

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, N. Frith, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, E. Marsh, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

### **50. Declarations of Interest**

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

### **51. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Neither Member was present.

### **53. Anti-Social Behaviour**

PCSO Lora Bray had advised that instances of anti-social behaviour still remained at a low level.

### **54. Maintenance and Highway Issues**

Members considered a report on maintenance and highway issues. It was agreed to request County Highways to pollard the withy trees at Reeds Drive, clear blocked drains at Tapps Lane/Higher Road and to resite temporary 20 mph speed limit signs in the vicinity of the Gravity road works. Various maintenance issues were agreed which would be investigated and added where possible to Gary Bicker's list of winter work.

### **55. Villages Together**

The Chairman reported upon a recent Meeting at which a number of grant applications had been considered.

### **56. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	SDC	bin servicing	£181.28
001132	GWB Services	grass cutting	£716.85
001133	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£223.20
001134	Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001135	PKF Littlejohns	audit fee	£360.00
001136	SW Ambulance Service	defibrillators	£3,360.00
DD	Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£35.72

A bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's financial controls.

The 2019/20 budget would need to be considered at the next Meeting and Members were invited to inform the Clerk of any new items for inclusion.

### **57. 2018/19 Audit of Accounts**

The External Auditors had completed their work on the 2018/19 accounts and had reported that on the basis of their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in their opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

## **58. Planning Applications**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

It was agreed to seek clarification of recent action of the District Council's Enforcement Section in connection with unauthorised vehicular access to land off Reeds Drive. Vehicles gaining access to the land for business purposes were causing serious issues in the area.

The Chairman also reported upon a meeting of the Planning Sub Group with Nick Tait (Service Manager – Policy, Sedgemoor District Council) on Neighbourhood Planning. It was noted that proposed changes to regulations were likely to reduce the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan arising from increased CIL contributions. Use of Section 106 Agreements were again being proposed in respect of major applications. In the circumstances, having regard to the amount of work required and costs involved, it was agreed to take no action in respect of a Neighbourhood Plan for Woolavington.

## **59. Gravity Site**

The Project Manager had invited Members to a presentation on the development of the site at the 37 Club on the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> October. A further public Drop-In Session would be held at the 37 Club on 4<sup>th</sup> December in respect of the Gravity Link Road project.

## **60. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported that the Village Hall AGM would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Work was in progress regarding planning for a new store room.

Helen Baker reported upon the Wednesday and Thursday sessions of Flare. Various people would be undertaking safeguarding and child protection courses. The Dream scheme would be undertaking bulb planting at the Village Hall.

The Chairman also reported upon matters discussed at the recent Joint Sedgemoor Cluster Meeting held at Bridgwater House on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

Matters raised during the public session included defective street lamps.