

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH 2011 AT 7.30 PM**

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr M Williamson (Chairman), Cllr T Slater (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr J Parsons, Cllr Dominic Conway and Cllr Lucy Reid.

Also in attendance: Ms J Wickham (Clerk), Mr F Vening, Mr R Parr (Vale Farm), and Mr and Mrs Osborne.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

41/11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Mr Richard Parr spoke about the Vale Farm development. He said that: the development is in the curtilage of the existing buildings; all the stone roofs will remain the same which is a weathered concrete tile; there will be a zinc roof on one of the buildings; they will retain the bat roost; they will ask deliveries to be in small vehicles; the development is a 4/5 bedroom family house. A Cllr expressed concern about light pollution and it was suggested that security and floodlighting should be avoided. There was discussion about the zinc roof and what colour it weathers to. The two neighbours from the site, Mr and Mrs Osborne, spoke in favour of the development.
- Mr Fred Vening gave further information about his history of Avening project.

42/11 CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The PCSO wasn't available for this meeting and to the Clerk's knowledge no crime report had been submitted. The Clerk will check the PCSO's availability for the next meeting.

43/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Click Mitchell, Cllr T Beardsell

44/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Conway declared a prejudicial interest in the History of Avening project as he will be having an historical plaque on his house.

45/11 ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 21st July, 2011.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 21st July 2011.

46/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were none.

47/11 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

47.1/11 Traffic and Highways

- a) Councillors received an update about the B4014 which will open on 14th October. A photographic bulletin was received from Network and Traffic Management at Gloucestershire County Council.

- b) Councillors noted the meeting with MP Clinton Brown to discuss safe crossing to the post and Councillors Parsons and Slater will be in attendance.
- c) Councillors noted that the wall at High Street is being looked at by the Highways team
- d) Councillors noted that speeding cars had been checked at Rectory Lane and most were found to be travelling between 16 and 20 mph. There was one that was travelling faster and the ACPO had made enquiries.
- e) Councillors discussed the issue of large coaches in the village and concerns about safety to the public were expressed when coaches have to mount a kerb or grass verge. Difficulties for the coaches were also noted in that there is no turning circle in the village and they need to be facing the right way to pick the children up, which means they cannot take the alternative route. It was suggested that concerned members of the public might keep a diary of events that concern them with regards to coaches in order to build up a picture of the issues.
- f) Councillors noted that the bollards on Rectory Lane have been replaced.
- g) Councillors were pleased to note that the overhanging hedge at 19 Point Road had been cut.
- h) Council **RESOLVED** to ask Highways whether the Avening sign on Tetbury Hill could be moved to the village gateway. This will be covered at the meeting with highways.
- i) The Village Autumn Clean-up will take place on Saturday 8th October 10am to 12 noon. Cllr J Parsons has arranged to collect the materials from CDC.
- j) It was noted that more beacons are wanted for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Council **RESOLVED** that the Chair invite Reverend Celia along to the next Avening PC meeting to discuss the Parochial Church Council's plans.
- k) The Clerk will reply to the member of the public about polystyrene recycling and solar gain in the village. Council felt that polystyrene recycling was a matter for the District Council.
- l) The Clerk had attended a meeting about the Localism Bill run by GRCC which was very useful. Council **RESOLVED** to attend meetings on this issue when the Bill becomes an Act.
- m) Cllr J Parsons had discovered that there was no further funding for the Flood Study but will continue to look out for opportunities.
- n) Cllrs Conway, Parsons and Slater will attend a meeting about Faster Broadband on Wednesday 5th October at the Dolphins Hall Tetbury.
- o) Council noted that there were two vehicles cars parked on The Green with for sale signs on at Lawrence Road and Hampton Hill, opposite the bus shelter. The Parish Council have been unable to cut the grass and the bulbs planted in this area will be prevented from coming up if this continues. Council also expressed concern about whether kerbside trading was occurring. The Clerk will investigate the correct procedure for dealing with this issue.
- p) Council noted that Cllr Conway was not satisfied with reply he had received from the Ministry of Defence about the low flying Chinook helicopter over the village and that he will be making further enquiries.
- q) The Clerk will note any interest expressed in the First Aid Training suggested through CDC with the Red Cross as part of the Emergency Plan work. If there is sufficient interest Council **RESOLVED** to book the Hall for the course.

48/11 FINANCE

48.1.1/11 The Budget Status and Bank Balance

The current balance at bank and in the deposit account was noted with projected expenditure and yearend balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

48.1.2/11 To Approve Bills for Payment

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

• Clerk's Salary Less Income Tax Plus Expenses	552.15
• Fixed Term Clerk's Salary Less Income Tax Plus Expenses	199.79
• HMRC	19.07
• Avendale Garden Maintenance Service	630.00
• Memberships CPRE	29.00
Total	1430.01

48.2/11 Council were advised that the safe custody account at Lloyds had been closed.

48.3/11 Council **RESOLVED** to approve the costs for the Mozy online back-up system for one year for the sum of £12.15.

48.4/11 Community Fund Grants

48.4 i) Grant to Mr Fred Vening

Council were very supportive of this grant and mindful of the amount of hours Mr Vening was donating to compiling the history of Avening. Mr Vening had certainly uncovered some interesting information. Council wanted to support Mr Vening as much as they felt able within limited means and in granting the following, encouraged Mr Vening to seek contributions from interested members of the public (and especially those who receive plaques) wherever possible to ensure that the funds granted, go as far as possible.

It was **RESOLVED** to Grant up to £550 including VAT for the Plaque on the Nag's Head. Council will pay for the plaque and its installation on receipt of an invoice.

It was **RESOLVED** to Grant up to £440 (22 x £20) towards the cost of fixing plaques to walls; it was hoped that residents and families may wish to contribute the cost for the plaque itself. It was suggested that Mr Vening approach the Council for the funds for the first 10 plaques and then in batches of 5 when 5 plaques and correct permissions had been granted.

It was **RESOLVED** to Grant £150 this year for costs towards the writing of the history of Avening project, with up to a further £200 allocated in 2012/13 and 2013/14. Mr Vening to supply the Council with receipts for expenditure made.

48.4 ii) Roses Theatre. In the changeover the Clerk had assumed that Councillors were in possession of information about this project. It prompted discussion about whether the Council could give funds to good causes even if they weren't of direct benefit to village residents. It was felt that Council could give £10 to such causes. Council **RESOLVED** to give £10 to the Roses Theatre.

48.4 iii) Gloucestershire Chest Fund Limited. This was deferred upon receipt of further information.

48.5/11 Maintenance Work and Capital Projects

48.5.i) Uses of the two telephone kiosks was deferred until the next meeting.

48.5 ii) Council **RESOLVED** to wait for the quote from the forge in order to pursue the insurance claim.

48.5iii) The dog bin with the lock had been emptied.

48.6/11 Office Matters

Clerk and Councillor will visit the upstairs room during the day to assess the situation to consider storage space for 2012 onwards.

49/11 Procedure/Updates

49.1 Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the bench policy.

49.2 The Freedom Of Information request from BBC Radio Gloucestershire was noted.

50/11 Planning

50.1/11 New Planning Applications

11/03901/FUL	<p>Vale Farm</p> <p>Proposal: Conversion of barns to residential use</p> <p>Date for decision:</p> <p>Comments by Avening Parish Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council would like materials to fit in with the character of the AONB, in particular the zinc roof (in colour); they would prefer to see stone mullioned windows or hardwood window frames. 2. Council were concerned about the application in the development phase and in particular vehicular access on the C class road. They would like to see deliveries in small vehicles with contractors mindful of the Cotswold stone walls in the area, some of which had already been knocked down by contractors by contractors delivering to neighbouring development sites. <p>No objections. Passed with two abstentions.</p>
10/04842/FUL	<p>6 Old Hill, Avening, GL8 8NR</p> <p>Proposal: New roofs, windows and doors, erection of first floor rear extension</p> <p>Comments by Avening Parish Council</p> <p>No objections.</p>

50.2/11 Planning Applications Received since the Agenda was posted

11/03832/FUL	<p>Location: Land Parcel Easting 387079 Northing 197991, West End, Avening, Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Proposal: Erection of new barn</p> <p>Comments by Avening Parish Council</p> <p>Objections</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council were concerned about the size, appearance and location of the barn in the AONB.
11/03791/FUL	<p>Location: Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening.</p> <p>Proposal: Change of Use from workshop, commercial and office use to residential.</p> <p>Council noted that although there were attic flats, no skylights were shown in</p>

	the drawing. No objections.
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50.3/11 Decisions Received

11/02317/FUL	<p>Avendale, 2 High Street, Avening, GL8 8LU</p> <p>Proposal: Erection of a conservatory</p> <p>Date decided: 08 July 2011</p> <p>Decision: Application Permit</p> <p>Noted</p>
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50.4/11 Tree Works

11/04112/TCONR	<p>This application type was for information purposes only and was <u>not</u> open to consultation. No initial alert would have been sent.</p> <p>Date decided: 07 September 2011</p> <p>Decision: Application Permit</p> <p>Location: Avening Lodge, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NH,</p> <p>Proposal: Bordering the main road. T2 Holly (25ft) grown in to power lines - reduce size by half and reshape. T. 1 Holly (25ft) growing in to power lines and touching house. Reduce size by one half.</p> <p>Noted</p>
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51/11 Correspondence for Action

CDC Car Parking Charges – Council raised objections about the idea of charging for parking Sunday and overnight. They felt that this would encourage people to park on the streets, thus making the streets congested and dangerous, especially to emergency vehicles. They felt this would encourage people to visit out of town shopping centres where there were no parking fees. Other correspondence was noted.

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on
Thursday 20th October 2011 at 7.30 pm
at the Memorial Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm