

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey (Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, Mrs J. Reade, R. Young (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch, J. Dobson, A. Sharp and District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin.

### **79. Disclosures of Interest**

Members had no interests to disclose.

### **80. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **81. Affordable Housing Site, Higher Road**

The Council met Alistair Matthews, SHAL and Duncan Harvey, Sedgemoor District Council to discuss the letting process for the site at Higher Road. It was agreed to request a Memorandum of Understanding to amend para3 of Schedule 4 of the Section 106 Agreement from 2 years to 5 years and to request that the start of the bidding process be extensively advertised in the village.

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

Neither Councillor was present and it was agreed to remind the County/District Councillor to submit a written report if he was unable to attend a Meeting.

### **83. Development Issues**

It was noted that the Development Issues Working Group had not met since the last Meeting.

### **84. Maintenance Issues**

The remedial work to the pavilion had been completed. Fly tipping had ceased to be a major problem. The gully had been dug in the north-eastern section of the Sportsfield to prevent water from entering adjoining gardens and the Sportsfield and village hall hedges had been trimmed. The School was interested in assisting with the tree planting project. It was agreed to monitor the health of the conifers in the Lower Playing Field which were showing signs of die-back. It was also hoped that completion of the memorial bench might take place in the near future. Complaints had been received regarding dog fouling in various parts of the village. It was agreed to request the Dog Warden and PCSO to try to apprehend offenders when in the area and also to make an appeal for responsible dog ownership. The condition of the cemetery paths would also be examined.

### **85. Highways Issues**

A number of road defects had been reported and repaired since the last Meeting. The one-way street signs at Church Street did not conform to regulations and would be rectified by the Highways Authority. The majority of the overhanging vegetation had now been cut back. A possible alternative location in which to site the bus stop sign near Chertsey Close was being investigated. The School was willing to be involved with the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell and would seek costings for some display units.

### **86. Risk Management Report and Statement of Internal Control**

The Council considered and approved a Risk Management Report and Statement of Internal Control for 2012/13.

## **87. Big Local Lottery Funding**

Reference was made to the informal joint meeting of Woolavington and Puriton Parish Councils with the Big Local representative in January. It was noted that the whole community was being encouraged to become actively involved with the scheme. A Public Meeting was planned at the 37 Club when it was hoped that local people would volunteer to form a Steering Committee to take the scheme forward with assistance from the Big Local representative. Further details would be published on the parish website [www.woolavington-parishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.woolavington-parishcouncil.co.uk) when known.

## **88. Accounts for Payment**

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

000813 Post Office	pavilion electricity account	£172.79
000814 Greenslades	grass cutting	£897.00
000815 M. Solomon	maintenance work to pavilion	£437.00
000816 Sedgemoor DC	lease	£190.00

The following payments were authorised:-

000817 WRAP	grant	£3,000.00
000818 J. Wall	honourarium	£125.00
000819 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00
000820 W. Stone	hedge cutting	£420.00

It was reported that Woolavington would receive a Council Tax Support Scheme grant of £5,952. It was therefore agreed that the precept for 2013/14 be £33,018, which with the support grant of £5,952 would give the required sum of £38,970.

The following quotations were also approved:-

A1 Gardening – grass cutting, churchyard and cemetery - £70.83 + VAT per cut.

Greenslades – grass cutting - £3,140 + VAT per season.

N.A. Haggett (Builders) Ltd – extension to cemetery wall - £7,868.00 + VAT.

## **89. Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered:-

016 Outline permission for development and associated landscaping, infrastructure and access off Woolavington Hill – Sycamore Property Development Fund and Mrs C.K. Hudson – recommend refusal.

It was agreed that Mr Herbert represent the Parish Council at the forthcoming Public Inquiry in connection with 52/10/00018.

## **90. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon work which was taking place to refurbish the space previously allocated to Royal Mail. A broadband connection had now been provided for the hall. There was interest in forming a computer club and second hand computers were being sought.

Helen Baker submitted a report on WRAP activities and various procedural issues were discussed.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

Items discussed in public question time included the allocation process for the SHAL site.

