

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 10th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, N. Frith, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, E. Marsh, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

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

80. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee and Mr Marsh disclosed an interest in the large-scale residential planning applications.

81. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st January 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

82. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Neither Member was present.

83. Anti-Social Behaviour

It was agreed to request the District Council to introduce a Public Space Protection Order to cover the green at Windmill Crescent as part of their current review.

84. Playing Fields Association

The Council considered a report of a Meeting of the Woolavington Playing Fields Association held on 29th February 2020. There were no recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council but it was noted that a grant of £50,000 had been agreed towards the cost of a new skateboard facility in the Sports field. An application for a further grant of £15,000 would now be made to Villages Together.

85. Maintenance and Highway Issues

Members considered a report on maintenance and highway issues. It was agreed to report potholes at Crancombe Lane, Church Street and Vicarage Road together with blocked highway drains in Tapps Lane. Mr Preece was thanked for tidying the millennium garden.

It was agreed to arrange a Village Clean Up Event on the morning of Saturday, 18th April 2020.

86. Villages Together

Mr Beer reported upon proceedings at the recent Meeting of Villages Together.

87. Authorisation for Payment

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

001150 Office Furniture Online chairs for meetings	£2,280.00
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The following payments were authorised:-

001151 GWB Services maintenance work	£824.35
001152 Greenslades grass cutting	£627.98
001153 GB Sport & Leisure play equipment repairs	£244.50
001154 K. Jackson honorarium	£100.00
001155 Parish Clerk expenses & sundry payments	£467.45

88. Risk Management Report and Statement of Internal Control

Members considered and approved a Risk Management Report and a Statement of Internal Control for 2019/20

89. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered

001 Erection of extension and porch, 41 Old Mill Road – K. Petvin – recommend permission

003 Erection of rear extension, 12 Horton Way – Mr & Mrs R. Hemms – recommend permission.

A report was received on a meeting between the Planning Sub Group and Senior District Council Planning Officers on 28th February to discuss issues regarding the three large scale residential planning applications. It was agreed to support the proposal submitted by Wainhomes Severn Valley for a roundabout to improve the A39/B3141 junction as opposed to the scheme put forward by Gladman Developments Ltd which would be detrimental to motorists exiting the B3141. It was also agreed to raise no objection to Tetlow King Planning of Bristol carrying out a Housing Needs Survey at no cost to the Parish Council, subject to the council receiving a copy of the results and to seek clarification as to whether there was sufficient spare capacity at the surgery for the additional patients likely to be generated by any new developments.

It was noted that a public consultation session on the proposals by Gravity for village enhancement schemes would take place at the 37 Club on 11th March.

90. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported that applications had been submitted for grants towards the cost of the new storeroom. The 2020 Village Show would be held on 22nd August. New hand driers had been installed and the emergency lights had been replaced in the main hall. A project to install solar panels on the south facing roof would be investigated in conjunction with a new grant scheme being launched by the County Council.

Helen Baker reported upon an increase in the number of young people attending the Wednesday and Thursday sessions of Flare and Dream scheme. Future themes and projects were outlined including work on the millennium garden.

Mrs Hemms reported upon the activities at the WI. Knit and Natter Sessions had been introduced on alternate Tuesdays.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman