

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 19th June 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 47 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

15. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr Herbert left the Meeting during consideration of the planning application due to being a Member of the District Council's Development Committee.

16. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th May 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no report to make but Mr Herbert provided an update upon development issues in the Bridgwater area.

18. Proposed Woolavington Pharmacy

Following the decision of the District Council to grant a lease of the former Co-op premises at Windmill Crescent to Magna Healthcare to operate a pharmacy, it was understood that some work had commenced on the premises.

19. Anti-Social Behaviour

PC Claire Allan had submitted a detailed written report on recent incidents together with an update on work being undertaken to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Village. It was agreed to thank PC Allan for her report and for her work in connection with this issue.

20. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was noted that further work had been carried out to the entrance to the Lower Play Area but consideration might need to be given to providing tarmac to the slope in due course.

21. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill, Higher Road and Church Street. It was agreed to request that a sign at Church Street be cleaned and, subject to more details being available, to report a driver regularly exceeding the speed limit in Higher Road.

22. Big Local Funding

Helen Baker reported upon a recent meeting of the Big Local/Villages Together Group. It was noted that a worker had been appointed to assist with and support the development and delivery of projects and a small grant scheme was now available.

23. 2017/18 Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor had completed the internal audit for 2017/18 and had no issues to raise with Members.

24. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

001067 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001068 GWB Services	grass cutting	£1,031.50
001069 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£223.20
001070 Coomber Security Systems	CCTV	£3,270.00
001071 NA Haggett (Builders) Ltd	work to path	£1,860.00
001072 SALC	affiliation fee & course fee	£615.64
001073 K. Jackson	honourarium	£100.00
001074 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£586.57
001075 WRAP	grant	£3,000.00
DD Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£89.37

25. Planning Issues

The following planning application was considered:-

008 Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 145 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and formation of vehicular access, north of Cossington Lane – Gladman Developments Ltd - recommend refusal.

26. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon a forthcoming family treasure hunt together with plans to extend the kitchen area and toilets and to replace chairs. It was noted that there had been a reduction of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Village Hall.

Helen Baker reported upon the work of the Wednesday and Thursday sections of the Flare Youth Club. It was agreed that Helen's post be renamed Youth and Community Officer and a "uniform" be provided.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included highway issues.