

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 16th September 2014 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.J. Raymond, Mrs J. Reade, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, County/District Councillor M. Healey R. Young (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

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

40. Disclosures 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 Galloway disclosed an interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

41. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th August 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

42. Somerset Care

Sue Norryes, Somerset Care, gave a presentation on care in the community and challenges facing our aging population. She also answered questions raised by Members.

43. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District/County Councillor Healey reported upon issues relating to the B3141 weight restriction, the Health and Well Being grant scheme, communication issues relating to County Highway staff and highway defect repairs. Issues were raised relating to highway safety at the A39/Bower Lane roundabout and the future of the former Sedgemoor Splash/Brewery Field site.

44. Big Local Funding

Helen Baker reported that she was creating profiles of both villages with Tina Ottley to identify needs. The Parish Council would be represented at the Meeting of the Steering Group on 6th October 2014. It was agreed to propose that the Big Local Funding be split 40% for each village with 20% being used for projects which benefit both villages.

45. Maintenance Issues

It was noted quotations were being received from play in respect of the replacement of the play equipment in the Lower Playing Field. A goal/basket ball facility was the top priority and it was agreed to accept a quotation from Sutcliffe Play to enable a RLT3 grant application to be being worked up. It was agreed to contact GB Sport and Leisure regarding the timescale for repairs to the skateboard facility. Gary Bickers would fit sheep wire to the fence in the Lower Playing Field following treatment of wood with preservative. It was agreed to report further fly tipping in Combe Lane.

46. Highways Issues

Reference was made to discussion at the recent Polden Hills Cluster Meeting regarding the outstanding highway items together with the standard of reinstatements:- signs at Church Street (which would involve illumination of certain signs), extension of yellow hatching at Higher Road (which would be provided following surface dressing together with reinstatement of other road markings) and damaged verges at Woolavington Estate (which were a low priority for reinstatement). It was agreed to commence work on the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell in the near future. Breaches of the weight restriction by HGVs were still occurring and it was agreed to log details of offenders for forwarding to the police whenever possible. Work had taken place to the willow trees on highway land at Reeds Drive

and they would be pollarded during the winter. Responsibility for clearance of vegetation obscuring road signs rested with the adjoining land owner.

47. Financial Matters

The following payments were authorised:-

000890 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
000891 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£306.50
000892 Parish Clerk	expenses	£1,173.61

48. Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider.

The Chairman reported upon Meetings of the Planning Sub Committee which had considered issues relating to affordable housing/possible local lettings policy/Newlands development. It was agreed to request an update on the surgery development for the next Meeting.

49. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon the financial success of the Village Show held on 30th August 2014, a need for new people to volunteer to serve on the Village Hall Committee at the 2014 AGM and an unsuccessful outcome of a grant application in respect of plans to install solar panels on the Village Hall roof.

Helen Baker reported upon the work of Flare and the Job Club including difficulty in people being able to use public transport to travel to and from work opportunities.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman