

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin and 4 members of the public.

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

61. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Galloway declared interests in matters relating to Woolavington Village Hall as Members of the Village Hall Committee.

62. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4th December 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

63. Superfast Broadband

Tony Najdoski, Community Engagement Manager, Truespeed, a demand led broadband provider, gave a brief introduction on the possibility of his company providing a full fibre network in the area. A percentage of households would need to sign up before any work could commence and public consultation events were likely to be held to ascertain interest. Mr Najdoski was thanked for his presentation.

64. Woolavington Local – New Premises Licence

The Parish Council had raised objections to an application for a new premises licence on the grounds of lack of controls/external CCTV and an indication of long opening hours which were likely to give rise to noise and disturbance to local residents. The applicant had since agreed to accept conditions regarding controls/provision of external CCTV and agreed at the meeting that the opening hours would be 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Sundays which were similar to the hours operated by the previous occupants of the premises. It was agreed that, should the licence application be revised to largely reflect these opening hours, the Parish Council's objections would be withdrawn.

65. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no report

66. Anti-Social Behaviour

It was felt that instances of anti-social behaviour had reduced in the area. No representative of the police was present at the Meeting and it was agreed to request a PCSO be in attendance at the March Meeting to give an update on their work.

67. Sportsfield Project

The Chairman reported that a Meeting of the Playing Field Sub Committee had been held to identify options for the way forward for improving the sports, leisure and community facilities in the Sports field following the feasibility study carried out by Allen Construction Consultancy Ltd. Further Meetings would be held with a view to making recommendations to the Playing Fields Association and this Council.

68. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. Mr Darch was thanked for his work in moving the redundant bus shelter from Lockswell to a new position at the bus stop in Higher Road on the village green. It was agreed to thank people who had assisted him and to support a resident who was willing to decorate it with a mural, possibly following a competition involving the School/Flare.

69. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues. It was noted that the traffic order to introduce parking restrictions on Woolavington Hill in the vicinity of the Co-op Store had been made and road markings installed. It was agreed to clarify the need for signs before enforcement could take place. It was also agreed to report defective street lights in the Southfield Close area which had failed again.

70. Big Local Funding

The Chairman reported that the Big Local/Villages Together Group had not met since the last Parish Council Meeting.

71. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£133.67
001098	Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
001099	GWB Services	maintenance work	£245.00
001100	SDC	lease	£190.00
001101	Allen Construction C'y	consultancy work	£25,959.32

72. Risk Management Report and Statement of Internal Control

Members considered and approved a Risk Management Report and a Statement of Internal Control for 2018/19.

73. Planning Issues

The following new planning applications were considered:-

017 Variation of conditions, formation of car park with 22 spaces, Sedgemoor Way – Homes in Sedgemoor – recommend permission.

018 Variation of conditions, formation of car park with 6 spaces, Polden Walk – Homes in Sedgemoor – recommend permission

001 Demolition of part of garage and erection of building to form a triple garage with one-bedroom annexe above, 6 Hector Stones – M. Titmas – recommend permission.

It was agreed to invite a prospective purchaser of Middlemoor Water Park to meet with the Planning Sub Group to discuss his plans and to seek an update on progress with Gravity (Huntspill Energy Park) at the next Meeting.

74. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon plans to refurbish the floor of the main hall, improvements to Belcher Room facilities, and proposed new chairs for the main hall. The defibrillator training session held on 15th December had been successful.

Helen Baker reported upon the operation of the Wednesday and Thursday sessions of the Flare Youth Club. It was agreed to enter into a service level agreement with Young Somerset to provide staffing support from mid-February.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included the need for new gateposts in the Sports field.

