

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013 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.J. Raymond, County & District Councillor M. Healey, R. Young (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

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

### **31. Declarations of Interest**

Mr & 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 Galloway disclosed an interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

### **32. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

County/District Councillor Healey reported upon matters relating to the B3141, Hinkley Point, a measles outbreak at Glastonbury, continuation of the Health and Well Being Fund and the Huntspill Energy Park. It was agreed to try to ensure that mitigation monies from EDF are made available to the rural communities in this area.

### **34. Big Local Funding**

It was noted that an update had been received from Julian Mellor on the current position and was available on the website. It was understood that the Interim Working Group was now known as “Working Together” and awareness raising was taking place.

### **35. Maintenance Issues**

It was agreed to accept a quotation in a total sum of £1,755 from Sedgemoor District Council for work to the conifers in the Lower Playing Field, felling and removing the stumps of the conifers near the entrance of the Village Hall and removal of a dead tree in the Cemetery. A report was submitted upon plans for the Jubilee Tree Planting Project. It was noted that trees were planned to be planted in the Sportsfield, Lower Playing Field, Cemetery and at the Causeway. Sponsorship of the cost of materials would be forthcoming. It was agreed to seek an estimate for work to complete the memorial bench. The climber at Sedgemoor Way had been removed on safety grounds and would be replaced by the manufacturer and it was agreed to carry out urgent repairs identified in the annual inspection of the play equipment.

### **36. Highways Issues**

A number of road defects had been repaired since the last Meeting. It was agreed to report a visibility problem at the Higher Road/B3141 junction, a broken drain cover, signs obscured by vegetation, sub standard verge cutting and vegetation growing on a pavement. The one-way street signs at Church Street would be rectified by the Highways Authority. The School was willing to be involved with the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell. The police had been requested to enforce the weight restriction along the B3141 and it was also agreed to ascertain if technology was available to assist with such enforcement. It was also agreed to report vehicles being regularly parked in close proximity of the Chilpitts/Reeds Drive junction and on the pavement at Windmill Crescent. A meeting was being arranged with appropriate agencies in an endeavour to seek a solution to parking problems on Woolavington Estate. It was noted that work was in progress in connection with the new footpath at Higher Road to serve the SHAL site.

### **37. Accounts for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

000842 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£538.00
000843 Greenslades	grass cutting	£897.00
000844 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£339.98

A bank reconciliation for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal financial controls.

### **38. Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered:-

009 Retention of building to form agricultural store, 10 Reeds Drive – Miss K. Bryant – recommend refusal.

It was also reported that the District Council's Development Control Committee had granted permission in respect of application nos 54/13/006 & 007LB (9 Lower Road) but had refused permission in respect of 54/13/005 (land to the south of Woolavington).

### **39. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported upon further improvements to the front entrance of the Village Hall and upon the 2013 Show. Helen Baker submitted a report on the work of WRAP, now known as Flare and members congratulated her upon the continued success of her organisation's work.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

Matters relating to seats, trees and the proposed Energy Park were raised during public question time.