

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 12th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin and 12 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, J. Dobson and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

75. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Galloway declared interests in matters relating to Woolavington Village Hall as Members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr Herbert left the Meeting during consideration of Minute 86 as a Member of the District Council's Development Committee.

76. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd January 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

77. Montana Scaffolding

Jo Fryer, Planning Consultant and Alan Clark, Director of Montana Scaffolding, gave a short pre-application presentation on proposals for 35 ground based self-storage units in the form of 20ft shipping containers to be sited to the north of the existing buildings and accessed by a new hard-surfaced driveway. The units would be available for rent by the public and small businesses with operating hours of 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. In response to questions, Mr Clark undertook to provide additional screening and a condition of hire to prevent storage of hazardous materials. A planning application was likely to be submitted in the near future.

78. Wainhomes

Mark Crosby, Director, Consensus Communications Ltd gave feedback following the pre-application consultation carried out into the possible development of land to the south of the village for up to 175 new homes. A need for improvements to the B3141/A39 junction was the main issue raised and an illustrative junction plan showing traffic light controls was submitted. This would be the subject of detailed discussions with the Highway Authority.

79. Higher Road Bus Shelter (north side)

It was agreed to defer consideration of painting a mural on the shelter until the next Meeting.

80. Anti-Social Behaviour

PCSO Kim Wrixon was in attendance and gave an update on statistics relating to reports of anti-social behaviour. It was stressed that people should report all instances on the 101 service to enable accurate statistics to be compiled.

81. Sportsfield Project

The Chairman gave an update on work to identify options for the way forward for improving the sports, leisure and community facilities in the Sports field following the feasibility study carried out by Allen Construction Consultancy Ltd. Further Meetings of the Working Group would be held with a view to making recommendations to the Playing Fields Association and this Council.

82. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was agreed to consider the renewal of the noticeboard at Edgebury.

83. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues. It was noted that the enforcement of the parking restrictions on Woolavington Hill in the vicinity of the Co-op Store rested with wardens employed by the County Council. Anonymous letters had been received regarding the parking of commercial vehicles in a parking bay at Broadlawn which was not illegal and it was agreed to report branches of a tree overhanging the carriageway at Higher Road.

84. Big Local Funding

The Chairman reported that the Big Local/Villages Together Group had ratified their Plan and a Project Worker was now in post. A grant of £1,000 had been made to the Flare Youth Club towards the cost of equipment.

85. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

001102 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001103 GWB Services	maintenance work	£460.50
001104 W. Stone	hedge cutting	£840.00
001105 K. Jackson	honourarium	£100.00
001106 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£382.93
DD Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£174.41

86. Planning Issues

The following new planning application was considered:-

003 Erection of house to the east of 8 Elm Lane and formation of access – Mr & Mrs N. Haggett – recommend refusal.

87. Pharmacy Arrangements Update

The Council considered the latest position regarding the recent changes to the pharmacy arrangements. It was felt that the local Patients Participation Group were the best body to investigate and rectify any failings in the system. They would have the time and knowledge to investigate issues in detail.

88. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon the refurbishment of the floor in the main hall, improvements to Belcher Room toilet facilities and a proposed Jumble Sale on 6th April. Revised hire charges would come into effect on 1st June.

Helen Baker reported upon the operation of the Wednesday and Thursday sessions of the Flare Youth Club. A service level agreement had been entered into with Young Somerset to provide staffing support and there was a need to focus more on the over 11 age group on Wednesdays.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included work to provide new gateposts in the Sports field and possible changes to the bus service.

