

## **WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, M.P. Herbert, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, R. Young (Clerk) and 53 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, J. Dobson and Mrs J. Reade.

### **1. Election of Chairman**

Mr A.J. Chidgey was proposed by Mr Galloway, seconded by Mr Darch and elected Chairman of the Parish Council for 2012/13.

The Chairman signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

### **2. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Mr A. Sharp was proposed by Mr Herbert, seconded by Mr Raymond and elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2012/13.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

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

### **4. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

### **5. Land off Crockers Hill**

Avril Baker, Avril Baker Consultancy, submitted feedback upon comments from stakeholders and the public following the recent exhibition of the proposed surgery/housing scheme off Crockers Hill. Mr Boucher, BAE Systems and Mr Halstead, Alder King were also present. 120 people attended the exhibition and 70 written comments had been received. A summary report would follow and they would respond to the individual comments. There were more objections to the housing elements than the surgery and concerns about highway issues. Mr Halstead reported that the layout had been amended to reduce the impact upon the properties in Crockers Hill and the density to 30 dwellings per hectare. A planning application was imminent. A statement from the Edington Surgery was also received.

Residents raised issues including perceived inadequacy of publicity for the exhibition, tight timescale for responses, highway issues and the definition of, and uncertain up to date evidence of the need for affordable housing.

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

It was noted that preparation work had started and a photo opportunity would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **7. Maintenance Issues**

Work to the play equipment was in progress. Eugene Green had been reminded of the need to undertake remedial work to the pavilion roof. No further information had been received regarding a possible way leave to lay a water supply along the southern and western boundary of the Sportsfield. 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 be monitored. The cherry tree in the Lower Playing Field had recently been replaced by a local resident.

## **8. Highways Issues**

It was noted that the B3141 18 tonne weight restriction order had been advertised by the County Council. A number of road defects had been reported since the last Meeting and had been repaired and several other defects had recently been reported. 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. An issue of speeding in Crancombe Lane would be monitored.

## **9. HM the Queen – Diamond Jubilee 2012**

It was noted that the commemorative bench had been fixed to the plinth at the corner of Higher Road and Woolavington Hill. The enhancement of the old milk stage at Reeds Drive was in progress and suggestions put forward by Mr Darch were approved. It was agreed that expenses incurred be reimbursed.

## **10. 2011/12 Accounts**

The Parish Accounts for 2011/12, Financial Statement and Annual Governance Statement required by the external auditors were formally approved. The Internal Auditor had no issues to draw to the attention of the Parish Council.

## **11. Accounts for Payment**

The following payments were made since the last Meeting:-

000777 D. Manley	grass cutting	£170.00
000778 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£457.00

The following payments were authorised:-

000779 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£450.00
000780 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00
000781 S. Banham	gardening	£114.00
000782 Zurich	insurance premium	£1,478.54
000783 J. Wall	honorary	£125.00

The Council reviewed their insurance cover and agreed to enter into a 5 year agreement with Zurich.

## **12. Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered:-

006 Erection of rear extension, 26 Lower Road – Mrs S. Barnett – recommend permission.

Issues relating to the proposed Energy Park and National Grid's proposals for a new power line were discussed. It was also agreed to request the Enforcement Officer to investigate the position regarding land at Crancombe Lane which adjoining the Sportsfield.

## **13. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon the forthcoming Open Gardens event and Mr Darch reported that he had obtained funding to enable the mural on the stage in the Village Hall to be protected.

## **14. Item for Next Agenda**

It was agreed to consider a progress report on the Faster Broadband Project at the next Meeting.

## **15. Confidential Information**

It was agreed to request the press and public to leave the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that it would involve the disclosure of information defined as exempt by para 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

## **16. Financial Proposals**

The Council considered a financial matter relating to a third party and agreed an appropriate response.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman

