

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 25th November 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: A. Sharp (Chairman), R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R Young (Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond and Mrs J. Reade.

61. Disclosures of Interest

Mr Darch disclosed an interest in planning application 014 as a relative of the applicant and did not vote thereon.

62. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:-

014 Erection of dwelling, 1 Hectorstones – Mrs J. Haggett – recommend permission;
017 Demolition of single storey extension and erection of a pair of semi-detached houses, formation of parking and access, 23 Lower Road – P.T. Brandon – recommend refusal;
019 Crown thin and reduce sycamore tree by 35%, 7 The Drive – J. Matthews – recommend permission.

63. Review of Cemetery Charges

Members reviewed the cemetery charges which had last been revised two years ago. A schedule of charges in force in other Sedgemoor Parishes was submitted for consideration. It was agreed that the charges be increased by 10% rounded to the nearest £5 with effect from 1st January 2015.

64. Budget for 2015/16

Members gave preliminary consideration to the budget for 2015/16. The budget would be finalised at the December Meeting.

65. Accounts for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

000898 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
000899 WRAP (Flare)	grant	£3,000.00

66. Possible Withdrawal of 102 Bus Service – Bridgwater – Weston-super-Mare

The County Council were currently consulting on plans to withdraw the 102 bus service as part of a cost cutting exercise. If approved, the service would be discontinued from May 2015. It was noted that this would make travel by public transport to Highbridge and Burnham on Sea very difficult and would particularly affect elderly and more vulnerable people and those who relied on the service to travel to work. It was agreed to raise objection to the plans to withdraw this bus service and to seek details of the figures used to justify their proposal from the County Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed in public question time related to Super Fast Broadband

