

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Pavilion, Sedgemoor Way, Woolavington on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 13 members of the public.

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

14. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway, Mr Sharp and Mr Raymond disclosed an interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension and 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 planning matters as a member of the District Council's Planning Committee and also as Vice Chairman of the District Council.

15. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th May 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon meetings of the Drainage Board. Mr Herbert reported that the Section 106 Agreement for the Energy Park had been finalised and work on Junction 23 was due to commence in September.

17. Sports Field

Mr Herbert reported that work was nearing completion on preparation of a tender document to appoint a Project Manager to develop the first phase of the scheme to extend and improve the sporting and recreational facilities in the Sports field.

18. Maintenance Issues

It was agreed to apply to Villages Together for a grant towards the cost of three benches for the Lower Play Area/Higher Road bus stop. Arrangements were being made for patch repairs to the roof on the northern side of the pavilion to overcome a leak and to clear mud from the pavilion drains. A number of abandoned vehicles had been removed from Woolavington Estate.

19. Highways Issues

There were no new highway defects to report and all instances of fly-tipping had been cleared. A defective street lamp at Windmill Crescent would be reported. Pedestrian and highway safety in the vicinity of the new Co-op Store were discussed and it was agreed in the first instance to remind appropriate authorities that the work to extend the barrier had not taken place.

20. Big Local Funding

The Chairman submitted an update on the latest position regarding the Big Local/Villages Together scheme.

21. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments had been made since the last Meeting:-

DD	Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£76.55
001021	GWB Services	grass cutting	£641.00
001022	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£223.20
001023	Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001024	Zurich Municipal	insurance premium	£1,241.62

The following payments were authorised:-

001025 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£223.20
001026 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001027 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£577.66

22. Planning Issues

The following planning applications were considered:-

004 Erection of detached garage/gym, Martland Farm, Higher Road – J. Wylde – confirm recommendation of permission;

005 Change of use, conversion and extension of domestic garage to form dwelling and creation of access, 8 Lower Road – N. Craddock – recommend refusal.

006 Erection of single storey front extension, 20 Edgebury – B. Whitmore – recommend permission.

42/17/018 Removal of 8 x 5m sections of hedgerow to allow installation of a water main, west of Crancombe Lane – Wessex Water – recommend permission.

23. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Village Hall which may be showing signs of abating. The kitchen area for the lounge had been upgraded. Some EDF workers were parking in the car park in return for a donation to village hall funds. Plans were also underway for Woolavington Live and the Village Show.

Helen Baker reported that arrangements were being discussed to recruit a further assistant youth worker, possibly in association with reopening Puriton Youth Club, to enable an additional session to be run from the pavilion. Funding for a Young Leaders project would be explored and activities at the Village Show were discussed.

Mr Beer reported upon issues discussed by the Residents Association including possible future uses of the former Co-op store and likely commencement of work to convert the former surgery into a fish and chip shop. He was requested to ensure that the Parish Council was informed of future dates of Residents Association meetings.

24. Items for Next Meeting

Invite Stuart Taylor, Post Offices Head of External Relations, to attend the next Meeting to discuss services available at Woolavington Post Office.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman