

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 4th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin and 9 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from A.J. Chidgey. M.P. Herbert and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

49. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Galloway declared interests in matters relating to Woolavington Village Hall as Members of the Village Hall Committee.

50. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd October 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

51. Sportsfield Project

George Allen, Allen Construction Company, gave a presentation on work undertaken to date in connection with the initial feasibility exercise into proposals for improving the sports, leisure and community facilities in the Sports field. Over 30 people had attended the recent Drop-in Events and there was 100% support for improvements to the facilities, including work to the pitch, walking path, indoor bowls, badminton, a social/function room, a MUGA, a men's shed and improved facilities for young people.

It was suggested that the proposals be phased with Phase 1 being the Playing Field and priority improvements to the changing room facilities in the pavilion. Further consultation and feasibility design was required to engage young people in developing ideas and support for elements such as a BMX track, skateboard park and improvements to play equipment.

Mr Allen was thanked for his presentation.

52. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had no report

53. Anti-Social Behaviour

No representative of the police was present at the Meeting. Reference was made to a report of damage at Church Street.

54. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. Mr Darch reported that it was proposed 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 over the Christmas period. A resident was willing to then decorate it with art work.

55. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues at Woolavington Hill and Higher Road. It was noted that the Highways Officer was still negotiating with two objectors regarding the proposed traffic order to introduce parking restrictions on Woolavington Hill in the vicinity of the Co-op Store. Road markings would, however, not be installed until the spring. It was noted that defective street lights in the Southfield Close area (underground cable fault) and lights only working intermittently in south Woolavington had been reported several times. It was agreed to report specified drainage issues.

56. Big Local Funding

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Big Local/Villages Together Group would be held on 12th December. It was noted that a new 5-year Plan had been submitted to the Big Lottery.

57. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

001090 Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
001091 GWB Services	grass cutting & maintenance work	£443.00
001092 Water2Business	Sedgemoor Road allotments water bill	£354.96
001093 Water2Business	Crockers Hill allotments water bill	£112.31
001094 Allen Construction C'y	consultancy work	£5,400.00
001095 K. Jackson	honarium	£100.00
001096 WRAP	grant	£2,000.00
001097 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£307.07

58. Estimates 2019/20

The Council considered the Estimates for 2019/20. It was agreed that the Estimates be approved and the precept for 2019/20 be £43,250.

59. Planning Issues

The following new planning application was considered:-

016 Remove branches from phone lines, field maple tree, 5A Lower Road – R.J. Ingram – recommend permission.

It was noted that there had been no recent new information regarding the proposal by Wain Homes to develop land to the south/south west of the village nor upon the application submitted by Gladman Developments Ltd for the development of land to the north of Cossington Lane.

60. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon the recent AGM of the Village Hall Committee and plans to refurbish the floor of the main hall in late January. A defibrillator training session would take place on 15th December.

No further information had been received from the Upper Woolavington Residents Association regarding the cost of solar powered lights for a Christmas tree which they hoped to provide on the green at Windmill Crescent. It was agreed to allocate a specified sum towards the cost of the lights, if required.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman

Matters discussed during public question time included the street lighting and drainage issues.