

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 20th September 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey(Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, District and County Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from Mrs J. Reade and A. Sharp.

40. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Chidgey declared personal interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway and Mr and Mrs Galloway declared personal interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee.

41. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th August 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

42. Puriton Energy Park

Stuart Houlet, Sedgemoor District Council gave a presentation on Stage 2 Consultation relating to Puriton Energy Park. A summary of the Supplementary Planning Document was distributed and it was noted that a Workshop would be held in the Village Hall on 21st September 2011.

43. Somerset Rural Youth Project

John Stow, Director of Services, Somerset Rural Youth Project, gave a presentation on the work of his organisation which comprised, principally, targeted support for the 14-19 age range and youth and community work. They were unable to run youth clubs but could support initiatives. It was stressed that it was hoped that they might work better with the Woolavington Rural Youth Project to mutual benefit in the future and it was noted that they planned a music project in Woolavington.

44. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Councillor Healey reported upon highway issues in the Bridgwater area and a delay in installing traffic light controls at Silverfish. It was agreed to raise the issue at the next Cluster Meeting. He also reported that John Holman was the new Chief Executive of Homes in Sedgemoor. Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon a review of the Parliamentary Constituency boundaries, the draft proposals of which showed Woolavington in the Wells Constituency. It was agreed to raise objection on geographical grounds.

45. Woolavington Postal Sorting Office

It was agreed to write to the solicitor to seek an update on the current situation regarding reimbursement by Royal Mail.

46. Maintenance Issues

In Touch with Communities were currently building the new web-site and the Clerk would be receiving training on 23rd September 2011. Minor works required to the swings at Sedgemoor Way would be undertaken in the near future. The Playing Fields Association were working up a grant application to replace the old climbing frame at Sedgemoor Way with a modern climber. It was agreed to accept a quotation in the sum of £350 from S. Pople for works to the Village Hall hedge and a quotation from Sedgemoor District

Council in the sum of £1,740 for works to the eastern hedge at the Sportsfield. It was also agreed to accept a quotation in the sum of £147.23 from the District Council for supplying and fixing a dog waste bin at the Crancombe Lane entrance to the Sportsfield and £2.68 per week for servicing it. It was further agreed to accept a quotation from S. Collard in the sum of £600 plus materials for internal painting in the pavilion. It was also noted that remedial works would be required to the pavilion roof flashings and fan openings.

47. Highways Issues

A number of road defects had been reported since the last Meeting and had been repaired. East Huntspill Parish Council were still identifying businesses which would need exemptions from the Weight Restriction Order and, in view of public concerns in Woolavington, it was agreed to ask them to expedite the matter. The grit bin would be delivered in October. It was agreed to raise no objection to a public path diversion order in respect of BW37/8 in the vicinity of the former chapel to correct an error on the definitive map. A response was awaited from Puriton Parish Council regarding a Joint Meeting to discuss highway issues. Mr Herbert reported that he had represented the Council at a Meeting arranged by the MP on 14th September 2011 to consider highway issues in the Bridgwater area relating to the proposals for Hinkley Point C. It was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting be circulated to Members when received.

48. Correspondence from the Public

It was noted that correspondence had been received from G. Lockley relating to his interpretation of predetermination and issues relating to consultation regarding the possible development of land to the south of Woolavington.

The Council also considered a letter to the Monitoring Officer from F. Bearryman relating to issues at the Special Meeting held on 28th April 2011, the initial response of the Chairman and Clerk to the Monitoring Officer and a further letter to the Monitoring Officer from Mr Bearryman dated 24th August 2011. Mr Bearryman was present and Members explained the circumstances surrounding the issues which he had raised.

49. Accounts for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

000734 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£756.00
000735 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00
000736 S. Banham	gardening	£145.00
000737 D. Manley	grass cutting	£480.00
000738 Glasdons	seat	£925.11
000739 Parish Clerk	expenses	£299.59
000740 Spiller	pavilion keys	£64.20
000741 J. Wall	honorary	£125.00

50. Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider.

51. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported that the Village Show held on 27th August 2011 had resulted in a profit in excess of £1,000 for Village Hall funds.

52. Public Question Time/Items for Next Agenda

It was agreed that Public Question Time be held before the formal Parish Council Meeting was opened in future and that the issue of raising greater public awareness of Meetings and venues be placed on the agenda of the next Meeting.

53. Confidential Information

It was agreed to request the press and public to leave the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that it would involve the disclosure of information defined as exempt by para 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

54. Cemetery Extension Landscaping

The Council considered four quotations for landscaping work in the extension to the cemetery. It was agreed that the lowest quotation received from Sedgemoor District Council be accepted, subject to clarification regarding replacement of failed plants.

55. Community Fund

Mr Herbert put forward a suggestion for consideration by the Parish Council.

The Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Chairman

Issues raised during public question time included issues at the sports field and communication.