

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9th June 2004 AT 7.45PM**

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell
Cllr J Faulkner, J Catterall, Mrs J Sharpe and Cllr Mrs G Parsons
Cllr Mr A R Slater – Min Ref 28/04/C

Members of the public: None

24/04/C. APOLOGIES – Cllr J Green – Business commitment

25/04/C. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th May 2004
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 12th May 2004 were signed and agreed.

26/04/C. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None were declared.

27/04/CMATTERS ARISING

Min Ref 127.3/04/C Street Lighting – Rectory Lane

B T – Review of provision of payphones

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from BT acknowledging the Council's request to maintain the two payphone boxes and also a response from the Government Department requesting the listing of the payphone boxes.

Sandford Leaze

A letter had been sent to the residents outlining the cost of the valuation, but to date no response had been received.

Gloucestershire Emergency Service

Members were advised a letter had been sent outlining the Council's concern at the proposal to regionalise the service and not have based within the County.

28/04/CVACANCY OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Members discuss the application received from Mr A Slater, the details which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs G Parsons proposed and Cllr J Catterall seconded that Mr A Slater be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Chairman invited Mr Slater to join the Council and wished him all the luck in his role as a Parish Councillor of Avening and he was duly requested to sign the declaration of acceptance.

29/04/C PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

29.1/04/C NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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CT 5637/D Home Farm Trust – The Quarries

AVENING

Application for erection of conservatory.

CT 5637/D 8 Point Road AVENING

Application for erection of Garage.

The Chairman reported that following the recommendation of the Council, the applicant had agreed to amend the application to have the garage built in Cotswold stone with a stone tiled roof and it would be approved under delegated officer power.

Signed Chairman/ Presiding Officer

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DECISION NOTICES

CT7747/B 14 Old Hill AVENING CDC Permitted 8.05.04
Application for erection of new garage.

TREE APPLICATIONS

CT Contr 1648 43 High Street AVENING Consented 25.05.04
Application for Consent to fell holly and replace with other specimen.

CPRE Publications - New publication called Fieldwork

30/04/C FINANCE

30.1/04/C Balance at Bank

The Clerk reported the Balance of the bank £23,078.67 that included the refund of £360.38 VAT for the previous financial year and the sale of footpath leaflets £7.20.

30.2/04/C Items for Payment

Cllr J Parsons proposed and Cllr G Parsons seconded the payment of the following items of expenditure:-

V S Griffin	£	150.48	Chq No. 502	Inland Revenue
K P Garden Services	£	190.00	Chq No. 503	Grass Cutting

The Clerk advised the Grass Cutting contractors had agreed to cut the grass verge opposite the Playing Field and around the village entrance signs at an additional cost of £30 per cut. Members agreed this was acceptable and would make the area more tidy.

30.3/04/C Internal External Annual Audit of Accounts

The Clerk advised Members that the internal external audit had been carried and the accounts sent for verification by the auditors Moore Stephens,

31/04/C HIGHWAY ISSUES

31.1 /04/C GCC – Traffic Calming and Speed Limits

The Clerk reported that no completion date had been received, but the Chairman advised he has spoken with the County Councillor who assured him it was imminent.

Third Annual Highway Maintenance and Traffic Management Seminar

Notification of forthcoming meeting on, Thursday 14th October 2004 at Barnwood commencing at 6.00pm. Cllr Mrs G Parsons offered to attend on behalf of the Council.

Nailsworth Road – Road surface

The Chairman reported that the stone settings on the edge of the road near to Nailsworth had been shredding car tyres and motorists had been advised to contact the highways should this occur. The highways have inspected the site and agreed to kerb the sides and incorporate the stone settings, to prevent any further problems.

31.2/04/C Notification of Church Lane Road Closure

Cllr Mrs Parsons reported that the road closure for the lane adjacent to the School and Church had been postponed until further notice.

31.3/04/C Additional Street Lighting Provision – Rectory Lane

The Clerk reported that no comments had been received about the proposal to install additional street lighting in Rectory Lane, following the article in the Villager. It was agreed that this should go ahead.

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31/04/C HIGHWAY ISSUES (Continued)

31.4/04/C Bus Shelters – Hampton Fields Road and Mays Lane

The Clerk reported that the County Passenger Transport Department had confirmed they are willing to give a grant of £1,500 for one bus shelter initially. It was that the Clerk be instructed to order the installation of the QB wood shelter from the Bus Shelter at a cost of £2,500 plus installation.

32.04/C AVENING PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported the regrettable damage to the newly installed steel skate board ramp and the young people involved had been spoken to, but did not appear to be concerned at the damage to the skateboard ramp. It was agreed to request increased police officer presence in the village in the interest of community safety.

The next meeting of the Playing Field Association is on Monday 14th June commencing at 7.00pm.

33/04/C PARISH PLANS – GLOUCESTERSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs Parsons reported to Members that the formation of the Action Plan will also incorporate the recent Village Maintenance report and will be presented to Members at the September meeting to allow sufficient time to enable financial budgeting to be made for the next financial year.

Cllr Catterall offered to produce the postcards, following the Parish Plan photographic competition and would bring a draft to the next meeting. The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Parsons to supply the wording to be put the on card

Cllr Catterall enquired how many hits the new Website had received and also whether sponsorship from local businesses advertising on the site could be sort to cover the annual cost of the site. The Clerk was instructed to contact the webmaster in this regard.

34/04/C VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Members discussed the village maintenance and the Clerk advised she had received a request from a local resident in Sandford Leaze to cut the overhanging branches. It was agreed an article should be put in the Villager urging local residents to be proactive with overhanging branches. The bench on Pound Hill was mentioned and Cllr Catterall offered to look at refurbishing the bench, after exploring its ownership. The bench in Rectory Lane was mentioned as needing repair, which was donated by the W I.

34.1/04/C Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and Maps

The Clerk presented Members with the map produced the Countryside Agency showing the registered common land and open country in the Parish and surrounding area. It was agreed subject to cost to obtain further copies for Members.

35/04/C CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Correspondence for Action

- ◆ **Gloucestershire County Council**
To receive copy of Emergency Management Service Leaflet
- ◆ **Cotswold District Council**
Corinium Museum Newsletter
Cornhall Events Programme – June – August 2004
- ◆ **Gloucestershire Constabulary** – Newsletter – Tetbury Section – May 2003
- ◆ **GAPTC** – Notification of AGM on Sat 16th October 2004. May Newsletter.
- ◆ **21 Today** – Newsletter April.

35/04/C CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION(Continued)

- ◆ **CPRE** – Notification of Branch Visit/Walk/Picnic Wednesday 23 June at Cleeve Hill.
- ◆ **Clerks & Councils Direct** – May 2004
- ◆ **BT** – Response to National Survey of Provision of Payphones
- ◆ **CPRE** – Notification of Branch Visit/Walk/Picnic Wednesday 23 June at Cleeve Hill.
- ◆ **ASTON DOWN ACTION GROUP** – Notification of proposed Industrial development at Aston Down Airfield
- ◆ **Calor Village of the Year 2004** – Notification of annual competition.
- ◆ **Clerks and Councils Direct** – Quarterly publication
- ◆ **Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust** – Newsletter and Events

36/04/C RESIGNATION OF PARISH CLERK

The Clerk advised Members that regrettably she wished to tender her resignation as of today due to personal circumstances and a career direction change. Members expressed deep regret and disappointment at this decision but gave thanks for her dedication and support in her role as the Parish Clerk over the last three years.

It was agreed to submit an advert in the July edition of the Villager, with the deadline for applications by the middle of July, in time for the Parish Council meeting, with interviews at the end of July, to take up position in August or beginning of September, to enable an overlap month for the September meeting.

The date of the next Avening Parish Council Meeting will be on
Wednesday 14th July 2004 commencing at 7.30pm.
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm