

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin and 62 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Darch, J. Dobson, Mrs J. Reade and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

### **17. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Chidgey declared personal interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway, Mr Galloway declared a personal interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee and Mr Sharp declared a personal interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension.

### **18. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

District Councillor Hamlin reported upon changes to the benefit system and a written report from District/County Councillor Healey would be circulated to Members.

### **20. Development Issues**

Reports were submitted on the latest position regarding the proposed Energy Park and National Grid's proposals for a new power line. It was agreed that a Working Group, comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Mr Herbert and Mr Raymond, be formed to investigate development proposals in detail and report back to the Council and the opinion of the Monitoring Officer be sought as to whether a representative of the Woolavington Neighbourhood Forum could join the Group.

### **21. Affordable Housing Site, Higher Road**

It was noted that a photo opportunity had taken place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and work had now started on site.

### **22. Maintenance Issues**

A safety inspection of the play equipment had recently taken place and GB Sport and Leisure would be requested to carry out any urgent work. Eugene Green had been reminded of the need to undertake remedial work to the pavilion roof. It was unlikely that the possible way leave to lay a water supply along the southern and western boundary of the Sportsfield would now proceed. Fly tipping continued to be a problem and instances were regularly reported. Use of the Community Payback Scheme for litter picks in the Sportsfield and surrounding area was being investigated. A problem of smoke in the eastern part of the village would continue to be monitored. Issues relating to the poor quality of grass cutting would be taken up with the County/District Council, as appropriate.

### **23. Highways Issues**

The B3141 18 tonne weight restriction order had been advertised by the County Council and it was understood that they were currently considering objections. It was agreed to request a Meeting with Mr Frecknall. A number of road defects had been reported since the last Meeting and had been repaired. The parking problem in the Chilpitts area had currently lessened but a problem of parking on the amenity areas at Polden Walk was understood to be increasing and Homes in Sedgemoor would be requested to take action. It was also agreed to request the Highway Authority to investigate highway safety issues in Crockers Hill and a blocked culvert in Combe Lane.

## **24. Milk Stage, Reeds Drive**

It was reported that the enhancement of the old milk stage at Reeds Drive was nearly complete. Arrangements would be made for a commemorative plaque. It was agreed to record appreciation of the work of Mr Darch, Mr Pole and Mr Herbert in restoring the milk stage.

## **25. Faster Broadband Project**

It was noted that a newsletter setting out the latest position regarding this project had been circulated to Members..

## **26. Accounts for Payment**

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

000784 GB Sport & Leisure	Play equipment	£4,652.40
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The following payments were authorised:-

000785 D. Manley	grass cutting	£425.00
000786 G. Bickers	grass cutting etc	£1,125.00
000787 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00
000788 GB Sport & Leisure	safer surfacing work	£672.00
000789 SPFA	safety inspection	£150.00
000790 Parish Clerk	expenses	£593.31

## **27. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered:-

009 Erection of 60 dwellings, doctors' surgery and associated works, Crockers Hill – BAE Systems and Edington Surgery – recommend refusal;

011 Change of use and conversion of former chapel to dwelling and erection of garage, Causeway – T. Howes – recommend conditional permission;

012 Works to walnut tree, 6 The Drive – Mr Dunn – recommend permission.

## **28. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported that the Open Gardens event and plant sale had raised £652 for Village Hall funds. Arrangements for use of part of the Village Hall Car Park by builders were also being explored. Mr Herbert outlined possible arrangements for future provision of activities for young people.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Chairman

Items discussed in public question time included grass cutting, the B3141 and planning issues.