

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 19th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from R. Darch and J. Dobson.

69. 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, Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee and Mr Herbert took no part in discussions relating to planning applications as a Member of the District Council's Development Control Committee.

70. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th December 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

71. Reports of the County and District Councillors

County/District Councillor Healey reported upon budgetary issues, possible future arrangements for the emergency services, bus service subsidies, a possible partnership between Sedgemoor and South Somerset District Council and the current situation regarding Hinkley Point C and the Huntspill Energy Park. District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon issues relating to hedge cutting and responses to the recent Local Plan consultation.

72. Big Local Funding

Robert Hemms had submitted a written update on the Big Local/Villages Together scheme.

73. Village Nameplate, Causeway

The Council received and considered a revised design for a village nameplate for the Causeway prepared by Arien Designs of Cheddar showing the church at the top and a separate Neighbourhood Watch Area plate. It was agreed that the design be approved without the 30 mph roundels and an order be placed at a total cost, including installation of £370.00. It was also agreed to request the Village Improvements Group to adopt the design for the nameplates at the other main entrances to the village.

74. Sportsfield Projects

Members were informed of the findings of a comprehensive drainage survey paid for by Big Local and an outline of discussions at the first Meeting of the Working Group set up at the last Meeting of the Parish Council to look at options for the development of a wide range of facilities in the Sports field and Pavilion. The ideas would now be developed to form a bid for funding to obtain professional services to produce plans, obtain necessary consents and make bids for grants from various funding streams. It was hoped that a presentation would be made to the Playing Fields Association and Annual Parish Meeting on 12th April 2016.

75. Maintenance Issues

It was noted that a litter bin had been installed in the play area at Higher Road and that arrangements were being made to provide a cctv system to cover the play area and village hall surrounds. It was agreed that elder bushes be removed to improve coverage of the play area. There were no new instances of fly-tipping. A list of winter jobs for Mr Bickers had been compiled.

76. Highways Issues

It was agreed to report a highway defect on the east side of the B3141 opposite the factory access road. It was noted that the B3141 weight restriction was still being breached. It was also agreed to report a problem of mud on road near the entrance to the Newlands development.

77. Financial Matters

The following payments were authorised:-

000963 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
000964 SDC	lease	£190.00
000965 WT & RT Jones	drainage survey	£1,530.00
000966 Village Hall Cttee	grant	£2,830.00
000967 WRAP	grant	£2,000.00

The Council considered and approved a Risk Management Report for 2015/16 and it was agreed to accept a quotation in the sum of £77.00 per cut submitted by A1 Gardening and Tree Surgery Contracts from Axbridge for grass cutting in the Churchyard and Cemetery during the 2016 season.

78. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:-

026 Remove two hedgerows, south of Combe Lane – J. Warren – confirm recommendation of refusal;
027 Variation of condition 1 of 54/14/015 to include composting toilet and revised landscaping, Pyde Drove – WSE Pyde Drove Ltd – no observations.

79. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon the recent AGM of the Village Hall Committee, income from lettings and the development of the library.

Helen Baker submitted a report on the work of Flare, plans for the Belcher Room and ideas of the young people for activities at the Village Show. The Safe and Welcoming Pack was nearing completion with a Village Hall Fire Alarm Test Certificate being required.

A meeting had taken place between the Sub Group and Kirstie Brown had taken place to work up a Youth Strategy and it was noted the detached youth work had commenced. Concern was expressed that neither Helen nor the Parish Council had been contacted/consulted by the Police or Housing Associations regarding issues of anti-social behaviour. It was agreed to express concern to those agencies and also to the Bridgwater Mercury regarding inaccurate reporting.

80. Items for Next Agenda

It was agreed that items relating to a Clean-up Day and a Queen's Birthday Beacon be placed on the agenda for the next Meeting.

81. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 1st March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman

