

Avening Parish Council Minutes Year 2008/09

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
19th MARCH 2009 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 Mitchell, Cllr A Beszant, Cllr Mrs. C Naish, Cllr Mrs. E Oliver, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr T Slater

Also in attendance: Mrs W Jennings (Clerk)

96/08 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

97/08 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None – all Councillors present.

98/08 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

99/08 PCSO REPORT AND CRIME & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

PCSOs Sue Fellows and Paul Hancock both sent their apologies as they were not able to attend. The February Police Report was discussed and it was noted that overall the figures have again been positive and seen a reduction in crime across the board. Cllr. Mitchell reported that the outside door to the porch of the church will be locked as individuals have been seen loitering in there at night. In the churchyard wreaths and flowers have been thrown around. The mobile police station visited the village on the 10th March and will be calling again on 27th March. In April the mobile police station will be at the village on the 19th and 27th April. Cllr. Jim Parsons stated that he will be meeting with Chief Superintendent Gavin Thomas on 22nd April to discuss policing in Avening, particularly burglaries, petty theft, crime and cutbacks, if any, in view of the financial recession as we do not want to lose the police presence we enjoy at the moment.

100/08 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2009.

101/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dog Fouling. The Environmental Warden had not yet visited the village but the Clerk will contact CDC again to ascertain when a visit will be arranged.

Signed

Chairman/Presiding Officer

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Red Cross Meeting. Cllr. Mitchell and Cllr. Jim Parsons attended the evening and stated how well it went.

Ash Path. The pathway has been cleared of stones and leaves making it easier and safer to walk down the steps. HGM Garden Maintenance carried out the work earlier in the month at a cost of £150.

102/08 SET DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on a separate evening to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. After discussion the date suggested was Wednesday 13th May to be held in the Social Club, if it is permissible to hold this meeting at a licensed venue. The Clerk will establish if the Social Club is available and if not, will book the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all parishioners and invitations will be sent to all groups in the village who benefitted by a grant from the Parish Council this year.

103/08 PLANNING

103.1/08 New Planning Applications

09/00507/FUL	Quietways, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8NE Proposal: Garden room extension Decision: Objected – The window in the roof of the extension serves no purpose as it is a low roof space
09/00512/FUL	Orchard House, 21 West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8NE Proposal: New wrap around extension to existing porch Decision: No objection

103.2/08 Decision Notices Received

09/00120/FUL	41 Nags Head Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8NZ Proposal: Erection of detached garage and shed Date decided by CDC: 24 th February 2009 CDC Decision: Application Permitted
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104/08 FINANCE

104/1/08 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

The current balance at bank was £2,498.90 with £15,117.27 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

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104.2/08 Bills for Payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following bills for payment:

- Clerk's Salary less Income Tax £343.50
- Statutory Maternity Pay less Income Tax £464.79
- HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & N.I.) £91.74
- Glasdon (UK) Ltd – Grit bin £151.42
- GAPTC Subscription £207.90

104.3/08 Cheques Received

- Norwich Union Insurance claim – bus shelter £950.00

The meeting would have been put into closed session for agenda point 9.4 (minuted at 104.4/08 and agenda point 9.5 (minuted at 104.5/08) if there had been members of the public present, under the Public (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as the business to be discussed included staff salaries and confidential finances (in accordance with legal requirements).

104.4/08 To consider costs to erect a handrail along the steps of Ash Path

Two quotations had been received and were discussed. Clerk to request a resubmission of one quotation to reflect the wishes of members present.

104.5/08 NALC Salary Award 2008-09

The final salary award for clerks had been received.

105/08 Parish Plan/Community Projects**105.1/08 Re-siting of dog bin**

After discussion it was agreed to put the dog bin from the churchyard by the patch of grass near the stream, opposite the fire exit of the village hall. The Clerk will ask CDC to remove the bin from the churchyard and re-site it as soon as possible.

105.2/08 Traffic & Highways

Councillors were pleased to hear that a number of potholes had been filled and roads patched, after the period of snowy weather had caused more erosion than usual. Gloucestershire Highways had spent a number of days in the village carrying out work which had been highlighted by Councillors on the visit of 19th January.

105.3/09 Grit bin for Church/School

The site for the new grit bin was discussed. Cllr. Oliver had spoken with the school and the ideal site was suggested as the grass by the stream where the dog bin will also be installed. The Clerk will contact Gloucestershire Highways to install and fill bin when convenient.

105.3/08 Bus Shelter – Mays Lane

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The base for the bus shelter is now in place and Cllr. Gill Parsons had visited GLC Williams who are constructing the bus shelter to see how it is progressing. It is hoped it will be installed before the end of March. It was suggested a plaque, with the wording 'Avening Parish Council' on it be placed on the shelter. Councillors also mentioned there had been a plaque on the stone bus shelter which had been dismantled over 5 years previously. The Clerk will look through the cupboard to see if the brass plaque is in there. A quote had been received for the clearance of brambles and undergrowth behind the new bus shelter, but this has been deferred to the new financial year when the Working Party can meet and plan more detailed maintenance after the bus shelter is in place.

105.4/08 Spring Village Clean Up

On Saturday 14th March, 13 people helped to clean up litter in and around the village. It has hoped to highlight the need to keep the village tidy and a note will be put in The Villager thanking all those who turned up on the day. It was suggested we hold a Summer Village Clean Up in June.

Councillor C Mitchell left the meeting at 9.00 pm.

105.5/08 VAS sign installation

Poles for the new Vehicle Activated Signs are in place and from correspondence held it was agreed the village would be having the smaller signs of 760mm wide x 960 mm high. Councillors were concerned these were too big.

105.6/08 Parish Plan update

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council is updating their database with parish led plans and have sent a list of our proposed objectives for 2008/09 for updating. Councillors went through the list with the Clerk who will complete it and return to GRCC by 3rd April, as requested. It was suggested that a workshop should be held in the village in November/December for young people asking what new facilities they would like to have in Avening. The Clerk will diarise for September.

105.7/08 Part Night Street Lighting

The Clerk will get in touch with Gloucestershire County Council to arrange for the street light at the bottom of Tetbury Hill to remain on all night.

106.08 Correspondence for Action

- Gloucestershire Medal for Courage 2008 – A poster has been prominently displayed publicizing this award. The award aims to recognize exceptional courage shown by Gloucestershire residents.
- Rural Focus Digest – Sport in Rural communities – Cllr Beszant highlighted that the government agency Sport England will be opening applications on 1st April for money to be used to increase the range of sports available to rural residents. Various suggestions were discussed and the possibility of using the

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site of the football field mentioned. The Clerk to find out more details as to who is responsible for the site of the football pitch.

- Independent Custody Visitor Advertisement – An advert for a responsible person willing to visit people in police custody has been received and will be placed on the notice board.
- B4014 Avening Road – Proposed Ground Investigation Phase 2 – Gloucestershire Highways will be undertaking a ground investigation encompassing part of the B4014 adjacent to Longfords Mill. It is planned to start on 16th March and be complete within a period of three weeks.
- S.111 Notification to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – a reply had been received from CDC to our letter opposing the new procedure that Parish Councils will not be consulted on every application. They have stated that Councils will be consulted on all notifications where the tree might be deemed to be significant.

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

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.10 pm

Signed

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