

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from M.P. Herbert and R.J. Raymond.

### **82. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway, Mr Sharp disclosed an interest 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.

### **83. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

### **84. Sedgemoor District Proposed Submission Local Plan 2011-2032 (Regulation 19 Consultation)**

Nick Tait, Service Manager – Policy, Sedgemoor District Council made a presentation on the above document which had been published for formal consultation. The document set out the Local Plan which the District Council proposed to submit to the Secretary of State. The Local Plan provided a strategy for delivering growth for the District up to 2032. It provided the vision, strategic policies, development management policies and site specific allocations for delivering new homes, jobs, services, facilities and infrastructure. The consultation would end on 17<sup>th</sup> March and all representations would be considered as part of a public examination, probably later in the year.

Woolavington was still shown as a Tier 2 settlement with a minimum housing allocation of 150 units and total minimum growth, including completions since 2011 and existing commitments of 225. Mr Tait answered Members questions on the justification of Woolavington remaining as a Tier 2 settlement and having a higher allocation of residential units than some of the other Tier 2 settlements – being closer to Bridgwater and employment opportunities. The new strategic greenfield allocations would be adjacent to the settlement boundary and would be identified through a subsequent site allocations development plan document or a Neighbourhood Plan.

Concern was expressed that the District Council had not responded to the points raised by the Parish Council to the consultation on the earlier stage of the Local Plan Review and Mr Tait undertook to provide a response as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the Planning Sub Group should prepare a draft response to the Regulation 19 consultation for consideration at the next Meeting.

### **85. Village Agent, Community Council for Somerset**

Izzy Silvester, the new village agent covering Woolavington, made a presentation on her role and answered questions raised by Members. It was agreed to help Mrs Silvester publicise her work whenever possible.

### **86. Big Local/Villages Together Scheme**

As the Chairman had been unable to attend the last Meeting, Helen Baker provided an update on the latest position regarding the Scheme. Woolavington Neighbourhood Watch had applied for a grant from Villages Together towards the cost of producing a Village Handbook and it was agreed to support this project and it was understood that the Improvement Group had now secured three quotes to enable the work to the footpath to the rear of the former chapel to proceed.

### **87. Sports Field**

It was agreed to request the District Council to extend the lease of the Sports field, which would currently expire in 2022, for a further period of 25 years to facilitate grant applications.

### **88. Maintenance and Highway Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance and highway issues. It was noted that the potholes adjacent to the carriageway at Vicarage Road had now been filled with scalplings.

### **89. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	Total Gas & Power	Pavilion electricity	£89.31
001007	Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001008	NA Haggett	work in sports field	£1,041.60
001009	Village Hall	grant	£3,000.00

### **90. Millennium Garden**

The Council agreed to accept a quotation in the sum of £330 + VAT received from A1 Gardening and tree Surgery Contracts for maintaining the Millennium Garden during 2017.

### **91. Planning Issues**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman

Matters raised during public question time included a request to hold meetings in the south ward and highway/parking issues on Woolavington Estate.