

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH 2004 AT 7.30PM**

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons, Cllr J Green
Cllr J Faulkner Cllr Mrs G Parsons and Cllr Mrs J Sharpe.

Members of the public: Two

119/04/C. APOLOGIES – Cllr R Wilkinson - ill, Cllr J Catterall – holiday,
Cllr Mrs C Mitchell – personal commitment and J Powell – personal commitment.

120/04/C. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th February 2004
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2004 were signed and agreed.

121/04/C. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None were declared

122/04/C MATTERS ARISING

Min Ref 84/03/C Sir William Romneys – Sixth Form Review

The Chairman reported the County Council sub committee had taken their decision to close the sixth despite a well supported campaign.

123/04/C RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman reported to Members that regrettably Cllr Richard Wilkinson had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council due to person commitments and it would be a great loss to the Council. The Clerk was instructed to advise the District Council and to write to Cllr Wilkinson to thank him for his support and input into the Parish Council.

124/04/C LAND REAR OF SANDFORD LEAZE

The Clerk reported that Humberts have advised they would undertake a valuation of the land at a charge of £250.00 plus Vat. To date no reply has been received from the residents concerning the land sale and confirmation that they would cover all costs incurred in the sale of the land.

125/04/C PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

125.1/04/C NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CT 0525/Q 10 Lawrence Road AVENING

Application for rear Conservatory. Members had no objections

125.2/04/C AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATION

6431/A Greenway Head West End AVENING

Application for Agricultural Calf Rearing Unit and triple pig sty. Removal of pig stys.

Members had no objections in principle but re-iterated their original concerns with regard to the drainage, the storage of slurry, the distance of the site from a classified road and residential dwellings, in accordance with Defra guidance under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. Requested a condition that deposal of slurry is regularly removed, as there is no deposal unit on site and that this is increased in line with livestock on site.

125.3/04/C DECISION NOTICES

CT 6583 6 Tetbury Hill AVENING CDC Permit 24.02.04
Application to fit new larger windows to front elevation at lower ground level, alter porch at lower ground level. No Objections.

CT 2744/J The Beeches High Street AVENING CDC Permit 1.02.04
Application for erection of a conservatory. Members had no objections.

CT 5302/J The Bell Inn High Street AVENING Withdrawn
Application for Change of Use of land and garage building to ancillary residential attached to No. 29 High Street AVENING. No objections in principal, but would request a condition that no loss of parking provision, due to the limited on street parking in New Inn Lane and access for emergency services.

CT 3573/K Baptist Church AVENING Withdrawn
Application for gateway panels 1700mm high- stainless steel with plasma cut designs
Members objected to this public piece of art, as being inappropriate to the surrounding area and out of keeping.

125.4/04/C TREE APPLICATIONS

CT Contr 1619 Ayres Cottage 41 High Street AVENING
Notification of intention to undertake tree work
Members had no objections to works, but application would appear to be retrospective.

CPRE Publications - Transport Campaign Group December Issue 2003
And Planning Update edition January 2004

126/04/C FINANCE

126.1/04/C Balance at Bank

The Clerk reported the Balance of the bank £14,517.34 which included the sale of 12 footpath leaflets at a charge of 30p each.

126.2/04/C Items for Payment

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

V S Griffin	£	519.81	Chq No. 494
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127/04/C HIGHWAY ISSUES

127.1 /04/C GCC – Traffic Calming and Speed Limits

Members instructed Clerk to chase up progress on the traffic calming measures in the village.

127.2/04/C Village Highway Maintenance

The Chairman reported he and the Clerk had met with the new Divisional Surveyor Mrs Gillian Portlock and Mr David Flagg, Traffic Sign Officer to walk around the village and look at various areas of concern. As a result the various salt bins that are in need of repair will be repaired or replaced. Signs that are old will be replaced and area down New Inn Lane, Woodstock Lane and Rectory Lane will all receive maintenance repairs where needed.

127/04/C HIGHWAY ISSUES (Continued)

127.3/04/C Street Lighting – Rectory Lane

Cllr Mrs Sharpe raised concern that lighting in this area should be upgraded from the Quarries to 38 Rectory Lane as it passes the Village Playing area. Cllr Faulkner would report this to the next meeting and in the meantime the Clerk was instructed to write to the County Street lighting department.

127.4/04/C Bus Shelter – Mays Lane

Members agreed the various types of bus shelters should be displayed on the Parish Council display board at the Parish Plan Open Day on Friday 26th March 2004 to gage community choice.

127.5/04/C Rural Transport Meeting

The Chairman reported he had attending on behalf of the Council a meeting concerning public transport. He had expressed concern in the cut in the local bus service from Avening. He explained that theme seems to be gearing towards car sharing and village community minibuses. He reported that there is no service to Nailsworth from Avening to connect with the main services and the Tetbury Volunteer Service will look into this possibility. The next meeting of the group is in June and the Chairman would attend.

127.6/04/C Village Maintenance

The Chairman expressed disappointment that this item was deferred again to the next meeting and it was agreed to instruct the Clerk to write Cllr Catterall requesting he submit his report at the meeting or for presentation at the meeting of the list of village maintenance priorities.

127.7/04/C Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk reported three tenders had been received for this years grass cutting contract:-

K P Garden Services	18 Cuts	£ 95.00
Bibury Garden Services	18 Cuts	£110.00
HGM Garden and Grounds Maintenance	18 Cuts	£ 75.00

Members discussed the tenders and Cllr Green proposed and Cllrs Mrs Parsons seconded awarding the contract to the existing contractor K P Garden Services, although more expensive, they had settled into contract and no complaints had bee received for the last two years.

128/04/C PARISH PLANS – GLOUCESTERSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cllr Parsons reported on the recent meeting surrounding the progress of the project. The posters and invitations have been sent out and given to the school

The W I have confirmed they will be undertaking the refreshments for the day.

Discussion took place around the publication of the results of the Open Day and the production of the Villager as a special Parish Council edition that would be subsided partly by the Parish Council to be delivered to every residence in the parish.

The Chairman advised he would be meeting with the publisher Mrs Lindesay to discuss the matter more fully and agree costings.

It was agreed the cover of the Villager to be yellow to match the Open Day invitations and to have Parish logo. It would have the names of the Parish Councillors at the front with the Parish Council news advertising the forthcoming Annual Parish meeting in May, the Chaimans Annual Report and results of Open Day.

128/04/C PARISH PLANS – GLOUCESTERSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cllr Green urged that the working committee be formalised into the Parish Plan Committee to enable the Action Plan to be formulated following the Parish Plan Open Day. The group currently comprises of the Chairman, Cllrs Mrs Parson, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Sharpe and members of the Parochial Church Council; Rev Celia Carter, Mrs Margaret Barton, Headteacher Avening Primary School and Laura Oakley – GRCC South Cotswolds Fieldworker. It was agreed this should be discussed at the next working group meeting.

129.04/C AVENING PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Mitchell, Cllr Faulkner reported that there has not been a meeting of the committee, but the weekly inspections are being conducted in accordance with the insurance requirements and the forthcoming ROSPA presentation is being attended by one of the committee representatives.

130/04/C CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

12 Correspondence for Action

- ◆ **Gloucestershire County Council –**
 - Best Value Review – County Council Planning Service
 - Snow Plough Information – Health and Safety
 - Gloucestershire Medal for Courage – no nominations were given.
 - Public Rights of Way – Consultation Exercise
 - On the Edge Publication – Cotswold Way Issue 9 Feb 2004
- ◆ **Cotswold District Council –**
 - ◆ CDC – Code of Conduct – Register of Interests – Freemasons / Political Party
 - ◆ Renewal of Street Trading Consent – no objections to application.
 - ◆ Town and Parish Update – Feb 2004
 - ◆ Cotswold Clean – Notification of Clean Up – 1st to 30th April 2004.
- ◆ **Gloucestershire Constabulary –** Newsletter – Tetbury Section – Jan 2004
- ◆ **Glos Playing Fields Association –** Community Plan & Sport Conference Tues 30th March 2004.
- ◆ **Gloucestershire Association of Town and Parish Council –** Training Newsletter
- ◆ **Gloucestershire Community Strategy –** Consultation Document
- ◆ **CPRE –** Newsletter / Rural Voice
- ◆ **Action Group ‘ISITFAIR’ –** Fighting unfair government grants across the country
- ◆ **21 Today –** Issue 30 Feb 2004

The date of the next Avening Parish Council Meeting will be on
Wednesday 14th April 2004 commencing at 7.30pm.
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm