

Avening Parish Council Minutes Year 2008/09

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
20TH NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 PM**

The following Councillors were in attendance. Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr M Williamson (Vice Chairman) Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr Mrs C Naish, Cllr T Slater, Cllr Mrs E Oliver, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell, Cllr J Catterall

Also in attendance: Mrs W Jennings (Clerk), Jon Glover, Nick Winkfield, Jon Walton and Paul Hancock from APFA and PCSO Sue Fellows

It was RESOLVED to vary the agenda as PCSO Sue Fellows had not arrived at this time.

58/08 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked.

59/08 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs A Beszant (personal)

60/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Mrs E Oliver declared an interest in New Planning Application for 5 Old Hill, Avening.

61/08 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2008.

62/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

63/08 TO DISCUSS BUSINESS/FORWARD PLAN WITH APFA

Jon Glover presented a report on the completed activities and achievements over the past year of the APFA. The Flying Fox had been made operational in October to the delight of both children and parents. The goal posts had been moved and re-sited to level ground and whilst this was being undertaken an underground electrical cable had been located. This has been noted in Council records for future reference. The APFA have joined the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association which will help with safety advice and as a support in grant applications. The problem of dog mess and dog control had improved recently but timely reminders are required.

Signed

Chairman/Presiding Officer

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Proposed projects include a Cycle track around the periphery of the field to provide a safe surface for young children to cycle and provide a circuit for runners and joggers. It will also provide a firm path for dog walkers especially in the winter months. A village fruit orchard is also planned on the periphery of the field in a joint community project with the school and other volunteers. Other projects include refurbishing the basketball court, holding a Car Boot sale and a Softball competition.

It was asked if lighting could be installed in the hut on the playing field but this would prove to be too expensive.

It was RESOLVED to approve a grant of £2,100 to APFA.

64/08 REPORT BY PCSO SUE FELLOWS

PCSO Sue Fellows reported that there had been one substantiated crime in October compared with 6 in the same period in 2007 – a non dwelling burglary. Overall the figures have been encouraging and highlight the areas of success achieved by all.

A Panel Meeting had been arranged in Tetbury to bring together concerned members of the public to prioritize certain areas within the community. Cllr M Williamson to be our representative.

65/08 PLANNING

65.1/08 New Planning Applications

08/03109/FUL	Tallet Barn, Hampton Hill, Avening GL8 8SB Proposal: Proposed extension and roof over existing balcony. Members had no objections
08/03071/FUL	5 Old Hill, Avening, Tetbury, GL8 8NR Proposal: Extension and refurbishment of existing cottage Members had no objections

65.2/08 Decision Notices Received

08/02095/FUL	The Boat House, Gatcombe Water, Avening, Gloucestershire Proposal: Conversion of boat house into a dwelling. Date decided by CDC: 17 th November 2008 CDC Decision: Application Permit
08/02611/FUL	Orchard House, 21 West End, Avening, Tetbury, GL8 8NE Proposal: New porch and driveway Date decided by CDC : 27 October 2008

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	CDC Decision: Application Permit
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66/08 FINANCE**66.1/08 Budget Status and Balance at Bank**

The current balance at bank was £3,603.12 with £19,037.28 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

66.2/08 Bills for Payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following bills for payment:

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| • Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus expenses including SMP | £673.41 |
| • Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus expenses | £386.03 |
| • HMRC | £236.45 |
| • HGM (grass cutting) | £490.00 |
| • Cotswold D.C. (printing) | £72.15 |

66.3/08 To approve the following cheques issued since the last meeting

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| • Royal British Legion | £50.00 |
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66.4/08 To open the sealed bids for the Calor Gas Barbeque and to confirm the purchaser

Council had not received any bids for the Barbeque and after discussions four suggestions were made:

- a) To sell it on e-Bay
- b) Raffle
- c) One councillor made an offer of £300
- d) Hire it out to village groups

After much debate it was agreed to accept the kind offer from one of the Councillors to purchase the barbeque for £300 and this sum would then be donated to the Avening Playing Fields Association to go towards the Orchard they are proposing to create in the near future.

It was RESOLVED to vary the agenda at this point as Cllr Elizabeth Oliver had to leave at 9.00 pm

67/08 Parish Plan/Community Projects**67.1/08 Autumn Village Clean-up, 8th November 2008**

Cllr Oliver reported that 28 people, and two dogs, supported the Village Clean-up on Saturday 8th November. It is very reassuring that so many villagers gave up their time to help keep the village tidy. A report will be submitted to the Villager magazine to highlight the good effort made. A Spring Clean up will be held in April. The equipment supplied by Cotswold DC i.e. tabards, sticks, gloves, bags etc. has been returned.

66.5/8 To approve costs for the village hall lease

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Nothing further has been heard regarding the Lease at this stage.

66.6/08 To consider finance committee recommendations on Budget and Precept for the financial year 2009/10

It was considered prudent, even though there were no members of the public present, that in view of the business to be discussed, the meeting should be placed in closed session.

It was therefore unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting move into closed session under the terms of The Public (Admissions to Meetings) act 1960 as the business to be discussed included sensitive information and dealt with finances which could be prejudiced by being in the public domain at this time, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

It was RESOLVED by a majority decision (6 in favour, 1 against) to adopt the budget for 2009/10 as set out on the attached sheet and to set the precept at £23,500 for the year 2009/10.

67/08 Parish Plan/Community Projects

67.2/08 Resiting of Dog Waste Bin at Pound Hill/Point Road

The Clerk had visited a resident who had complained about the positioning of the dog waste bin. After viewing the site it was agreed that the dog waste bin should be moved three feet to the right, nearer the telegraph pole and this would then provide a clear view from the window. Cotswold DC has kindly agreed to move the bin without charge and a letter will be sent to authorize.

67.3/08 Avening Walks Brochure

The Clerk had collected the 200 printed brochures from Cotswold DC and will distribute them for sale at a cost of £1 each.

67.4/08 Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

67.4.1/08 SARA Plan

Cllr. Williamson reported he would get in touch with Nailsworth Youth Club to see if we could work together on some future projects.

67.4.2/08 Community Safety Survey

The distribution of the results and report of the survey is underway and Councillors volunteered to help.

67.5 /08 Traffic and Highways

67.5.1/08 Repairs/Replacement of Grit Bins in Village

The grit bin at the top of Sandford Leaze is due for repair in the next couple of weeks as advised by Gloucestershire County Council. The cost of a new grit bin to be located at the other side of Sandford Leaze (towards the mill end) will be approx. £220. Cllr. Jim Parsons to discuss with Highways and at the next meeting in December a final decision will be made with regard to type of bin and position, together with exact cost.

67.5.2/08 VAS signs

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Highways Department at Glos CC had advised that after they had confirmed details of the electricity supply, the VAS signs will be installed. We will be notified shortly.

66.5.3/08 Bus Shelters – Mays Lane

It was agreed to go ahead with the bus shelter at Mays Lane and a working party of Cllr Gill Parsons, Cllr T Slater and Cllr J Catterell was formed. The Mays Lane Bus Shelter working party will look into the feasibility and practicalities of replacing the current bus shelter at Mays Lane and report their recommendations back to Council on a monthly basis.

66.5.4/08 Village Hall Update

The flooring has been refurbished and a new carpet laid in the Chamberlain Rooms. New lighting has also improved the hall greatly.

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on
Thursday, 18th December at 7.30 pm
In Avening Memorial Hall**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40 pm

Signed

Chairman/Presiding Officer

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