

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 19th JUNE 2008 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Mrs E Oliver, Cllr Mrs A Beszant, Cllr Mrs C Naish, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell, Cllr T Slater

Also in attendance: Mrs D Cook (Clerk)

16/08 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting. See minute number 23/08.

17/08 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Williamson (personal).

17.1/08 To accept the absence of Cllr M Williamson for a period of up to 6 months from May 2008 to November 2008

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the absence of Cllr M Williamson for a period of up to 6 months from May 2008 to November 2008.

18/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Parsons declared an interest in all planning matters because of his position as District Councillors sitting on the Planning Regulatory Committee at CDC.

19/08 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the annual meeting held on Thursday, 15th May 2008.

20/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr J Parsons had spoken to Chris Franklin at Gloucestershire Highways re the proposals for the B4014 (to a single lane carriageway – put forward by Cllr T Hicks (County Councillor) at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May 2008). The County have nothing in writing yet, but they will do so when they are able. The Parish Council will also come up with any thoughts and ideas.

It was noted that the Avening Social Club application (re retention of smoking shelter) had been referred back to the Environment Agency for more interpretation and was due to be heard again by the CDC planning regulatory committee shortly.

21/08 CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2008/09

It was **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Cllr Mrs E Oliver to be the Parish Council Representative for the Memorial Hall Management Committee for 2008/09.

22/08 PLANNING

22.1/08 New Planning Applications

08/01255/LBC	Norn House, 12 Nags Head Lane, Avening, GL8 8NZ Proposal: Demolition of porch. Erection of single storey lean to extension. Members had no objection to the application.
08/01258/FUL	Norn House, 12 Nags Head Lane, Avening, GL8 8NZ Proposal: Erection of single storey lean to extension Members had no objection to the application.

22.2/08 Decisions Made Since Last Meeting

08/00932/FUL	Quietways, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and installation of dormer on north elevation – AMENDMENTS. This was for further information only and no further comment was needed.
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22.3/08 Decisions Received

08/00804/LBC	Brook House, Hampton Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NS Proposal: Reinstatement / repair of two greenhouses Date decided: 04 June 2008 Decision: Application Permit
08/00806/LBC	Brook House, Hampton Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NS

	Proposal: Re-roof annexe area using reconstituted stone or blue slate, in lieu of cotswold stone slate Date decided: 05 June 2008 Decision: Application Refused
08/00808/LBC	Brook House, Hampton Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NS Proposal: Reduction in the height of the boundary by 600mm (adjacent to stream) Date decided: 05 June 2008 Decision: Application Refused
08/00932/FUL	Quietways, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and installation of dormer on north elevation - application granted Date decided: 11 June 2008 Decision: Application Permit

22.4/08 Applications Withdrawn

07/03438/FUL	Playing Field, Rectory Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, Proposal: Erection of flying fox and climbing frame Decision: Application Withdrawn
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22.5/08 Tree Works

22.5.1/08 Tree Works Applications

§ 08/01485/TRECON

Coach House, Avening House, High Street, Avening, TETBURY, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NH
Proposal: 1) Mature Ash adjacent corner of barn extension - fell to near ground level. 2) Large mature Sycamore adjacent to gas tank - fell to near ground level. 3) Sycamore tree plantation on embankment to side of coach house - fell all trees within this area to near ground level (including the semi-mature Maples, Sycamores, Ash and Cherry situated on the embankment area). 4) Spruce tree by lawn - fell to near ground level. 5) Yew tree in centre of rear lawn - fell to near ground level. 6) Spruce and Cypress in corner of lawn area - fell to near ground level. 7) Spruce adjacent to lawn area - fell to near ground level. 8) Lawson Cypress adjacent to lawn area (group of 3) fell to near ground level. 9) Golden Cypress in corner of rear lawn - fell to near ground level. 10) Semi-mature Pine by side of lawn area - fell to near ground level. 11) Juniper - fell to near ground level. 12 and 13) Two Maple - fell to near ground level. 14) Spruce - fell to near ground level.

Members objected to the application on the basis that there are too many mature trees being felled. The trees are in a conservation area and in the grounds of a listed building and this amount of tree felling is not appropriate to the area.

22.5.2/08 Tree Works Decisions

Glebe House Cottage 5 New Inn Lane Avening Tetbury

Tree location and description of works: All located near boundary wall of property adjacent to Beech Hedge. T. 1 Ash - remove single stout basal epicormic shoot and dead, diseased wood. T.2 Ash - remove rogue Ash. T. 3. Hawthorn - remove.

APPLICATION REF: 08/01417/TCONR

DATE OF DECISION: 29th May 2008

FILE REF: CT.CONTR 2553

CDC – No Objections

22.6/08 Footpaths Around the Village

The Glebe Cottage kissing gate situation was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to object to the removal of the kissing gate and replacing it with a field gate.

It was discussed generally whether kissing gates and stone stiles generally around the village could be listed to protect them in the future. The Clerk would look into the situation and advise council.

23/08 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PCSO Sue Fellows attended the meeting. She confirmed that crime figures were down in Avening for last month. There had been 3 reported crimes in the village (theft, violence and criminal damage). Perpetrators were being identified more readily now. There had been an all night party for youths locally. They left some glass and mess behind. The police had spoken to them/their parents.

Cllr J Parsons thanked the police on behalf of everyone as the visible presence was making a difference to the village. He also thanked Sal Jennings from CDC who had made a large contribution in bringing together all the professionals involved.

24/08 FINANCE

24.1/08 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

The current balance at bank was £3,474.81 with £22,817.93 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

24.2/08 Bills for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following bills for payment :

§ Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	£553.37
§ HMRC	£nil
§ HGM (grasscutting)	£610.00

24.3/08 To approve the following cheques issued since the last meeting:

§ Farm and Garden Services	£256.00
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It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment to Farm and Garden Services.

24.4/08 To confirm final amendments to budget heads for 2008/09

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the amendments to budget heads for 2008/09

24.5/08 Internal Auditors report re annual accounts

It was noted that the internal auditor suggested confirming insurance cover with the Memorial Hall and APFA on an annual basis. The Council thanked Graham Merricks for his work again this year.

24.6/08 To consider costs to trim brambles on High Street/report back on progress

Part of the overhanging brambles had been cut back. It was believed the other area belonged to 25a High Street. The Clerk would write to request the brambles to be cut back.

24.7/08 Grant Applications

24.7.1/08 To consider grant application in the sum of £1404 from Avening Playing Fields Association for moving/rebuilding of the flying fox and landscaping.

The original application had been withdrawn. APFA wished to apply for funding to complete the project where the flying fox was currently located – to include some ramps. The Clerk would ask them to submit an application for next month.

24.7.2/08 To hear final report from Memorial Hall Management Committee on £500 grant money spent for security measures/OR to apply for an extension to spend grant money.

The Memorial Hall Committee had submitted a report to explain the progress made with security measures and to apply for an extension until the end of July, in order for work and funding to be tied in with County funding. As council did not meet in August and therefore could not make any further decisions/hear a final report until September it was **RESOLVED** to give an extension until the next Council meeting on the 18th September 2008.

25/08 PARISH PLAN/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

25.1/08 Dog Waste Bins

The final sites approved by CDC were: 1. West End Sign 2. Entrance to the playing fields at Sunground pathway 3. Pound Hill/Point Road. CDC were to arrange collection of the bins and install them.

25.2/08 Avening Walks Brochure

The papers and photos etc were just going off to the designer.

25.3/08 Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

This matter was covered at minute number 23/08 above.

25.4/08 Ash Path maintenance and dedication to County Council

Cllr Mrs G Parsons had visited Mrs Hinder and established the land that she owned (area hatched red on the conveyance). The ownership of area A to B was unknown. It was always assumed to be the responsibility of the Parish Council and 2 Councillors were able to state the usage of the land as far back as the 1940s if needed in a statutory declaration. The Clerk would report this to the Solicitor.

25.5/08 Traffic and Highways

The tall growing plants on the B4014 going out of the village were mentioned again. It was noted they had apparently now been sprayed so should be dying back.

25.6/08 Football Field – update

Council noted that the football field was to be sold into private ownership. There was very little information available. It was not clear what the sale money would be used for by the Trustees of the land.

26/08

Correspondence for Action:

- § CPRE Gloucestershire Branch AGM invite 3rd July 08 – Cllr G Parsons was planning to attend
- § CDC CSPAN (sport and physical activity network) launch event 25th June 6pm – Council felt this was important and someone would try and attend. Both APFA and the Hall would be notified as well.
- § CDC - Core Strategy – Avening Profile – this would be sent out to all Councillors for comment and then returned to CDC
- § CDC - Emergency Plan – the Clerk would obtain more information.

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell left the meeting at 9.20pm

The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on

Thursday, 17th July at 7.30pm

In Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm