



## **CHAIRMAN OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2003/2004**

This being my third Annual Report as Chairman of Avening Parish Council, I present to you the success of the Parish Council throughout this last year in its continuing aims to enhance and preserve the village of Avening

### **Traffic Calming.**

The three gateways are virtually complete, we still await the Highways completion in the next few weeks. The decision was also taken to reinstall the new welcome village signs after long neglect and I hope the village, and the visitors to us, enjoy their appearance. This particular project has been around for the last ten years! Other measures the PC has supported is for the Church Lane and the School approach from the Hall end to be made one way in order to safeguard the children as they attend the village hall during school hours, again we await Highways. It is important that we look after road safety in the precincts of the School. We attempted at one stage to consider a pedestrian crossing at the end of Rectory Lane but this was turned down as the cars parked during drop and pick-up of children was a deterrent in itself. It took a lot of persuasion to get the new speed limits moved around the corner at Tetbury Hill and introduce Buffer zones as the Police felt they could not monitor the zones, however they relented and the 40mph signs are now in place.

The PC will endeavour to keep Traffic speeds through the village under review at all times.

**Youth Club.** I am given to understand this will be up and running by the summer and I wish them a successful return.

### **Parish Plan**

This the most recent project undertaken and the results are to be published / finalised and prioritised, and I would like to thank the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council for their financial contribution of £300 to set up and assist with the activity over the last three weeks and also the other Councillors and contributors who supported us over the period up to and on the day. I also used part of the Chairmans allowance to sponsor the schoolchildren with the prize giving for their painting competitions and to thank other sponsors for their generosity in donating other prizes for the photographic competition. What we need to bear in mind is the financial budgets that will need to be put in place to achieve any of the recommendations. The only real way is to raise monies through the Precept system. This allows Parish Councils to level local tax across the community if that community is in agreement for it to be put in place. and this request will have to be input into Cotswold District Council by January 2005 to be spent during 2005/6.

### **Bus Shelters**

The Clerk and myself had a meeting with GCC to decide on the placing and types of Shelters we could have after initial talks gave us support of £1500 for each shelter. The PC has recommended that the bus-stop in Hampton Hill has top priority and discussions are in to select the Type to install, this was one of the Board questions on the Open Day.

### **Highways Village Tour**

The Clerk and myself with two members from Highways (South Cotswold Division) did a walk around the village to look at various problems

1. Salt Bins.

2. Roads—surfaces, potholes
3. Flooding
4. Signage

It was noted the number of salt bins that were damaged and they will be replaced free of charged. Where lids are broken they will be repaired. If is felt more bins are needed then that cost of supply and installation will need to be funded by the PC Where possible minor repairs will be undertaken in the next financial year any major task will need to go into a work programme and this may take us to 2006 before anything happens

Flooding issue at Old Hill has been discussed with Severn Trent but they have offloaded to environment agency.

Notes were taken of missing / damaged signs to be replaced by Highways.

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Chairman Avening Parish Council  
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