

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 27th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

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

79. Declarations of Interest

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

80. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

81. Anti-Social Behaviour

PC Claire Allan was in attendance with PCSO Anusia Rourke and introduced herself as the new Rural Beat Manager for the area to replace PC Jim Murray. Reference was made to a recent increase in anti-social behaviour caused by a group of teenage youths including a particular problem to users of the Village Hall. PC Allan advised that she was taking the issue on board and outlined measures which could be taken, including preventative action in schools. People were encouraged to report incidents on the 101 system or 999 if warranted. It was also suggested that the Village Hall CCTV system be upgraded and extended.

PC Claire Allan undertook to arrange a further Multi Agency Meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour by certain youths in Woolavington and also to provide an update at the next Meeting.

82. Proposed Woolavington Pharmacy

It was noted that the Parish Council had written to the Chief Executive of the District Council stating that it was felt that the former Co-op premises at Windmill Crescent could be put to better community use than the proposed pharmacy. There was an urgent need to formulate a robust proposal and it was agreed that a meeting between all stakeholders be held in the Village Hall on 6th March to give detailed consideration to the matter.

83. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no report to make.

84. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was agreed to arrange for the entrance to the Lower Play Area nearest the Village Hall to be tarmacked in the spring.

85. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill, Higher Road, Church Street and Old Mill Road. It was agreed to request County Highways to refurbish the pedestrian crossing.

86. Big Local Funding

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had been allocated additional matched funding towards the cost of equipment for the new kitchen area. A small grant scheme was under consideration for local organisations.

87. Sports Field Project

The Chairman gave a brief update on the current position regarding the Sports field project.

88. Financial Issues

The following payments were authorised:-

001056	GWB Services	maintenance work	£928.00
001057	Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001058	Parish Clerk	expenses and sundry payments	£379.46

89. Risk Management Report and Statement of Internal Control

The Council considered and approved a Risk Management Report and Statement of Internal Control for 2017/18.

90. Planning Issues

The following planning application was considered.

002 Erection of dwelling and 2 parking spaces, 20 Highcroft – Miss C. Rigby – recommend refusal

91. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon forthcoming improvements to the Village Hall kitchen, risk assessments and health and safety procedures and increased security measures.

Helen Baker reported upon the commencement of a Thursday Youth Club in the pavilion with the assistance of workers from the Somerset Rural Youth Project. Les Riddle had tendered his resignation as Assistant Youth Worker with his last day of work on 28th February.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman