

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 5th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, County/District Councillor M. Healey, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from A.J. Chidgey.

56. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Galloway declared 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.

57. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24th October 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

58. Reports of the County and District Councillors

County/District Councillor Healey and Mr Herbert reported upon the latest position regarding the Huntspill Energy Park which was now in new ownership together with an update on the Heart of the South West.

59. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was noted that the work to the cemetery trees had been completed and that the new benches and seat had now been received and were awaiting installation. It was no longer considered essential to provide lighting outside the pavilion before the new youth club could open.

60. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill, Higher Road and Old Mill Road together with drainage issues. It was noted that one of the defective street lamps in Polden Walk had now been repaired.

61. Big Local Funding

The Chairman reported that he was unable to attend a recent Big Local meeting.

62. Financial Issues

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

001044 Glasdon UK Ltd	benches	£958.03
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The following payments were authorised:-

001045 SDC	replace litter bin	£226.26
001046 GWB Services	grass cutting	£809.00
001047 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£129.60
001048 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001049 NBB Furniture	seat	£347.97
001050 Parish Clerk	expenses and sundry payments	£696.94

Members reviewed the cemetery charges which had last been revised three years ago. A schedule of charges in force in other Sedgemoor Parishes was submitted for comparison. It was agreed that the following fees be charged with effect from 1st January 2018:- Exclusive Right of burial £120 for full grave and £65 for garden of rest; Interment fee £65, Headstone £75, Tablet £45 and additional inscription £25.

The Council considered the Estimates for 2018/19. It was agreed that the Estimates be approved, the precept for 2018/19 be £43,000 less any Council Tax Support Grant.

63. Planning Issues

The following planning applications were considered:-

018 Erection of two storey extension, 4 Edgebury – S. Vigar – recommend permission;

020 Amendment of approved plans for erection of dwelling at 1A Hectorstones – Mr & Mrs M. Bowdon – confirm recommendation of permission;

021 Formation of car park with 14 spaces at Windmill Crescent – Homes in Sedgemoor – recommend permission;

022 Formation of car park with 6 spaces at Polden Walk – Homes in Sedgemoor – recommend permission;

023 Formation of car park with 22 spaces at Sedgemoor Way – Homes in Sedgemoor – recommend permission;

024 Change of use from leisure site to holiday park to allow 207 static holiday homes to be used 12 months of the year at Middlemoor Water Park – M. James – recommend refusal;

025 Work to trees at 12 Higher Road – Mr Champion – confirm recommendation of permission;

027 Erection of side extension at 9 Clark Close – Mr & Mrs P. Bolger – recommend permission.

64. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon the recent Village Hall AGM, a new booking secretary, further instances of anti-social behaviour and plans to improve the main kitchen during 2018.

Mr Beer on behalf of the Residents Association reported upon a number of outstanding maintenance issues and support for a possible mini play area for small children on the green at Polden Walk.

65. Confidential Information

It was agreed to request the press and public to leave the Meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it would involve the disclosure of information defined as exempt by para 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

66. Sports Field Project

It was reported that one tender had been received in respect of the supply of professional services for the Woolavington Community Sports and Leisure Centre Redevelopment and Refurbishment Project. It was noted that the due process regarding competitive tendering had been completed and that the Project Group would now examine the tender in detail and report back to the next Meeting of the Parish Council

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman