

WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 29th October 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- M.P. Herbert (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), A.J. Chidgey, Mrs S. Chidgey, R. Darch, J. Dobson, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond, R. Young (Clerk) District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin, and 3 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from Mrs J. Reade, A. Sharp and District/County Councillor M. Healey.

50. Declarations of Interest

Mr & Mrs Chidgey disclosed interests in matters relating to the B3141 as residents of Causeway. Mr Darch disclosed a prejudicial interest in planning application 017 being the applicant and left the meeting during consideration thereof and all members present recorded personal interests as the applicant being a Member of the Council was known to them. Mr Galloway disclosed an interest in matters relating to the village hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

51. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th September 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman as a correct record.

52. Hinkley C Project Issues

Doug Bamsey, Corporate Director, Sedgemoor District Council, was in attendance and made a presentation on the progress of the Hinkley C Project including the Community Impact Mitigation Fund, Community Benefit and the National Grid Connection Project. Notes supplied by Mr Bamsey are filed with the signed copy of these minutes. Mr Bamsey answered questions raised by Members and it was agreed to consider bidding for CIM Funds when open and to make application for a Member to be appointed as an independent representative on the Grant Panel.

53. Reports of the County and District Councillors

The Presiding Chairman extended condolences to District Councillor Mrs Hamlin in respect of her recent bereavement.

54. Big Local Funding

It was noted that a web-site had been established www.villagesogether.org.uk which outlined progress. It was understood that a community support worker had been appointed for each village.

55. Maintenance Issues

It was noted that the District Council had yet to complete work to the various trees in the village. The Jubilee Tree Planting Project was awaiting news of a forthcoming wayleave in the sportsfield. It was agreed to request the County Council to inspect the health of the willow trees at Reeds Drive. Further work to the memorial bench might take place in the near future. Urgent repair work had been carried out to a fence in the Lower Playing Field and the cone climber had been replaced at Sedgemoor Way. It was noted that a dog waste bin in the vicinity of Ham Lane would cost approximately £160. Information was being sought on land ownership in the area. It was agreed to take part in an Estate Walk with representatives of the District Council and Housing Associations to discuss parking and estate management issues around Woolavington Estate.

56. Highways Issues

It was agreed to again report road defects at Higher Road between Martlands Farm and East Approach, as they were within the area of the carriageway together with defects in the pavement at Lower Road and a blocked drain at Causeway. The one-way street signs at Church Street had yet to be rectified by the Highways Authority. The School was willing to be involved with the enhancement of the bus shelter at Lockswell and it was agreed to obtain

appropriate Perspex sheets. The highway police officers had been tasked to enforce the weight restriction along the B3141.

57. Accounts for Payment

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

000851 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00
000852 Grant Thornton	audit fee	£240.00

The following payments were authorised:-

000853 G. Bickers	grass cutting	£323.50
000854 A1 Gardening	grass cutting	£254.99
000855 Greenslades	grass cutting	£299.00

A bank reconciliation as at 30th September 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 controls.

A preliminary budget for 2014/15 would be circulated to Members for comment prior to next Meeting.

58. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:-

016 Retention of use of buildings as B1, B2 & B8 and erection of security fencing and gates, former Wyvern Centre, Cossington Lane – Montana Scaffolding Ltd – confirm recommendation of permission;

017 Erection of two storey dwelling with detached garage and parking area to the south of 1 Chilpitts – R. Darch – recommend permission;

020 Erection of 3 poles as a “T” to the existing 33kV line, Causeway – Western Power Distribution – no observations;

42/13/010 Huntspill Energy Park – Mr Chidgey and Mr Herbert to attend a meeting at Puriton on 30th October 2013.

It was noted that the District Council's Development Control Committee had granted permission in respect of 010 (Wessex Solar Energy) at their Meeting held earlier that day.

59. Reports from Voluntary Organisations

Mr Galloway reported upon the forthcoming AGM of the Village Hall Committee and fund raising events.

Helen Baker submitted reports upon Flare and the Job Club and she was congratulated upon the success of her work with her colleagues in connection with both activities

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman