

## **WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The 2019 Annual Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- R. Darch, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, R.J. Raymond, A. Sharp, R. Young (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Apology for absence received from R. Preece, District Councillor B. Crow and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

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

Mr A. Sharp was proposed by Mr Galloway, seconded by Mr Raymond and elected Chairman of the Parish Council for 2019/20. The Chairman signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

### **2. Co-option**

Mr A.J. Chidgey and Mrs S. Chidgey were co-opted to serve on the Parish Council to fill vacancies of parish councillor (North Ward). Mr & Mrs Chidgey signed declarations of acceptance of office and joined the Council. It was also agreed to canvas for volunteers to fill two vacancies of parish councillor (South Ward).

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

Mr Chidgey was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mrs Galloway and elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2019/20.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

Mr and Mrs Galloway disclosed interests in matters relating to the village hall as members of the Village Hall Committee.

### **5. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

### **6. Dates of Meetings**

The following dates of Meetings during 2019 were provisionally agreed - 25<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **7. Appointments**

The following appointments were made:-

Planning Sub Group – Chairman, Vice Chairman, R. Darch and R.J. Raymond.

Sedgemoor Cluster Meetings – Mrs. C. Galloway, R. Preece and A. Sharp.

Woolavington Playing Fields Association – A.J. Chidgey, A. Sharp and one other Member to be determined.

Youth Development/ Flare Youth Club Working Party – Mrs S. Chidgey and Mrs C. Galloway

Villages Together – A. Sharp.

Woolavington Village Hall Committee – B.J. Galloway.]

### **8. General Power of Competence**

It was resolved that Woolavington Parish Council met the criteria to use the General Power of Competence.

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

Both Members had submitted apologies for non attendance.

## **10. Financial Regulations**

It was agreed to adopt the revised model Financial Regulations as supplied by the Somerset Association of Local Councils.

## **11. Anti-Social Behaviour**

It was reported that instances of anti-social behaviour had reduced. Work was on going to address issues and it was emphasised that all instances should be reported either via 101 or direct to the PCSOs.

## **12. Maintenance Issues**

It was agreed to arrange a Village Clean up Day on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 10.00 a.m. It was agreed to remind the County Council of the need to take enforcement action against people who do not maintain their sections of ditch in Crancombe Lane and to remind owners to trim back their hedge where it is obstructing the footpath in Crancombe Lane.

## **13. Higher Road Bus Shelter**

The Parish Council considered ideas for a mural from a local resident and chose a map of the village for the front and a design based on the former pond which was adjacent to the site of the shelter for the rear.

## **14. 2018/19 Accounting Statements**

The financial statement for 2018/19 and the 2018/19 Accounting Statement required by the external auditors were formally approved.

## **15. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

001111 SALC	affiliation fee	£587.62
001112 GWB Services	grass cutting	£629.50
001113 Coomber Security	CCTV maintenance	£135.96
001114 The Hub	grant	£500.00

## **16. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered-

008 Full application for the erection of 100 dwellings including 30 affordable homes and outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 75 dwellings and associated infrastructure, land at Woolavington Hill – Wainhomes Severn Valley Ltd – recommend refusal.

009 Change of use of hair salon to dwelling, Sedgemoor Road – J. Stevens – recommend permission.

In addition, the Parish Council received a presentation from Sedgemoor officers on an opportunity which had recently arisen for a development of 15 affordable homes with a local lettings policy. Members were disappointed that the Parish Council were not advised of this opportunity at the outset but it was agreed that the Planning Sub Group should meet with the relevant officers/housing provider to discuss the matter further.

## **17. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Galloway reported that the ramp to the Belcher Room at the Village Hall had been concreted, a new printer had been purchased and further wild flower seeds had been sown. It was agreed to purchase a supply of chairs and links for use at Council Meetings.

The Chairman outlined details of the proposed Dreamscheme for young people and it was agreed to invite representatives of The Hub to the next Meeting to give details of their overall aims and objectives and an update on their July event.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman

