

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 23rd January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 22 members of the public.

67. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Galloway declared interests in matters relating to the Village Hall as members of the Village Hall Committee.

68. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th December 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

69. Anti-Social Behaviour

Reference was made to an increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism caused by a group of teenage youths over the Christmas/New Year period. It was evident that numerous reports of the incidents reported on the 101 system or on line had not registered correctly giving an inaccurate perception of the seriousness of the incidents to the police. Rob Semple, Sedgemoor District Council, undertook to investigate the issues with the incident reporting system and it was suggested that the local Neighbourhood Watch be advised of reported incidents. It was also suggested that the Village Hall CCTV system be upgraded to improve night vision.

The police had been invited to be in attendance at the meeting but no officer was available. It was noted that PC Claire Allan had been appointed Rural Beat Manager for the area to replace PC Jim Murray. The police had also not responded to information regarding a follow up Multi Agency Meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour by certain youths in Woolavington and it was agreed to request PC Allan to address the matter.

70. Proposed Woolavington Pharmacy

It was noted that the Pharmacy Appeals Committee appointed by NHS Resolution had decided to quash the previous decisions of NHS England and, instead, to award a licence to Magna Healthcare for a pharmacy in the former Co-op premises at Windmill Crescent and to refuse a licence for a pharmacy at the surgery in Higher Road.

Ramesh Yadav of Magna Healthcare was present and outlined his plans for a pharmacy at Windmill Crescent including details of services which he intended to provide and answered questions raised by Members and the public.

Issues were raised regarding inaccuracies in the Appeals Committee decision letter, a lack of consultation in the appeals process and the effect the decision would have on dispensing at the local GP Practice. It was noted that the Practice was considering a judicial review. A public meeting held on 18th January had also indicated strong opposition amongst local residents to a pharmacy opening at Windmill Crescent.

71. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon an issue with a resident of Orchard Way which she had taken up with Homes in Sedgemoor.

72. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was agreed to request the County Council to take enforcement action against residents who had failed to maintain their sections of hedgerow and ditch bordering Crancombe Lane despite having received two reminders.

73. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill, Higher Road and Old Mill Road. It was noted that a defective street lamp in Polden Walk required a new lantern section.

74. Big Local Funding

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had been allocated grants towards the cost of improvements to the kitchen area and an upgrade of the disabled access. It was noted that due process had taken place regarding the obtaining of estimates.

75. Sports Field Project

The Chairman gave a brief update on the Sports field project and it was agreed that an outline of the current position be placed on the web-site for information.

76. Financial Issues

The following payments were authorised:-

001051 SDC	sports field lease	£190.00
001052 GWB Services	maintenance work	£443.00
001053 A1 Gardening	work to cemetery trees	£180.00
001054 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001055 V. Hall Committee	grant	£3,000.00

77. Planning Issues

There were no new planning applications to consider.

78. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon forthcoming improvements to the Village Hall, fund raising events and the anticipated return of Kick Boxing sessions.

Helen Baker reported upon good attendance at the Wednesday Youth Club for 8 to 19 year olds and the commencement of a Thursday Youth Club in the pavilion for 11 to 17 year olds with the assistance of workers from the Somerset Rural Youth Project. Young people had delivered of leaflets on behalf of Big Local

The Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman