

## **WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- M.P. Herbert (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, County/District Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch, J. Dobson, Mrs J. Reade and A. Sharp.

### **50. Disclosures of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway and Mr Galloway disclosed an interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

### **51. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman as a correct record.

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

District/County Councillor Healey reported upon issues relating to the County Council's Young People's Service, a further appeal relating to the proposed Huntspill Wind Farm and the B3141 weight restriction. District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon a Bridgwater Northern Gateway development scheme at Bristol Road, Dunball. Issues were raised relating to consultation regarding a review of the Core Strategy/Local Development Framework.

### **53. Jessops Store**

A report was submitted on recent public meetings called to investigate the possibility of running Jessops Store as a community shop following the retirement of the current proprietor at the end of the year. A further meeting would be held on 4<sup>th</sup> November to ascertain the number of volunteers willing to serve on a committee and/or work in the store.

### **54. Community Development Issues, South Ward**

A report was submitted upon action recently taken to reduce anti-social behaviour. At a recent public meeting, the District Council/Housing Associations were now concentrating on community support issues and it was agreed to inform the District Council that Helen Baker/Flare Youth Group should be more closely involved.

### **55. Big Local Funding**

Helen Baker reported that Vista had ceased trading and she was no longer working as Community Worker. It was agreed that she be nominated as a Woolavington representative on the Steering Group. The Parish Council would be represented at the Meeting of the Steering Group on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. It was agreed to again propose that the Big Local Funding be split 40% for each village with 20% being used for projects which benefit both villages.

### **56. Maintenance Issues**

It was noted the Flare Youth Group had been consulted on schemes received from play equipment providers in respect of the replacement of the play equipment in the Lower Playing Field. A Scheme received from Sutcliffe Play costing up to £68,095.00 was chosen and it was agreed to accept this quotation and proceed to submit grant applications and seek other funding opportunities towards the cost. Grant applications had been submitted in respect of the proposed goal/basket ball facility. GB Sport and Leisure had completed the repairs to the skateboard facility. Gary Bickers would fit sheep wire to the fence in the Lower Playing Field following treatment of wood with preservative and other winter maintenance work was being identified for Mr Bickers.

## **57. Highways Issues**

It was noted that the extension of yellow hatching at Higher Road had now been completed. Other highway items discussed at the recent Polden Hills Cluster Meeting together with the standard of reinstatements:- signs at Church Street (which would involve illumination of certain signs), provision of a bus stop flag at Higher Road and damaged verges at Woolavington Estate (which were a low priority for reinstatement) were still outstanding. It was agreed to commence work on the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell in the near future. Breaches of the weight restriction by HGVs were still occurring and it was agreed to log details of offenders for forwarding to the police whenever possible. It was also agreed to report highway defects at Reeds Drive and missing white lines at Higher Road/Puriton Road and seek information on provision of the bus shelter outside the new surgery.

## **58. Financial Matters**

The following payments were authorised:-

DD SDC	dog waste bin emptying	£167.23
000893 Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
000894 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£532.90
000895 GB Sport & Leisure	maintenance work, skate park	£1,065.60
000896 J. Wall	honourarium	£125.00
000897 SDC	arboricultural work	£2,106.00

A Bank Reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 was checked against the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal financial controls.

It was noted that the Estimates for 2015/16 would soon need to be prepared and Members were requested to inform the Clerk of any new items for possible inclusion.

## **59. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications had been received:-

015 Amendment of condition 3 of planning permission 54/13/010 to change the date of decommissioning from 25 years to 35 years, Pyde Drove – Cleomedes Energy Ltd;

016 Extensions and remodelling including roof alterations and new shop front to facilitate permitted change of use from public house to retail convenience store, alterations to vehicular access and parking layout, landscaping and associated works, Prince of Wales, 42 Woolavington Hill – Box Property Group.

As there was doubt regarding the current status of 015 and 016 had only been received that day, it was agreed that both applications be referred to the Planning Sub Committee for detailed consideration and the Clerk be granted delegated authority to forward their comments to the District Council.

It was understood that the new surgery would open on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and that an open day would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **60. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon the forthcoming Village Hall Committee AGM, development of the library and improvements to the internet speed.

Helen Baker reported upon the work of Flare and the Job Club including fund raising activities towards the cost of new equipment for Flare.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman