

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, R. Young (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from J. Dobson and R.J. Raymond.

### **46. 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 declared interests in matters relating to the Village Hall as members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr Herbert left the meeting during consideration of planning matters as a member of the District Council's Planning Committee.

### **47. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin report upon a lunch for over 60s from Woolavington and Puriton on 18<sup>th</sup> September organised by Villages Together.

### **49. Woolavington Post Office**

Stuart Taylor, Post Office Head of External Relations, was in attendance to discuss issues raised by the Parish Council relating to the service at Woolavington Post Office. It was evident that the majority of the issues related to training and the Post Office would assist the Co-op's in house trainers to provide additional training for staff at the branch. Mr Taylor undertook to secure a shield for the card machine at the post office counter to increase privacy. It was agreed to continue to monitor the service at the post office. It was also agreed to request the Co-op to investigate the possibility of identifying a secure storage area to enable the public to be able to collect undeliverable post from Woolavington Post Office and to again request Royal Mail to provide an additional post box to be located outside the building.

### **50. Maintenance Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. The play equipment at Sedgemoor Way had been inspected again but no essential repairs required to be undertaken. It was agreed to request Mr Bickers to sand down the seat in that play area to remove any splinters. A quotation had been requested to repair minor damage to the ball wall at Higher Road. A request from the Residents Association for additional litter bins at Sedgemoor Way and Darkfield Way would be investigated with the District Council.

### **51. Highways Issues**

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues. It was agreed to support a proposal from County Highways for no waiting restrictions on both sides of the carriageway at Woolavington Hill in the vicinity of the Co-op. The cost would be met by the Co-op and this would also avoid the need for investigation into a possible pedestrian crossing. It was also agreed to support, in principle, the provision of a cycle way/footpath link between Woolavington and Puriton, being one of the requirements of the Energy Park Section 106 Agreement.

### **52. Big Local Funding**

The Chairman reported upon a recent Big Local meeting held at the Communal Hall

### **53. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	SDC	bin servicing	£181.28
001041	GWB Services	grass cutting	£1,137.00
001042	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£446.40
001043	Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98

A bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal 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.

### **54. Planning Issues**

The following planning applications were considered:-

016 Erection of an agricultural building to the south of Middlemoor Drove – Mr & Mrs J. Walford – recommend permission;

017 Change of use of outbuilding to holiday let, 24 Vicarage Road – G. Watts – recommend refusal.

Mr Herbert reported that the amended application no 54/16/00017 for three houses in the garden of the former Prince of Wales was granted permission by the District Council's Development Committee that afternoon despite strong opposition by the Parish Council.

### **55. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon the forthcoming Village Hall AGM, further instances of anti-social behaviour and plans to improve the main kitchen during 2018.

Helen Baker had submitted a written report to update the Parish Council on issues relating to Flare.

Mr Beer on behalf of the Residents Association reported upon a number of outstanding maintenance issues and support for a possible mini play area for small children on the green at Polden Walk.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman

Issues raised during public question time included cars parking on amenity areas at Darkfield Way.