

## **WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey(Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway and Mrs. J. Reade.

### **16. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Chidgey declared personal interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway and personal interests in planning application nos. 014 and 015 as neighbours.

### **17. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon planning issues including the Northgate development in Bridgwater and a site in Crancombe Lane. It was agreed to clarify why the Ward Members and Parish Council were unaware of application 008 being considered by the Development Control Committee.

### **19. Parish Plan**

Members considered a draft Parish Plan for 2011/12. Three amendments were agreed and it was agreed that the Plan be updated and circulated again to Members and be considered at each Meeting.

### **20. Woolavington Postal Sorting Office**

It was noted that Royal Mail had not responded to the Parish Council's letter in support of the Village Hall Committee but had replied to the Hall Committee. A copy of that letter was read and the Chairman agreed to ascertain the position regarding reimbursement of the sum of £1,261.74 spent by the Village Hall Committee in direct works to accommodate the needs of Royal Mail.

### **21. Maintenance Issues**

In Touch with Communities were currently building the new web-site and instructions were awaited on how to update information. The play equipment had been inspected and a report was awaited. It was noted that vandalism had occurred to wet pour at the Sedgemoor Way Play Area in late May and repairs had been undertaken. It was agreed to write to the police to express concern and disappointment that reimbursement of the cost of the damage could not be claimed from the parents of the youths involved. The bank at Higher Road had been strimmed and a quotation for cutting the Village Hall hedge was being sought.

### **22. Highways Issues**

A number of road defects had been reported since the last Meeting and had been repaired. It was agreed to monitor the condition of Higher Road in the vicinity of Martland Farm. East Huntspill Parish Council were still identifying businesses which would need exemptions from the Weight Restriction Order. The grit bin was on order. It was agreed to reimburse Mr Zobel the cost of a safety helmet for use when clearing the parish footpaths in lieu of petrol. The issues along the Martland Farm path had been resolved. The Highway Authority had cut the verge along the B3141 between Cossington Lane and the A39. It was agreed to

request the Polden Hills Cluster Group to consider possible provision of a roundabout at the B3141/A39 junction should the opportunity of developer funding become available. It was noted that traffic lights were being installed in the near future at the Silverfish junction.

### **23. Parish Cemetery**

It was noted that work was underway on preparing the land for use as a cemetery and provision of a new vehicular access for use to serve the remainder of The Manor orchard and the new dwelling. Highway requirements were more stringent than anticipated. It was agreed to consider extending the wall in place of the hedge along the Reeds Drive frontage in conjunction with the Estimates for 2012/13

### **24. Accounts for Payment**

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

000719 Clarke Willmott	legal work	£1,216.00
000720 BWBSL	allotments water bill	£183.32

The following payments were authorised:-

000721 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£407.00
000722 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00
000723 D. Manley	grass cutting	£352.00
000724 GB Sport & Leisure	wet pour repairs	£470.40
000725 J. Wall	honourarium	£125.00
000726 Parish Clerk	expenses	£278.81

### **25. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered:-

- 014 Erection of stables, north of Pear Tree Farm, Causeway – R. Bailey – recommend permission subject to native trees being planted;
- 015 Erection of side extension, 12 Causeway – P. Warren – recommend refusal due to lack of clarity regarding provision of on-site parking/turning details.

### **26. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Members received a report on behalf of the Woolavington Rural Activities Project and Mr Kellaway submitted a report on Village Wheels.

### **27. Items for Next Agenda**

It was agreed to consider possible provision of a dog waste bin in the vicinity of the Crancombe Lane entrance to the Sports Field.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman

Issues raised during public question time included planning issues and dog fouling.