

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 21st January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, E. Marsh, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk), County/District Councillor M. Healey, District Councillor B. Crow and 2 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey and N. Frith.

71. Declarations of Interest

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

72. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd December 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

73. Reports of the County and District Councillors

County/District Councillor Healey reported upon early discussions regarding the possible formation of unitary authorities, the outcome of the fire service review and also answered questions relating to bus services and highway maintenance. District Councillor Crow reported upon progress with the Gravity site and the start of consultation regarding the River Parrett tidal barrier.

74. Anti-Social Behaviour

PCSO Lora Bray reported upon issues over the Christmas/New Year period. One investigation was on-going. The Housing Associations would be requested to seek deployment of the mobile CCTV camera to cover the green at Windmill Crescent.

75. Maintenance and Highway Issues

Members considered a report on maintenance and highway issues. It was agreed to request the County Council to urgently take action to ensure that the ditch in Crancombe Lane was able to run freely. It was also agreed to endeavour to achieve better maintenance of the millennium garden and to replace the notice board at Edgebury. It was noted that work had commenced on the restoration of the four historic fingerpost signs.

It was agreed to accept a quotation received from J.D. Pope & Sons Ltd to clear ditches in the Sports field and construct a compacted granular stone path around the perimeter.

76. Villages Together

It was noted that the next Meeting would be held on 22nd January.

77. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

001147	GWB Services	maintenance work	£304.80
001148	Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
001149	SDC	lease payment	£190.00
DD	Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£116.92

A bank reconciliation for the period 1st April to 31st December 2019 was checked against the original bank statements and signed by members who do not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal controls.

A new direct debit for the District Council in respect of the provision of a payroll service was agreed and signed.

78. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered

024 Change of use of land to equestrian and formation of horse arena, OS 4181, Ham Lane – Mrs L. New – recommend conditional permission;

It was agreed to attend a further presentation by the Gravity Project Manager to update Members on the development of the site at the 37 Club on 3rd February at 6.00 p.m. This would be a joint presentation with Members of Puriton Parish Council.

79. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported that planning permission had been granted for the proposed new store room and applications were being submitted for grants towards the cost. The 2020 Village Show would be held on 22nd August.

Helen Baker reported upon the Wednesday and Thursday sessions of Flare. Issues regarding use/management of the pavilion would be clarified.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman