

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson, M.P. Herbert and District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin.

### **38. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Galloway declared interests in matters relating to Woolavington Village Hall as Members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr and Mrs Chidgey also declared interests in the same matters as their son was carrying out work to the building.

### **39. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **40. Hinkley Connection Project**

Matt Wooldridge and Paul Cumpstone of the National Grid Hinkley Connection Project Team and a representative of Western Power gave a briefing on the construction programme of the new high voltage electricity connection between Bridgwater and Seabank, Avonmouth. It was envisaged that work on the new T-pylons would commence in 2020 and the existing Western Power network would be removed. Access to construct the new line was proposed off the B3141 and it was suggested that endeavour be made to utilise the new access road to the Energy Park instead to reduce the number of construction vehicles passing through the village. It was noted that a community grant fund would be available to local organisations together with opportunities for tree planting schemes for screening purposes.

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

Neither Member was present.

### **42. Anti-Social Behaviour**

PCSO Kim Wrixon reported upon two reported incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Village since the last Meeting and an incident of criminal damage. Kim was using the local hub in the Village Hall. Reference was made to the restructuring of Neighbourhood Policing in Somerset West which had commenced and had resulted in the beat managers being pooled into three hubs at Bridgwater, Taunton and Williton. The PCSOs were now the main point of contact for the local area.

### **43. Maintenance Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. Mr Darch reported upon a proposal to relocate the redundant bus shelter from Lockswell to a new position at the bus stop in Higher Road (north side) on the village green. The shelter could then be decorated with art work. It was agreed to support the proposal which would be investigated further.

### **44. Highways Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill and the Causeway. It was noted that the Highways Officer was now negotiating with two objectors regarding the proposed traffic order to introduce parking restrictions on Woolavington Hill in the vicinity of the Co-op Store. The 30 mph signs at the Causeway had been replaced and it was agreed to report certain road defects and overgrown hedges.

#### **45. Big Local Funding**

The Chairman reported upon a recent meeting of the Big Local/Villages Together Group. It was noted that a review of the 5-year Plan was being discussed. The Village Hall's grant towards the cost of the kitchen extension had now been released and a fresh application would be submitted by Flare towards the cost of equipment. It was also understood that a feasibility study was being undertaken into a proposal for a "man shed"

#### **46. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	SDC	servicing of bins	£181.28
001086	Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
001087	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£558.00
001088	GWB Services	grass cutting & maintenance work	£825.50
001089	GB Sport & Leisure	maintenance of play equipment	£735.60

A bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's financial controls.

The 2018/19 budget would need to be considered at the next Meeting and Members were invited to inform the Clerk of any new items for inclusion.

#### **47. Planning Issues**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

It was agreed that the Planning Sub Group be requested to meet representatives of Wain Homes to discuss their proposals for the development of land to the south/south west of the village and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet with the District Council's planning officers to discuss issues relating to the draft Sedgemoor Local Plan

#### **48. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon the work to extend the kitchen which was nearly complete, the forthcoming AGM of the Village Hall Committee and a School Drama Club which was using the Hall on Monday afternoons.

A letter had been received from the Upper Woolavington Residents Association seeking a grant from the Parish Council towards the cost of solar powered lights for a Christmas tree which they hoped to provide on the green at Windmill Crescent in December. It was agreed to request further information on the cost of the lights to enable the matter to be considered at the next Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included the former Co-op premises and maintenance issues.