

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 17th May 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, District/County Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 18 members of the public.

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

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr A. Sharp was proposed by Mr Herbert, seconded by Mr Raymond and elected Chairman of the Parish Council for 2016/17. The Chairman signed a declaration of acceptance of office. Mr M.P. Herbert was proposed by Mr Raymond, seconded by Mrs Galloway and elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2016/17.

2. 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 and Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr Herbert left the meeting during consideration of planning matters as a member of the District Council's Planning Committee.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 1st March and 12th April 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

4. Prince of Wales Site, Woolavington Hill

Melanie Chiswell Brooks (Instinctif) and Gareth Dexter (Co-op Foods) made a presentation on initial plans to relocate the Co-op shop from Windmill Crescent to the former Prince of Wales building. A public consultation exercise was being undertaken before a planning application submitted and views from the public were being sought.

5. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District/County Councillor Healey reported upon the forthcoming County Council Annual Meeting, bus services following the loss of Webberbus Ltd, the Energy Park and an update on "Heart of the South West" devolution plans. He undertook to raise the issue of the County Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport being unwilling to visit Woolavington to discuss highway maintenance issues. Additional charges at Recycling Centres were also discussed. District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon plans to make footpath barriers more accessible for motorised scooters.

6. Big Local Funding

Robert Hemms submitted an update on the latest position regarding the Big Local/Villages Together scheme.

7. Sports Field

Members received an update on the current position regarding the development of sporting, social and recreational facilities at the sports field. Villages Together had agreed to provide matched funding of up to £210,000 towards the cost of the project. It was noted that the youth shelter was scheduled to be installed on 18th May 2016. Mr Herbert reported upon proposed maintenance work at the pavilion and it was agreed to contact WT and RJ Jones regarding reinstatement of their trial trench.

8. Plans

It was agreed to defer consideration of possible methods for implementing and monitoring the progress of items contained in the Parish Council's Plan for 2016/17 until the next Meeting. As Puriton Parish Council had decided not

to sign up to the proposed Woolavington and Puriton Neighbourhood Improvement Agreement it was agreed to take no action regarding the document at this stage.

9. Maintenance Issues

It was understood that the County Council's Flood Risk Officer had visited Crancombe Lane to view the section of ditch in question and his report was awaited. The legality of removal of sections of the hedgerow at this location would be checked. Fly-tipping at Crancombe Lane would be reported. A report was submitted on the Spring Clean event held on 7th May 2016 and the organisers and volunteers were thanked for their work.

10. Highways Issues

It was agreed to arrange for vegetation to be cut back around the new village nameplates and replacement of a road narrows sign at Causeway would be requested.

11. 2015/16 Accounting Statements

The financial statement for 2015/16 and 2015/16 Accounting Statements required by the external auditors were formally approved.

12. Review of Insurance Cover

The Council reviewed their insurance cover for the coming year and confirmed that no amendments were required.

13. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

DD SDC	dog waste bin emptying	£83.62
000977 SALC	affiliation fee	£540.45
000978 Zurich Municipal	insurance premium	£1,694.68
000979 GWB Services	grass cutting	£708.50
000980 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
000981 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£184.80

14. Planning Issues

The following planning applications were considered:-

006 Infilling part of lake, construction of cycle track, installation of mechanical water skiing device and formation of earth bund, Middlemoor Water Park, Causeway – Middlemoor Cable Tow – recommend refusal.

007 & 008LB Erection of single storey extension to south elevation and replacement of roof light with dormer window in north elevation, 9 Lower Road – Mr and Mrs J. Earl – recommend permission.

Following representations received, it was agreed that the Planning Sub Group investigate planning/pollution issues relating to premises at Higher Road and take matters up with appropriate agencies. The Chairman also outlined the need for a Deed of Variation to the S106 Agreement relating to affordable housing at Crockers Hill and reported that discussions had been held with Newlands and the District Council regarding the matter. It was agreed that the document be signed subject to the final text being in accordance with the agreed amendments.

15. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon redecoration of the interior of the building, plans for the Village Show and a request for a directional sign from the crossroads. Helen Baker reported upon Flare being granted Safe and Welcoming status and work being undertaken on the Village Youth Plan. Helen was congratulated upon her achievements.

16. Item for Next Meeting

Police presence in the village

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

