

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 8th November 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey(Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, Mrs J. Reade, A. Sharp, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson and District and County Councillor M. Healey.

The Meeting observed a minutes silence in memory of Malcolm Beacham who tragically died on 4th November 2011.

63. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Chidgey declared personal interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway, Mr and Mrs Galloway declared personal interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee and Mr. Herbert declared a personal interest in planning application 019.

64. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 20th September and 17th October 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

65. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon the new Somerset Waste Strategy.

66. Affordable Housing Site, Higher Road

Mary Chorley, Sedgemoor District Council gave an update on the current position regarding the affordable housing site at Higher Road. It was noted that the development would be known as Lavers Close in honour of Roger and Christine Lavers. It was agreed to publicise information regarding applying for accommodation.

67. Puriton Energy Park

It was noted that BAE Systems planned to hold a 3 day public consultation event at 37 Club from 17th to 19th November 2011 on their plans for the future of their site. Members received a preview of the event prior to the Meeting.

68. Cemetery Extension

It was noted that the landscaping work was due to be completed by 30th November depending upon weather conditions. The District Council would also be carrying out some maintenance work in the churchyard and would be planting a field maple in the cemetery in memory of Roger Lavers. It was agreed to provide a plaque for this tree. The Chairman would trim vegetation in the extension when ground conditions were suitable and it was noted that some reseeding was likely to be necessary.

69. Venues/Additional Publicity for Meetings

It was agreed to accept an offer from Woolavington Neighbourhood Watch to circulate agenda of meetings on their information system, to investigate display of Agenda in two further locations and to hold two meetings during the summer of 2012 in the Pavilion.

70. Woolavington Postal Sorting Office

It was noted that the solicitor was seeking reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by the Village Hall Committee from Royal Mail.

71. Maintenance Issues

The new web-site had been launched and was now being populated. It was agreed to submit grant applications to replace the old climbing frame at Sedgemoor Way with a modern climber. Quotations were being obtained. The District Council had supplied and fixed a dog waste bin at the Crancombe Lane entrance to the Sportsfield. Work to the Sportsfield and Village Hall hedges were awaited. The internal painting in the pavilion was likely to be carried out in December and Eugene Green would undertake remedial works to the pavilion roof flashings and fan openings. Mr Zobel had reported that the local rights of way were all in good order and it was agreed to thank him and Mr Loveless for their work in connection with the rights of way.

72. Highways Issues

A number of road defects had been reported since the last Meeting and had been repaired. A blocked drain and defective street lights would be reported. East Huntspill Parish Council had identified businesses which would need exemptions from the Weight Restriction Order and a Joint Meeting would be held with Highway Officers with a view to expediting a new Order. The grit bin had been delivered. A supply of bags of salt had also been obtained. It was agreed to attend a Joint Meeting with representatives of Bawdrip and Puriton Parish Councils to consider highway issues in the area.

73. HM the Queen – Diamond Jubilee 2012

It was noted that a Diamond Jubilee Open Gardens Event was planned on 10th June 2012 in aid of the Village Hall. It had also been suggested that a commemorative bench be purchased for the corner of Higher Road and Woolavington Hill. Possible enhancement of the old milk stage at Reeds Drive was also put forward. Details of other ideas/possible events to mark the Jubilee would be sought via the web-site

74. Accounts for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

000745 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00
000746 S. Banham	gardening	£138.00
000747 D. Manley	grass cutting	£400.00
000748 Mark Parish Council	grit bin	£123.25
000749 Parish Clerk	paint etc.	£250.15
000750 CRM	web-site	£454.79

A budget monitoring statement and bank reconciliation as at 30th September 2011 was approved and confirmed and the original bank statements were inspected. Preliminary consideration was also given to the Estimates for 2012/13.

75. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered:-

019 retention of 3 roof lights in east elevation, Hurmans Cottages, Vicarage Road – Miss M.M. Watts – recommend permission.

An update was given on the Henshirl application and it was agreed that Mr. Herbert speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Development Control Committee, if necessary. Mr. Raymond reported upon his attendance at a Community Forum at Yatton regarding National Grid's proposals for a new power line.

76. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Mundell reported that a new booking secretary was urgently required for the Village Hall and the Committee were planning work to the flat roof. Mr Raymond reported that the Neighbourhood Watch coffee morning would be held on 12th November 2011.

77. Items for Next Agenda

It was agreed that highway safety issues in the Lockswell area and community speedwatch be placed on the agenda of the next Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman

Issues raised during public question time included issues at the web-site and road safety.