

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, County/District Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

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

### **35. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway. Mr Sharp and Mr Raymond disclosed an interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension and Mr and Mrs Galloway declared interests in matters relating to the Village Hall as members of the Village Hall Committee.

### **36. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

County/District Councillor Healey reported upon the highway small improvement scheme, the Henshirl planning application and the Section 106 Agreement relating to the Energy Park. He undertook to find out why the Parish Council had not received any response to their comments regarding the Local Plan Review. District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no report.

### **38. Woolavington Post Office**

It was understood that Stuart Taylor, Post Offices Head of External Relations, was investigating the possibility of the public being able to collect undeliverable post from Woolavington Post Office. Further complaints regarding the service at the Post Office were received and it was agreed to invite Mr Taylor to attend the next Meeting to discuss the issues. Post boxes were under the remit of Royal Mail and it was also agreed to request that an additional post box be located at the Post Office.

### **39. Maintenance Issues**

Villages Together had approved the application for a grant towards the cost of three benches for the Lower Play Area/Higher Road bus stop and an order would now be placed. Repairs to the roof on the northern side of the pavilion to overcome a leak had been completed and the police had been requested to check for young people throwing stones onto the roof during their patrols. It was agreed that any essential repairs would be undertaken to the play equipment at Sedgemoor Way during October. It was also agreed that the trees in the original part of the cemetery be crown lifted to give greater ground clearance. A request had been received for a dog waste bin at Combe Lane and it was agreed, in the first instance, to obtain a plan showing the extent of highway land in the area. A request for a litter bin in the vicinity of the Communal Hall would be made to the District Council.

### **40. Highways Issues**

It was agreed to report specified highway defects, blocked drains, ditches, overgrown hedges and fly-tipping deposits. Defective street lamps at Windmill Crescent and Polden Walk had been reported. It was agreed to seek information upon construction of a pavement in front of the School in Higher Road. County Councillor Healey would investigate provision of a pedestrian crossing outside the Co-op store which would also result in enforceable parking restrictions within the white zig-zag markings and aid highway safety in this area.

#### **41. Big Local Funding**

The Chairman reported that grant applications submitted by the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee had been approved. The Big Local/Villages Together Development Plan would be evaluated and reviewed by June 2018.

#### **42. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payment had been made since the last Meeting:-

0001034 MC Chidgey	work to pavilion roof	£1,791.00
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The following payments were authorised:-

DD	Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£56.42
001035	GWB Services	grass cutting	£605.00
001036	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£334.80
001037	Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001038	WRAP	grant	£2,000.00
001039	Parish Clerk	expenses and sundry payments	£509.87
001040	Grant Thornton	audit fee	£360.00

#### **43. 2016/17 Audit of Accounts**

Grant Thornton UK LLP had completed the audit of the 2016/17 accounts and had concluded that on the basis of their review, in their opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met. The Internal Auditor also had no issues to raise with Members.

#### **44. Planning Issues**

The following planning applications was considered:-

014 Erection of single storey extension, 51 Highcroft – Mr & Mrs N. Thompson – recommend permission;

#### **45. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon the success of the 2017 Village Show, the forthcoming Village Hall AGM, bookings and further refurbishment plans.

Helen Baker had submitted a written report to update the Parish Council on issues relating to Flare.

Mr Beer reported upon forthcoming changes to the Committee of the Residents Association.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman