

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 20th September 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R. Preece, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk), District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin and 1 member of the public.

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

41. Declarations of Interest

Mr and Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway, Mr Raymond and Mr Sharp disclosed an interest in matters relating to BAE Systems due to a pension and Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr Herbert took no part in discussions relating to planning applications as a Member of the District Council's Development Control Committee.

42. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th August 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

43. Reports of the County/District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon a highway issue and was requested to ascertain the latest position on the review of the Core Strategy/Local Plan. Mr Herbert also updated members on issues relating to Hinkley C, the Huntspill Energy Park, Devolution, Middlemoor and the Somerset Waste Partnership. It was agreed to enquire whether the District Council recovered part of the cost of removing fly-tipping from the County Council/SWP as it was felt that fly-tipping would increase following introduction of the permit system at recycling centres.

44. Big Local/Villages Together Scheme

It was noted that both defibrillators had now been installed and it was agreed to arrange public training in their use during November. The Chairman updated members on the latest position regarding the Scheme.

45. Sports Field

Mr Herbert reported that he was drafting a tender document and specification to engage a project management company to deliver the project. After discussion on various matters, it was agreed that an update on the present position regarding the project be placed on the web-site.

46. Village Plan 2016/17

Members reviewed progress on the actions contained in Priorities 2 – A Cleaner Village and 3 – Improving our Village Environment. It was noted that a number of actions had been completed and that a voluntary group planned a litter pick on October 9th, starting in the sports field.

47. Maintenance Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on maintenance issues. It was agreed to add the bank alongside nos. 23 and 30 Edgebury to the grass cutting schedule for the 2017 season and it was noted that maintenance work had commenced on the Millennium Garden.

48. Highways Issues

Members considered a report containing an update on highway issues. It was agreed to request the Planning Sub Group to give detailed consideration to possible work to the barriers on the Edgebury footpath link, identified by the Highways Officer, to make it easier for mobility scooters to negotiate but still provide a barrier for motorcycles etc. It

was also agreed to request the owners of properties backing onto the Crancombe Lane footpath to cut back overhanging brambles and to report maintenance issues at the pinch points on Woolavington Hill. A request from East Huntspill Parish Council to consider joint purchase and subsequent sharing use of a Speed Indicator Device was also declined.

49. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised:-

DD	SDC	dog waste bin servicing	£83.62
000992	A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£369.60
000993	GWB Services	grass cutting & maintenance work	£510.50
000994	Greenslades	grass cutting	£627.98
000995	AJ Pole	electrical work	£182.39
000996	Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£449.42
000997	WRAP	grant	£2,000.00
DD	Total Gas & Power	electricity	£111.84

50. Planning Issues

There were no new planning applications to consider. The Chairman reported that he had addressed the District Council's Development Control Committee during consideration of 011 Change of use of vacant public house to retail and single storey extension; external alterations including installation of plant, delivery bay and shop front, 42 Woolavington Hill – Co-operative Group Food Ltd and conditions were agreed to address the Parish Council's concerns on highway and pedestrian safety. It was also agreed to take up issues regarding the operation of the "modernised" post office at Windmill Crescent and Mr Herbert undertook to seek an update on the position of the affordable housing units at Crockers Hill.

51. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported that the Village Show had shown a profit of £1,221.61. The Village Hall AGM would be held on 12th November and new stage curtains were now in place. Helen Baker reported upon plans to recruit a new Youth Worker. It was hoped to expand Flare with an additional group based in the pavilion in the near future. Equipment had been purchased for the Youth Club utilising grant monies. It was agreed that the Youth Development Group give detailed consideration to an issue regarding storage of the snooker table.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Chairman