

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch, J. Dobson, M.P. Herbert and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

### **27. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Galloway declared interests in matters relating to Woolavington Village Hall as Members of the Village Hall Committee.

### **28. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

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

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no specific issues to report relating to the work of the District Council but, following a question raised, a discussion ensued on the future operation of the Drainage Board.

### **30. Anti-Social Behaviour**

PC Claire Allan indicated that there continued to be a reduction in complaints regarding incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Village. Issues relating to the monthly Drop-in Sessions and the formation of a Dreamscheme were discussed. Reference was made to a restructuring of Neighbourhood Policing in Somerset West which would result in the beat managers being pooled into three hubs at Bridgwater, Taunton and Williton. The PCSOs would become the main point of contact for the local area. It was agreed to express concern at this proposed new arrangement to the Somerset West LPA Commander.

### **31. Maintenance Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. GB Sport and Leisure had advised that the cradle seats also needed to be replaced on the swings at Sedgemoor Way and it was agreed that this work be carried out. Mr Bickers was able to repair the memorial bench in the Lower Playing Field. It was also agreed to consider removal of various items in a "den" under the conifers in the Lower Playing Field.

### **32. Highways Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill and Higher Road. It was noted that the Highways Officer was now processing the proposed traffic order to introduce parking restrictions on Woolavington Hill in the vicinity of the Co-op Store.

### **33. Big Local Funding**

The Chairman reported upon a recent meeting of the Big Local/Villages Together Group. It was noted that a new Chairman had been appointed and that a new 5-year Plan was being discussed.

### **34. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

001080 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001081 GWB Services	grass cutting & maintenance work	£901.50
001082 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£111.60
001083 PFK Littlejohn LLP	audit fee	£240.00
001084 K. Jackson	honarium	£100.00
001085 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£784.70
DD Total Gas & Power	pavilion account	£82.51

### **35. 2017/18 Audit of Accounts**

The External Auditors had completed their work on the 2017/18 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 is 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.

### **36. Planning Issues**

The following planning application was considered:-

014 Replacement extension, 12 Meadway – J. Alexander - recommend permission

It was agreed that the Planning Sub Group be granted delegated authority to respond on behalf of the Parish Council to a consultation on proposed amendments to the draft Sedgemoor Local Plan following examination by an inspector.

### **37. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon the success of the 2018 Village Show which resulted in a profit of £1,397. Work was now underway on the extension of the kitchen.

Helen Baker report upon a proposed relaunch of Flare with a new logo. Staffing assistance was being sought from the Somerset Rural Youth Project but support from Somerset County Council would shortly cease

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included the former Co-op premises and maintenance issues.