

AVENING'S FUTURE

The Parish Open Day entitled 'Avening's Future' was held on Friday 26th March 2004 from 1 pm to 7pm.

Refreshments were kindly organised and provided by the Avening WI. Also display by Parochial Church Council of the Garden of Remembrance and photographic display of 'Bygones Days in the Village', thanks to the PCC.

To all of you who attended, thank you for taking part in this project, which is an important initiative for the future of our village. Over 75 local residents came to the event and put the following comments down.

• **ENVIRONMENT:**

Parish Church of Remembrance Plans

- Just a winding path from top to bottom would be more in keeping.
- Out of Place in Avening
- Far too formal
- A simple scheme would blend better with the remainder of the graveyard, also be more affordable - Cottage Garden Styles.
- Annual stream clearance needed.
- Naming roads and lanes around Avening
- Litter problem
- More recycling facilities needed; wider range, esp. plastic.
- Overhanging trees in villages - over footpaths/roads
- Motor bikes too fast through village.
- Dog fouling in village is still a problem despite dog bins.

SHOPS AND SERVICES

- Need a list of local businesses.
- Community Directory
- Tourism: need a hanging basket comp etc to generate village pride.
- Need to encourage Tourism.
- Need more litter bins.
- Shouldn't encourage tourism.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

- Need disabled toilets in Village Hall, and better general toilet facilities.
- Gardening Club

- Kitchen needs better maintenance/cleaning
- Need general upgrade of village hall facilities
- Village hall needs better publicity/highlighting to community
- WI regular users of village hall
- Need more activities for all ages, not just young and old.
- Stage needs to be improved.
- Yoga classes
- Mobile Library

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

- One way system outside school
- Not a wooden bus shelter in Mays Lane, a stone one instead?
- Mini roundabout in front of shop
- Parking on High Street bad at weekends
- Zebra crossing
- Parking needed near Bell Inn, Hall, School, Church.
- More grit boxes.
- Lollipop Lady
- Speed cameras
- Interactive flashing sign to reduce speed.
- More traffic calming
- Parking on High street does slow people down.
- 20MPH outside school area
- Avoid artificial calming methods.
- Discourage HGV's
- Traffic calming with bollards build either side of road, to make people stop and give way.

FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- Cycle track at top of playing field overgrown and neglected.
- Weedkiller needed on cycle track
- Good news about Youth Club
- Put fence back around children's play area
- Keep horses and motor bikes off playing field.
- Stop dogs fouling on playing field
- Improved equipment in children's play area
- Toddler area required
- Zebra crossing by school.
- Need dustbin at lowest end of playing field, Rectory Lane entrance.

SAFETY

- Safe place to live.
- Neighbourhood Watch (NW) would be beneficial
- NW needs to cover all sections of the village
- Volunteer litter patrol

The above comments were made at the Open Parish Plan Day, some of them can be addressed, others will need partnership working with other agencies. The end result is to formulate an Action Plan for the village of Avening to look to the future to improve the quality of our village for the future. Without your help the Parish Council will be unable to achieve all that you mentioned at the Open Day.

We look forward to hearing from you if you would like to become involved please contact:-

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