

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, County & District Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from Mrs S. Chidgey, J. Dobson, R. Darch and Mrs J. Reade.

### **20. Declarations of Interest**

Mr Chidgey disclosed an interest in matters relating to the B3141 as a resident of Causeway, Mr Sharp disclosed an interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension and Mr Galloway disclosed an interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

### **21. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

### **22. Village Agent**

Yvonne Kay, Village Agent for the area, employed by the Community Council for Somerset, gave a brief outline of her role to provide people in Somerset's rural communities with easier access to information and services.

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

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon grass cutting, tree preservation orders, Czech visitors and EU funding for Rural Tourism in Somerset. County/District Councillor Healey reported upon matters relating to Hinkley Point, continuation of the Health and Well Being Fund, the Huntspill Energy Park and the County Leader and Chief Executive expressing a wish to meet Parish Councils.

### **24. Big Local Funding**

It was noted that a Working Group had met but no information had been forthcoming. It was agreed to seek an update of the current position from Julian Mellor.

### **25. Maintenance Issues**

Mr D. Aggett, Sedgemoor District Council had inspected the conifers in the Lower Playing Field and a quotation for safety work and for topping the trees in the autumn and also for work to the Utteridge memorial tree in the Cemetery was awaited. The shrubs in the millennium garden had been pruned. The memorial bench had been nearly completed. The District Council had agreed to increase the frequency of grass cutting at Higher Road. Repairs were being carried out to the climber at Sedgemoor Way and it was agreed to carry out any urgent repairs identified in the annual inspection. A scheme to update the play equipment in the Lower Playing Field would be worked up over the next 18 months.

### **26. Highways Issues**

A number of road defects had been repaired since the last Meeting. It was agreed to report a sub standard repair on Woolavington Hill and to monitor further defects. The one-way street signs at Church Street would be rectified by the Highways Authority. The School was willing to be involved with the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell. The police had been requested to enforce the weight restriction along the B3141 and it was also agreed to write to certain companies who regularly breached the Order to clarify the official interpretation of the restriction. It was also agreed to report vehicles being regularly parked in close proximity of the pinch point on the Hill and to seek a meeting with appropriate agencies in an endeavour to seek a solution to parking problems on Woolavington Estate.

## **27. Parish Plan 2013/14**

Members considered a draft Parish Plan for 2013/14, copies of which had been circulated. It was agreed to adopt the Plan subject to minor textual amendment relating to the Huntspill Energy Park.

## **28. Accounts for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

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| 000840 G. Bickers   | grass cutting | £523.00   |
| 000841 Parish Clerk | expenses      | £1,069.26 |

## **29. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered:-

008 Variation of condition 13 of 54/11/006, Higher Road – SHAL Housing Ltd – recommend permission.

42/13/010 - Energy Park and associated works, former ROF site – BAE Systems – detailed response agreed for submission to the District Council.

It was also agreed to investigate issues relating to possible non-compliance with a condition attached to planning permission 54/12/014 and to authorise the Vice Chairman to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the District Council Development Control Committee in respect of application no 54/13/006 & 007LB.

## **30. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon receipt of the new tables, work to the back room, roof and improvements to the front entrance of the Village Hall.

Helen Baker and Jan Froud submitted a report on the work of WRAP, now known as Flare and members congratulated them upon the continued success of their work.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

No matters were raised during public question time.