

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 3rd August 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, A. Edney, N. Frith, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, Mrs J. Knight, E. Marsh, County/District Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

22. Declarations of Interest

Members had no interests to disclose.

23. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29th June 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24. Reports of the County and District Councillors

County/District Councillor Healey reported upon Meetings relating to the formation of the Unitary Council, the Northgate Project in Bridgwater and possible enhancement of the Bridgwater Docks area.

25. Anti-Social Behaviour

PCSO Georgia Coles had submitted a written report relating to sessions for young people at Kilve, Dreamscheme events, and speed checks on Woolavington Hill. It was agreed to request police attendance at the next Meeting to discuss issues relating to anti-social behaviour.

26. Maintenance and Highway issues

Members considered a report on maintenance and highway issues.

The Gravity Village Enhancement Scheme was scheduled to commence six months after completion of the new link road in accordance with the provisions of the Section 106 Agreement. The road was likely to be completed in September.

The County Council's Land Drainage Officers were still investigating the long outstanding drainage issue in Crancombe Lane. An inspection cover in the road was dislodged during heavy rainfall. Councillor Healey agreed to raise the matter with the Leader of the County Council. It was agreed to request the trimming of overhanging vegetation in Church Street.

Several maintenance items had been identified in the Sports field and these would be considered by the Playing Fields Association in the first instance. Work was underway on a 28-year extension to the Sports field lease. There would be legal costs to be met by this Council. Remedial work would take place to the pedestrian entrance to the play area in the Lower Playing Field

Mr Bickers had agreed to source some replacement glass for the bus shelter outside of the Surgery. Mr Marsh had replaced the acrylic sheet in the Higher Road noticeboard. It was agreed to arrange a plaque to be fitted to the mural on the Higher Road bus shelter.

It was agreed to accept an offer from the District Council of 5 standard trees, stakes and ties. The trees would be planted in the cemetery field and commemorate the Queen's Platinum Anniversary in 2022.

The Litter Pick event held on 3rd July 2021 was successful and it was agreed to hold two events next year in the spring and early summer.

27. Villages Together

Villages Together had formed a number of Task and Finish Groups. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk represent the Parish Council on the Pathway Task and Finish Group, Mr Frith and the Clerk represent the Parish Council on the Under 5s Play Equipment Task and Finish Group (the terms of reference to include the Newlands play area) and it was noted that the Chairman had been appointed to a Community Buildings Task and Finish Group. Helen Baker had also undertaken a leadership course.

28. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	SDC	payroll	£3,074.91
DD	Total Gas & Power	pavilion electricity	£114.48
001216	Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001217	GWB Services	grass cutting	£1,272.35
001218	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£306.00
001219	SALC	affiliation fee	£599.32

A Bank Reconciliation for the period 1st April to 30th June 2021 was checked against the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal controls.

29. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered

008 Retrospective application for two mobile home pitches and the proposed creation of four mobile home pitches, Vardoes, Cossington Lane, Woolavington - Mr & Mrs W. Burton – recommend refusal;

010 Erection of a two-classroom block with toilets on site of a temporary classroom unit, Woolavington Village Primary School, Higher Road – Clevedon Learning Trust – recommend permission;

011 Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling at Chilpitts – Mr & Mrs J. Haggett - confirm recommendation of refusal;

012 Change of use of land to residential caravan site with 9 pitches each with three mobile homes and hardstanding area to the south of Green Paddock, Cossington Lane – A. Smith – recommend refusal

30. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Marsh reported that the Village Hall had now fully opened. Arrangements were being made to hold a Village Produce and Arts/Crafts Show in the main hall on 14th August. He also reported that Village Wheels had appointed a new Chairman and had re-commenced operations.

Helen Baker gave an update on recent work and future plans for the Flare Youth Group and Dreamscheme. It was agreed to seek further support for the Dreamscheme from Puriton Parish Council.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman

Issues during Public Question Time included a presentation by Dave May on an advertising board scheme and issues relating to the opening hours at Highbridge Recycling Centre and anti-social behaviour.