

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, County/District Councillor M. Healey and 2 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from M.P. Herbert.

### **52. 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 and Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee.

### **53. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

District/County Councillor Healey reported upon issues relating to bus services, parking enforcement, temporary traffic management arrangements in Bridgwater, the Huntspill Energy Park and the Somerset Waste Partnership. It was agreed to explore possible joint meetings with other parish councils in the County Division to consider co-ordinated approaches on issues such as bus services, highway maintenance and the Somerset Waste Partnership permit scheme at recycling centres.

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

As the Chairman had been unable to attend the last Meeting, there was no update on the latest position regarding the Scheme.

### **56. Sports Field**

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

### **57. Village Plan 2016/17**

Members reviewed progress on the actions contained in Priority 4 – Supporting Community Life. It was suggested that consideration be given to communicating via social media to engage with young people. It was agreed that this might be an item for the Youth Council to explore as a project.

### **58. Maintenance Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was noted that the County Council had served notice on 19 riparian owners to clear their sections of ditch at Crancombe Lane. It was agreed to report fly-tipping at the Causeway and Mr Chidgey undertook to investigate possible removal of the bus shelter at Lockswell.

### **59. Highways Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues. The Planning Sub Group would give detailed consideration to possible work to the barriers on the Edgebury footpath link to make it easier for mobility scooters to negotiate but still provide a barrier for motorcycles etc. It was also agreed to again report a pothole at Vicarage Road, parked vehicles causing obstruction at the Old Mill Road/Windmill Crescent junction and to arrange for vegetation to

be cut back at the drain footpath. Councillor Healey also undertook to investigate illogical road naming/numbering at the Newlands development with the District Council.

## **60. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

000998 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£184.80
000999 GWB Services	grass cutting & maintenance work	£790.00
001000 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001001 GB Sport & Leisure	repairs to swings, Sports field	£291.24
001002 S. Banham	gardening	£406.25

A bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's financial controls.

The 2017/18 budget would need to be considered at the next Meeting and Members were invited to inform the Clerk of any new items for inclusion.

## **61. Planning Issues**

It was agreed to confirm recommendations of permission in respect of 012 Use of land to site a mobile shepherd's hut to be used as a farm shop, 5 School Lane – S. Hares and 013 Erection of extension and replacement garage, 9 Southfield Close – P. Furlong. There were no new planning applications to consider. The Chairman reported upon the latest position regarding the Newlands development and the operation of the “modernised” post office at Windmill Crescent. It was agreed to continue to monitor the operation of the post office.

## **62. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported that the Village Hall AGM would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November and that the public address system had been upgraded and equipment had been pat tested. Helen Baker reported upon the appointment of a new Youth Support Worker and plans to expand Flare with an additional group based in the pavilion in the near future. An update on the operation of the Club was outlined together with plans to hold a Youth Council meeting and the development of the Youth Plan. Helen was congratulated upon her Chairman of the County Council's Award for community service.

## **63. Confidential Information**

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

## **64. Staffing Issues**

Members considered issues relating to the staffing of the Flare Youth Club. It was agreed to request the District Council to carry out a Payroll Service for the two members of staff, on behalf of the Parish Council, which had hitherto been the responsibility of the WRAP Management Committee. It was agreed that one member of staff would be the Community Youth Worker – 11 hours per week at a specified rate and the other the Youth Support Worker – 7 hours per week at a specified rate.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

