

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
18th JUNE 2009 AT 7.30 PM**

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

Also in attendance: Mrs W Jennings (Clerk), Mrs D Cook (Clerk on Maternity Leave) Mr D Ind and Mr J Hill (Trustees of Avening Football Field)

01/09 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr M Williamson was nominated for Vice Chairman by Cllr G Parsons and seconded by Cllr T Slater and was unanimously elected.

02/09 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

03/09 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs E Oliver (personal)

04/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

**05/09 ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2009**

It was RESOLVED to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2009.

06/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Electricity supply – The Clerk has spoken with a representative of Central Networks who has confirmed that the supply to the village will remain uninterrupted. The resident of Avening who was quoted a large sum of money to have 3 phase or additional single phase, lives far away from the transformer and the network ends where customer lives. Central Networks mentioned that each application is looked at separately and with any new developments, the supply can be increased and the house owner may not need to pay for all the costs.

It was RESOLVED to vary the agenda at this point as the Trustees of the Football Field had been delayed

**07/09 CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR
2009/10**

Signed

Chairman/Presiding Officer

Date: 16th July 2009

As there were no other nominations, it was reported that Cllr Mrs E Oliver would wish to continue to be the Parish Council Representative for the Memorial Hall Management Committee for 2009/10, albeit the members were in accord. This was deferred to the next meeting.

08/09 PLANNING

08.1/09 New Planning Applications

09/01296/FUL	<p>Transmitting Station, Tetbury Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Glos. Installation of VSAT dish on the existing tower, replacement of equipment cabin, and 1GPS antenna, 1 meter cabinet and a feeder gantry Decision: No objection</p>
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Councillors discussed the landscaping issues surrounding the above site and resolved to write to Arqiva (Site Managers) requesting that previous permitted landscape decisions be implemented as a matter of importance, and secondly requesting the descriptive nature of equipments fitted to the mast. The chairman would talk to the Enforcement Team at CDC to ensure compatibility with permitted approvals given to the site.

08.2/09 Decision Notices Received

09/00711/FUL	<p>Avening Park, West End, Avening, Tetbury GL8 8NE Two storey extension to single dwelling house, including addition of dormer windows Decision by CDC: Permitted Decision Date: 4th June 2009</p>
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09/09 UPDATE OF FOOTBALL FIELD

Mr Derrick Ind and Mr Jim Hill, both Trustees of the Football Field, updated Councillors on the latest position. Derrick Ind advised the Parish Council on the history of the Football field and how it was donated to the village in 1922. Unfortunately it has not been used for football for 4-5 years and the pavilion is now a liability. A Deed of Appointment has been drawn up by Solicitors and an offer for the land has been received. The Parish Council will receive a further update when final outcome of decisions and finances have been decided.

10/09 FINANCE

10.1/09 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

The current balance at bank was £6,322.33 with £28,123.50 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

10.2/09 Bills for Payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following bills for payment:

- Clerk's Salary less Income Tax £371.18
- Statutory Maternity Pay £496.05
- HM revenue & Customs (Tax & N.I) £ 89.87
- HGM Garden Maintenance £685.00
- Graham Merricks (Audit) £125.00

10.3/09 To advise receipt of cheque from Gloucestershire County Council

A cheque for £550 had been received from GCC for the grant to go towards the bus shelter.

10.4/09 Financial Risk Assessment

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Internal Audit Procedures for a further year.

11/09 PARISH PLAN/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

11.1/09 Dog bins

Suggestions had been received to install further dog bins in and around the village, but after discussion this was decided against. It is not possible to have a dog bin at Nags Head as this is on the main road through the hamlet.

11.2/09 Litter Pick Day

Thanks were given to the villagers who turned out on Saturday 13th June to do a litter pick. As only a few people turned up it was decided that in future we should continue only with the Autumn & Spring Litter Clean Up.

11.3/09 Crime & Antisocial Behaviour

PCSOs Sue Fellowes & Paul Hancock were not available. Cllr Mick Williamson reported that there were only five substantiated crimes between 1st April and 31st May compared to eight in the same period last year. The SARA plan had directed for special attention the playing field and the village hall but, because we have had a relatively quiet winter and spring, these will be removed.

11.4/09 Ash Path Creation Order

A letter has been received from GCC advising the consultation process has now finished and no objections received. A Legal Order has been drafted and will be advertised in early to mid July. After a 4 week objection period and if no objections are received, they will confirm the Order.

11.5/09 Traffic & Highways

Cllr Slater reported that the VAS 30 mph on the Nailsworth road is now working correctly.

There are various potholes which need attention together with the adjustment of the mirror by the Cross Pub. The signpost by the Nags Head turn has been damaged and also needs adjustment. These have been reported to Gloucestershire Highways and we await their response.

Cllr Beardsell reported that the 'No Cycling' sign on Ash Path needs to be replaced and the Clerk will request this asap.

A large amount of vegetation is growing up along the Nailsworth road by the Sewerage works and a request for this to be cut back will be made.

It was also suggested that a note is put in The Villager to remind parishioners to cut back any overhanging branches and undergrowth from footpaths and roadways.

A letter had been received from Cotswold District Council requesting updated information relating to Snow Wardens and grit bins. The clerk will write to Mr Williams of GLC & R Williams to ask if he will remain a snow warden, and checks will be made on the grit bins in the village.

Cllrs Catterall and Mitchell made their apologies and left the meeting at 9.15 pm

11.6/09 Councils & The Power of Well Being

Mrs Cook had attended a course outlining the benefits of The Power of Well Being which came into force on 31st December 2008. She advised Councillors of all the details. Not many Parish Councils have adopted it as yet as Clerks are required to complete a 3-year course. This power allows Councils to pay for something Section 137 is not able to cover. Councillors have taken a wait and see approach at this time.

It was also suggested we purchase a more up to date legal legislation book – Charles Arnold Baker 8th Edition as there has been new legislation over the past few years and our copy is out of date. A new edition is likely to cost £53.60.

An update on Councillors' allowances was given.

11.7/09 Summer off the Streets

Cotswold DC is running a programme during the school holidays for children between the ages 8 – 14 in which Avening PC are taking part. We have arranged for a course of Willow Sculpture to be held in the Parish Church on Wednesday 5th August between 10am – 12 noon. To book the course it will be necessary to do this through the school or contact the Parish Clerk.

11.8/09 Hedges, Boundaries & Features

Following on from a planning application where the details of hedges were discussed, the Parish Council are undertaking a review of boundaries, stiles and other features. The Clerk will contact Rights of Way at GCC for maps and other historical info.

11.9/09 Report by Ofcom on Mobile phone base station audit

Ofcom carried out an audit in June to check the emissions from the mobile phone base station. This was carried out in the vicinity of the school and was found to be an area with very low emissions and well within designated guideline.

12/09 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- CPRE Gloucestershire Branch AGM – Invitation to Councillors to attend.

- Rural Skills Training Courses 2009 – Also obtaining a list of courses run by Royal Agric. College, Cirencester.

- The Roses Theatre – The Roses Theatre Youth & Community team are able to deliver a range of workshops aimed at young people under 18 years and Over 65s. Sent info. to Village Hall Committee to discuss and set up event.

- Cotswold District Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)
The Parish Council has been asked by Forward Planning at CDC for their comments on the possible development of the area adjacent to the Playgroup building. Councillors felt that access would be a problem as the road leading to the area is already congested through Sunground. The plot is also next to the playing fields.

- The Great Avening Scarecrow Trail

The Village Hall Committee is organizing a fundraising event on Sunday 28th June.

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on
Thursday 16th July, 2009 at 7.30 pm
In Avening Memorial Hall**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50 pm

Signed

Chairman/Presiding Officer

Date: 16th July 2009