

## **WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, J. Dobson, 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 6 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch.

### **65. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway, Mr Raymond and 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 and Mrs Chidgey, Mr and Mrs Galloway and Mr Herbert declared interests as being registered with the Polden Medical Practice.

### **66. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **67. Proposed Pharmacy, Woolavington**

The Council considered information provided by NHS Primary Care Support England regarding an application from Magna Healthcare Ltd for a licence to operate a NHS Community Pharmacy in the vicinity of Windmill Crescent. At present, there was a dispensary associated with the surgery at Woolavington which provided a service restricted to patients registered with the Polden Medical Practice only.

Dr Andrew Rowling of the Polden Medical Practice spoke against the proposal and stated that the Practice was looking to provide a pharmacy attached to the surgery. Mrs Jacqui Longman, Chairman of the Patients' Participation Group mentioned the implications to patients of the Practice and the potential consequences to services provided if the application was granted.

After a discussion, the Council decided to object to the Magna Healthcare Ltd application. Members recognised that there was a need for a pharmacy in Woolavington but strongly felt that it would be preferable for a pharmacy to be located at the surgery in Higher Road where it could be better integrated with existing services. This would avoid the negative impact which would be experienced by existing patients having to visit separate locations, some distance apart, to obtain a prescription and acquire their medication.

### **68. Reports of the County/District Councillors**

District/County Councillor Healey reported upon issues relating to bus services, the end of the South West One contract and a possible meeting with the County Highways and Transportation Portfolio Holder. District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon proposed changes to refuse and recycling collections.

### **69. Big Local/Villages Together Scheme**

As the Chairman had been unable to attend the last Meeting, Robert Hemms provided an update on the latest position regarding the Scheme.

### **70. Sports Field**

Mr Herbert reported that he was preparing a tender document and specification to engage a project management company to deliver the project.

## **71. Maintenance Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was noted that an inspection cover in the sports field had been repaired by N.A. Haggett, as a matter of urgency, in view of the danger to the public and it was agreed to defer consideration of work to the bus shelter at Lockswell for discussion with Mr Darch.

## **72. Highways Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues. The Planning Sub Group had sought the advice of the County Council's Highways Officer regarding possible work to the barriers on the Edgebury footpath link to make it easier for mobility scooters to negotiate but it was felt that any widening of the gap would create danger to pedestrians by allowing access for motorcycles etc. It was agreed to take no action at the present time but to monitor the situation.

## **73. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

001003	GWB Services	grass cutting & maintenance work	£230.00
001004	Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
001005	W. Stone	hedge cutting & topping	£660.00
001006	Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£909.03

The 2015/16 Audit of Accounts had been finalised. The Internal Auditor had no matters to draw to the attention of the Council. The External Auditors had concluded that on the basis of their review of the annual return, in their opinion the information in the annual return was in accordance with proper practice and no matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. They had pointed out that an extra working day had been given for the public to exercise their rights to inspect the accounts as it was thought that a public holiday would occur in June to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Financial Regulations also needed to be updated (see minute 74)

## **74. Financial Regulations**

The Council agreed to adopt the latest NALC model Financial Regulations, a copy of which had been circulated to Members.

## **75. Estimates for 2017/18**

The Council considered the Estimates for 2017/18. It was agreed that the Estimates be approved and the precept for 2017/18 be £42,544 less any Council Tax Support Grant.

## **76. Planning Issues**

It was noted that planning application 014 relating to Middlemoor Equestrian had been withdrawn. There were no new planning applications to consider. The Chairman reported upon a meeting with District Council Management Officers regarding the allocation of affordable housing units at the Newlands development and clarification was currently awaited on issues raised. It was noted that consultation on the next stage of the LDF/Local Plan review would commence in January.

## **77. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon the Village Hall AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> November and outlined the work of the Committee and accounts during the past year. It was reported that the 2017 Village Show would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Helen Baker introduced Les Riddle, the new Youth Support Worker and outlined plans for Flare during 2017 and the development of the Youth Plan.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman

