

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The 2015 Annual Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 12th May 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, R. Young (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch and M.P. Herbert.

1. Election of Chairman

Mr A. Sharp was proposed by Mr Chidgey, seconded by Mr Raymond and elected Chairman of the Parish Council for 2015/16. The Chairman signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr M.P. Herbert was proposed by Mr Galloway, seconded by Mr Raymond and elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2015/16.

3. 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 and Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 3rd March and 21st April 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

5. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Members signed declarations of acceptance of office prior to the commencement of the Meeting. It was agreed to extend the deadline for signing declarations to the date of the next Meeting for Members not present.

6. Co-option

Mr R. Preece was co-opted to serve on the Parish Council to fill a vacancy of parish councillor (South Ward). Mr Preece signed a declaration of acceptance of office and joined the Council.

7. Dates of Meetings

The following dates of Meetings during 2015/16 were provisionally agreed:- 30th June, 4th August, 15th September, 27th October, 8th December, 19th January, 1st March & 12th April.

8. Appointments

The following appointments were made:-
Planning Sub Group – Chairman, Vice Chairman, A.J. Chidgey and R.J. Raymond.
Polden Hills Cluster Meetings – Mrs. C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond and A. Sharp.
Woolavington Playing Fields Association – A.J. Chidgey, R.J. Raymond and A. Sharp
Youth Development/ Flare Youth Club Working Party – Mrs S. Chidgey and Mrs C. Galloway
Villages Together – A. Sharp.
Woolavington Village Hall Committee – B.J. Galloway.

9. General Power of Competence

It was resolved that Woolavington Parish Council met the criteria to use the General Power of Competence.

10. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Neither Member was present. It was agreed that the Chairman write to the District/County Councillors to formally request that, if they are unable to attend Parish Council Meetings, they should submit written reports on recent relevant activities and proposed future work/developments which will affect Woolavington.

11. Woolavington Open Day – 6th June 2015.

Mrs Galloway submitted a report on plans being made for the Woolavington Open Day. The Parish Council would be running a table. It was agreed to purchase display boards for use at this and future events.

12. Big Local Funding

Robert Hemms submitted an update on the latest position regarding the Big Local/Villages Together scheme.

13. Maintenance Issues

It was hoped that funding would soon be in place to enable the complete refurbishment of the play equipment in the Lower Playing Field to proceed. It was noted that replacement trees had been planted at Sedgemoor Way. There had been no new instances of fly-tipping. It was also noted that a sewer leak had occurred in the cemetery and that the problem was being rectified by Wessex Water.

14. Highways Issues

It was noted that defects in the “red areas” at Woolavington Hill had been reported to County Highways after a number of concerns from the public. Reference was made to the poor quality of a recent highway reinstatement. It was noted that the pedestrian crossing had recently been refurbished and that the request for a dropped kerb at the Crancombe Lane/Higher Road junction had been placed on the County Council’s waiting list. Reference was made to a recent increase in breaches of the weight restriction by HGVs, possibly arising from a road closure at Basonbridge. It was agreed to request the police to carry out enforcement of the order whenever possible.

15. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

000927 SALC	affiliation fee	£508.98
000928 Zurich Municipal	insurance premium	£1,613.89
000929 GWB Services	grass cutting	£608.00
000930 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
000931 WRAP	grant	£3,000.00
000932 J. Wall	honourarium	£125.00
000933 M. Smith	Big Local printing etc	£425.00
000934 37 Club	Big Local room hire and refreshments	£68.00

16. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider. An update was given on the community right to bid issue at the Prince of Wales. It was agreed to report a possible planning contravention regarding occupation of the holiday units at Hurmans Farm to the planning enforcement officer and to suggest “The Lynhams” or “Newlands” for possible road names at the development off Crockers Hill.

17. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon purchase of a new printer for use at the Village Hall and Helen Baker presented a report upon the work of Flare and youth issues in the village. After discussion, it was agreed to invite a representative of the police to the next Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman

