local Funding**

Helen Baker outlined her work as Community Worker for Woolavington. It was noted that a web-site had been established [www.villagestogether.org.uk](http://www.villagestogether.org.uk) which outlined progress.

### **76. Maintenance Issues**

The County Council had advised that no immediate work was required to the willow trees at Reeds Drive. The health of the conifers in the Lower Playing Field would continue to be monitored. It was agreed to draw up plans to replace the play equipment in the Lower Playing Field to enable grants to be sought, in association with Flare and the Playing Field Association. It was noted that there was considerable support for a dog waste bin at Ham Lane. It could be sited away from houses and there was no known owner of the land. It was agreed to proceed to place an order. It was noted that an Estate Walk had taken place with representatives of the District Council and Housing Associations to discuss

parking and estate management issues around Woolavington Estate. A recent action list by officers had been circulated and a further Estate Walk was scheduled in February. It was noted that Mr Bickers had recently completed various maintenance tasks. It was agreed to raise no objection in principle to possible use of the Sports Field by the School PTA for their summer fair in July.

## **77. Highways Issues**

Numerous highway defects had been reported since the last Meeting. It was agreed to report a defective sewer at the Causeway, a drainage issue in the Tapps Lane area and a timer problem with street lamps in Sedgemoor/Darkfield Way. 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. It was also agreed to request the County Council to mark out the bus stop outside 19 Higher Road and to repaint the disabled bay at Windmill Crescent.

## **78. Finance**

The following payments were authorised:-

000859 G. Bickers	maintenance work	£1,446.75
000860 Greenslades	grass cutting	£897.00
000861 Parish Clerk	expenses	£572.25
000862 Woolavington Village Hall	grant	£2,336.00
000863 Sedgemoor CAB	grant	£100.00
000864 WRAP	grant	£2,000.00
000865 J. Wall	honorarium	£125.00

A bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal controls.

The following quotations were also approved:-

A1 Gardening – grass cutting, churchyard and cemetery - £75.00 + VAT per cut.

Greenslades – grass cutting - £3,140 + VAT per season.

## **79. Community Right to Bid**

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next Meeting to enable Members to read information received that afternoon from Burtle Parish Council.

## **80. Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered:-

023 Erection of 5 wind turbine wind farm with associated infrastructure at Withy End, Causeway – EDF Energy – recommend refusal.

It was noted that a planning application for a wind turbine at Brookhayes Farm, Bell Lane, Cossington had been declared invalid by the District Council.

## **81. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon a review of hire charges and a possible proposal by the District Council to introduce charges for the collection of waste from village halls, which District Councillor Mrs Hamlin undertook to investigate.

Helen Baker presented a report upon the work of Flare and it was agreed to record appreciation of her and her colleagues' work in connection with the organisation.

## **82. Items for Next Agenda**

Woolavington Pavilion – possible extension of facilities.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

