

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15th JULY 2010 AT 7.30 PM

The following Councillors were in attendance. Cllr M Williamson (Chairman), Cllr A Slater (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Parsons, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell

Also in attendance: Mrs D Cook (Clerk)

35/10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the Public were present.

36/10 PCSO REPORT & CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The PCSO's had sent apologies. The monthly crime report was noted. Concern was expressed as to what the fraud mentioned was.

37/10 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs E Oliver (personal)
Cllr T Beardsell (personal)
Cllr Mrs G Parsons (personal)

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell arrived at 7.45pm.

38/10 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. He did not vote.

Cllr Jim Parsons declared a prejudicial interest in the Queen Matilda Day grant funding application (agenda point 10.6.2).

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell declared a prejudicial interest in the Queen Matilda Day grant funding application (agenda point 10.6.2).

39/10 ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17th JUNE 2010.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th June 2010.

40/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not already on the agenda.

41/10 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR

No-one had applied for or enquired about the position. The Council would continue advertising.

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 for agenda point 8.

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, legal advice and contracts which could be prejudiced by being in the public domain at this time, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

42/10 VILLAGE HALL

The draft Lease had been received. The Clerk had gone through the draft and will meet member(s) of the Hall Management Committee to take instructions and then instruct the Solicitor.

Cllr T Slater arrived at 8pm.

**43/10 PLANNING
43.1/10 Planning Applications**

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| 10/02455/LBC | Rodways Place, Point Road, Avening, GL8 8NA Proposal: Revision to approved scheme 09/01518/LBC (involving reduction in width of extension). The Council confirmed that it had no objections to the application. |
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43.2/10 Decisions Received

The following decisions were noted:

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| 10/02031/FUL | Ayres Cottage, 41 High Street, Avening, GL8 8NF Proposal: Erection of single storey rear conservatory Date Decided: 12 th July 2010 Decision: Application Permit |
| 10/02516/CLOPUD | Foxhollow, 27 Point Road, Avening, GL8 8ND Proposal: Demolition of garage and replacement with new garage Date decided: 28 June 2010 Decision: Application Permit |

43.3/10 Tree Works Notices

The following Tree Works Notice/Felling Licence had been noted:

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| 10/02697/FORST FLA/018/78/10-11 | Forestry Commission Grant Scheme Application at Boat House Wood Gatcombe Water Avening Gloucestershire FLA/018/78/10-11 Felling Licence Consultation for thinning of trees that are subject to TPO known as "TPO 271 Longfords" Application Ref: 10/02697/FORST |
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43.4/10 Tree Works Decisions

The following decisions were noted.

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| Tree Preservation Order no 484 | NOTICE of Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No 484 (Ruggers Green and Oldfield Wood, near Avening. Gloucestershire) 2010. |
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44/10 FINANCE

44.1/10 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

The current balance at bank was £4,327.87 with £29,635.43 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

44.2/10 Bills for Payment

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

- Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses £517.32
- Memorial Hall (Youth Club fees 2010) £658.70
- Memorial Hall (Meeting Room Hire) £130
- PCC (Queen Matilda Day 2010) £600
- HGM Ltd £600
- Broker Network Ltd (phone boxes) £25

44.3/10 Adoption of Telephone Boxes

The Clerk advised that the notice to complete had been received from BT. The ownership of the phone boxes would pass to the Parish Council on 18th July 2010. Insurance would take effect from the 18th. The Clerk would start to obtain quotations/estimates from painters in time for September's meeting.

44.4/10 Update on First Registration of Council land.

The Hall boundary map had been received. The Ash Path map was outstanding. The Clerk would discuss with the Solicitors whether it was advisable to continue with all of the registrations.

44.5/10 To consider purchase of village memorabilia for £20

This matter was deferred.

44.6/10 Grant Applications

44.6.1/10 To approve the release of grant money for cycle track project to Avening Playing Fields Association in the sum of up to £1,000

This matter was deferred as the funds had not yet been requested by APFA.

44.6.2/10 To approve release of grant money to the PCC (Queen Matilda Day Committee) for Queen Matilda Day in September 2010 in the sum of £600

Both Cllrs Mrs C Mitchell and J Parsons declared a prejudicial interest.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the release of the grant money to the PCC (Queen Matilda Day Committee) for Queen Matilda Day in September 2010 in the sum of £600.

44.7/10 Annual Grants

44.7.1/10 To approve annual grant to the Memorial Hall in the sum of £1,000

This matter was deferred as up to date annual accounts to the year end December 2009 had not yet been provided.

44.8/10 To consider provision of new Parish Council noticeboards in village

The meeting was not put into closed session as no quotes were discussed.

It was suggested to have one board at the front of the hall. If the PC board was larger then the WI could share the board.

It was suggested to contact the PCC as they may be losing a board. They may wish to be involved with the Community Noticeboard on the side of the hall.

Some price lists had been sent, but the local contractor was still outstanding. The Clerk would go back with the new board sizes to the contractors. The matter would be deferred until September.

45/10 Parish Plan/Community Projects

45.1/10 Traffic and Highways

The letter from GCC re budget cuts to road works was discussed. The Clerk was to contact Cllr Waddington at GCC to ask for assurance the B4014 scheme was not being cut.

The usual annual visit from Gloucestershire Highways had taken place. The following issues were discussed:

1. Safety by the Cross Inn now the shop is present and a lot of children regularly cross the road to get to the Cross Inn. Highways will (a) put in "give way" markings on Star Lane and another from the corner at Hampton Hill and (b) would cut the bushes back. (c) They would put in road markings of "slow" and "keep clear" from Tetbury Hill to keep the corner clear. (d) They would install a pedestrian crossing sign to warn drivers of people crossing.
2. the Ash Path "Pedestrian only" and "no cycling" signs would be replaced.
3. they would look at the sunken drain before the Bell Inn
4. West End is on the list for minor patching.

45.1.1/10 To note the Temporary Traffic Order - Closure of Steps Lane on 7th/8th August 2010

The Temporary Traffic Order was noted.

45.2/10 Avening working in partnership

The working group had met with the Villager magazine editors. A bumper issue was planned for the Christmas edition. The Parish Council would expect an application for additional funding shortly. The Parish Council would be able to have the centre as a pull out for the emergency plan volunteer form.

It was planned to run a Business Forum in October to meet with local business owners to share ideas and information. The website would be discussed to see how it could be improved to assist local businesses, for example calendars of local events and directories of local businesses.

The Parish Council would review the cost of adverts on the website in September.

45.3/10 Memorial Hall Memorabilia

The old photos would be collated and mounted by Fred Venning. There would be a display in the hall. It was suggested that Mr Vincent might like to open the exhibition with a talk.

45.4/10 Contacting the Community & Emergency Planning

The first meeting of the Emergency Plan group was held on 29th June. The meeting had highlighted the most likely emergencies. Action points had been circulated for each Parish Council to start talking to likely volunteers and put together their emergency response team for the parish in time for the next meeting at the end of September. CDC's resilience officer should be attending to talk to the group.

45.5/10 Dog Fouling around the village

The playgroup had been in touch about a problem with dog fouling outside of their gates. The Clerk had visited. There had been previous issues about putting a dog waste bin at the site as it would need to be by the playgroup gate. Suggestions had been made. There had also been a problem with dogs in the churchyard. The dog fouling issue in the village would be kept under review.

45.6/10 Mays Lane Bus Shelter

Part of front of the shelter had been vandalised. It had been logged with the police. The Parish Council were looking into repair.

46/10 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION:

- GAPTC meeting with Glos Chief Constable, Tues 14th Sept 2010 – Cllr Mick Williamson was attending.

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on
Thursday 16th September, 2010 at 7.30 pm
At Avening Memorial Hall**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm