

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 6th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey(Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) PCSO Rachel Aston and 3 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson and Mrs J. Reade.

104. Declarations of Interest

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

105. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 31st January 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

106. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon loose inspection covers and a “walk around” with officers of Homes in Sedgemoor.

107. Affordable Housing Site, Higher Road

It was understood that a start would soon be made on site.

108. Cemetery Extension

It was noted that the landscaping work had been completed. The memorial tree to Roger Lavers had been planted. A plaque would now be ordered. Mr Bickers had been requested to cut the grass in the extension when conditions allowed.

109. Woolavington Postal Sorting Office

It was agreed to again approach Royal Mail regarding making a reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by the Village Hall Committee.

110. Woolavington Parish Council Draft Plan 2012/13

Members considered a draft Plan for 2012/13, copies of which had been circulated. It was agreed to adopt the Plan subject to inclusion of an item relating to sustainability with reference to potential opportunities from the Energy Park.

111. Risk Management Report and Statement of Internal Control 2011/12

The Council considered and approved a risk management report and statement of internal control for 2011/12.

112. Maintenance Issues

Quotations for work to wet pour at Sedgemoor Way and Higher Road were submitted. It was agreed to accept a quotation received from G.B. Sport and Leisure in the sum of £672 for repairs at Higher Road and from Pro-Teq in the sum of £1,058.40 for work at Sedgemoor Way. Viridor Credits would be considering the grant application on 12th March. Eugene Green would undertake remedial work to the pavilion roof flashings when weather conditions allowed. The fence had been repaired. The District Council was negotiating with the adjoining landowner regarding a possible

way leave to lay a water supply along the southern and western boundary of the Sportsfield. No response had been received from the County Council regarding the request to reconsider opening hours at the local Civic Amenity Sites. It was agreed to suggest to the District Council that surveillance should take place at locations prone to fly tipping.

113. Highways Issues

The Chairman undertook to contact Mr. G. Frecknall, Somerset County Council and a representative of East Huntspill Parish Council to discuss a mutually acceptable way forward regarding a permanent weight restriction along the B3141. It was noted that concerns had been received from the public regarding the suggestion of an 18 tonne weight restriction from Lockswell to Middlemoor Drove. A number of road defects had been reported since the last Meeting and had been repaired. Several street lamps were affected by an underground cable fault. A new crossroads sign had been provided near 5 Lockswell and road markings would be reinstated in April.

114. PCSO Rachel Aston

PCSO Rachel Aston reported upon recent instances of crime in the area, training in connection with the formation of a Community Speedwatch scheme and action being taken in connection with inconsiderate parking. She undertook to investigate a parking problem at the Reeds Drive/Chilpitts junction and a "No Cold Calling Zone" for Lower Road.

115. HM the Queen – Diamond Jubilee 2012

It was noted that the commemorative bench had been delivered and awaited fixing to the existing plinth at the corner of Higher Road and Woolavington Hill. The enhancement of the old milk stage at Reeds Drive was under investigation. A suggestion that trees be planted along the village lanes as part of the tree planting project promoted by the Woodland Trust was supported. It was understood that plans were being developed for a community event in the Sportsfield.

116. Accounts for Payment

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

000767 G Bickers	maintenance work	£384.00
000768 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299 00

The following payments were authorised:-

000769 Glasdon	Jubilee Seat	£524.11
000770 J. Wall	honourarium	£125.00
000771 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299 00

117. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:-

002 Re-roofing and installation of roof-light, 12 Lower Road – S. Tucker – recommend permission.

003 Installation of wood burning stoves and replacement dormer window, 4 Higher Road – P. Canham – recommend permission.

004 Works to former cock pit, 10C Higher Road – S. Wheeler – recommend conditional permission.

A further Meeting was anticipated regarding the proposed Energy Park. Mr Raymond reported upon a Meeting in connection with National Grid's proposals for a new power line held at Yatton and he would attend a Community Forum Meeting on 28th March. A report was submitted on proceedings at the public meetings in connection with the proposed Wind Farms.

118. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported that Owen Goodacre had been appointed Village Hall Caretaker. It was agreed to assist the Hall Committee with possible proposals for signs and enhancing the Village Hall car park.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included highway issues.

