

## WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Woolavington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Higher Road, Woolavington on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- A. Sharp (Chairman), A.J. Chidgey, B.J. Galloway, Mrs C. Galloway, Mrs J. Knight, E. Marsh and Ms J. Wagstaff with R. Young (Clerk).

Apology for absence received from S. Smith.

Bob Darch had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council for personal reasons and Members paid tribute to his valuable work on the Council.

### **66. Disclosures of Interest**

Members had no interests to disclose.

### **67. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **68. Report of the Somerset Councillors**

Neither Member was present.

### **69. IT Policy Update**

A draft IT Policy was approved and signed by the Chairman and would be displayed on the Parish Web-site.

### **70. Maintenance and Highway Issues**

Members considered an update on maintenance and highway issues. The deepest potholes in Windmill Crescent had been filled and a pothole in Vicarage Road had been reported. Coombe Lane would be closed during working hours until 29<sup>th</sup> January to allow completion of pre-surface dressing patching work. Work had started on a blocked drain at Combe Lane. A large fly-tip was removed from the Causeway in late December. Gary Bickers was working on the agreed list of winter jobs. He felt that the steps on the north bank of the playing field were beyond economic repair.

### **71. Financial Issues**

The following payments were authorised

DD	Telecoms Consortium	pavilion line	£46.79
DD	Nat West & Unity Bank	account charges	£8.85
DD	Total Energies	pavilion electricity	£189.22
Unity	Parish on line	subscription	£504.00
Unity	GWB Services	maintenance work	£646.80

Unity	Greenslades	grass cutting	£313.99
Unity	R. Smith	honorary	£500.00
Unity	Woolavington V. Hall	grants	£6,100.00
Unity	Parish Clerk	payroll and sundry expenses reimbursement	£672.78

Further funds were transferred from Nat West to Unity Bank

The Council also considered and approved a Risk Management Report and a Statement of Internal Control for 2025/26. Graham Jarvis was appointed as Internal Auditor for 2025/26.

## **72. Planning**

There were no new applications to consider

The Chairman reported upon further information obtained on the policies relating to the planning applications/tender process for the construction and operation of synchronous condenser facilities on alternative “green field” sites.

An on-line meeting had also taken place with planning officers to seek clarification on apparent differences in responses from some of the statutory consultees to the three major planning applications for residential developments in the village. The officers undertook to give written responses to matters of detail via e-mails.

## **73. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

Mr Marsh reported that the Village Hall was currently well used. Future projects included upgrading the toilets and provision of additional solar panels on the roof.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Chairman