

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 31st July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, County/District Councillor M Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway and District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin.

27. Declarations of Interest

Mr Herbert left the Meeting during consideration of the planning applications due to being a Member of the District Council's Development Committee.

28. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19th June 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

29. Reports of the County and District Councillors

County/District Councillor Healey reported upon the financial situation of the County Council, youth and adult care together with an update on the new access road to the Huntspill Energy Park. It was noted that use of a garage owned by Homes in Sedgemoor was being investigated and there would be a further public consultation on the LDF in the near future.

30. Anti-Social Behaviour

PC Claire Allan was unable to attend the meeting for operational reasons but had indicated that there had been a reduction in complaints regarding incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Village. It was agreed to thank PC Allan for her work in connection with this issue.

31. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was agreed to accept a quotation submitted by GB Sport and Leisure for maintenance work to the play equipment, principally at Sedgemoor Way, to correct issues identified in the annual safety inspection. It was also agreed to ask Mr Bickers if he could repair the memorial bench in the Lower Playing Field.

32. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill and Higher Road. Councillor Healey agreed to obtain an update on the proposed traffic order to introduce parking restrictions on Woolavington Hill in the vicinity of the Co-op Store.

33. Big Local Funding

The Chairman reported upon a recent meeting of the Big Local/Villages Together Group. It was noted that a new Chairman had been appointed. A new 5-year Plan would be considered and a small grant scheme was now available.

34. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

001076 Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
001077 GWB Services	grass cutting & maintenance work	£819.00
001078 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£446.40
001079 SDC	allotment lease payment	£140.00

A Bank Reconciliation for the period 1st April to 30th June 2018 was checked against the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's financial controls.

35. Planning Issues

The following planning applications were considered:-

007 Change of use and conversion of 2 holiday cottages to permanent dwellings, Watts Cottages, Vicarage Road – G. Watts – confirm recommendation of refusal;

009 Arboricultural work to horse chestnut tree, 12 Higher Road – A. Champion – confirm recommendation of permission;

010 Amendment to conditions to allow revised layout of car park, 42 Woolavington Hill – Co-operative Group Ltd - recommend permission

36. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Bissell reported upon the success of the family treasure hunt together with plans to extend the kitchen area, provide a new disabled toilet and to replace chairs. It was noted that the 2018 Village Show would take place on 18th August.

Helen Baker was on leave but it was agreed to purchase a set of junior goal posts for the sports field which had been requested by older youths and supported by PC Claire Allan. It was understood that grant aid would be available from Villages Together.

Mr Loveless reported upon maintenance work carried out to the local public rights of way with Mike Zobel.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included highway and maintenance issues.