

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 7th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

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

92. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway and in the quote for repairs to the pavilion being the parents of the contractor, Mr Sharp and Mr Raymond disclosed interests in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension and Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee.

93. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 31st January 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

94. Sedgemoor District Proposed Submission Local Plan 2011-2032 (Regulation 19 Consultation)

Members considered a draft response to the Regulation 19 consultation which had been prepared by the Planning Sub Group, a copy of which is appended to the signed copy of these minutes. It was agreed that the response be approved for submission to the District Council.

95. Reports of The County/District Councillors

Neither Member was present.

96. Big Local/Villages Together Scheme

The Chairman would be attending the next Meeting on 13th March 2017. It was understood that further consideration would be given to the application submitted by Woolavington Neighbourhood Watch for a grant towards the cost of producing a Village Handbook.

97. Sports Field

It was noted that work was progressing on preparing a tender document to appoint a Project Manager to develop the first phase of the scheme to extend and improve the sporting and recreational facilities in the Sports field. It was agreed to request the District Council to extend the lease of the Sports field for a further period of 50 years rather than 25 years and to accept a quote submitted by MC Building Services in the sum of £667.50 + VAT for essential repair work to the Pavilion.

98. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was noted that work was underway on the improvements to the footpath at the rear of the former chapel. It was agreed to accept a quote from GB Sport & Leisure to carry out monthly inspections of the play area at Higher Road for the sum of £18 per visit and to arrange for a fallen Leylandii tree to be removed at the rear of Edgebury.

99. Highway Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues. It was noted a number of highway issues remained outstanding at the Causeway. The Chairman reported upon a question and answer session with the County Portfolio Holder for Roads and Transport at a recent Cluster Meeting and it was agreed to report the need for remedial

work to the pedestrian crossing at Woolavington Hill and numerous defects affecting the roads and kerbs around Woolavington Estate.

100. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

001010 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001011 GWB Services	maintenance work	£247.50
001012 Parish Clerk	expenses	£277.93

101. Statement of Internal Control

The Council considered and approved a Statement of Internal Control for 2016/17.

102. Planning Issues

The following planning applications were considered

- 001 Display of signs at 42 Woolavington Hill – Co-operative Food – recommend permission;
- 002 Erection of dwelling at 52 Woolavington Hill – Mr & Mrs J. Turner – recommend conditional permission.

It was agreed to request the District Council's Planning Enforcement Officer to check the height of bunds at Middlemoor Water Park.

103. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon plans for the Village Open/Awareness Day to be known as Woolavington Live on 1st July and upon the appointment of a new Village Hall Cleaner.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman