

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 7.45PM**

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons, Cllr J Green, Cllr T Slater, Cllr Mrs G Parsons Cllr J Faulkner and Cllr Mrs C Mitchell

Members of the public: A Lelliott, A. Garlic and M Burry

**52/04/C APOLOGIES** – Cllr Mrs J Sharpe, Cllr J Powell and J Catterall (holiday)

**53/04/C MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2004**  
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14 July 2004 were signed and agreed.

**54/04/C DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Cllr T Slater declared an interest in the sale of land at Sandford Leaze.

**55/04/C MATTERS ARISING**  
None were raised.

**56/04/C PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

**56.1/04/C NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**CT.2767/H 11 High Street, Avening**

**Erection of two houses and driveway and landscaping**

Members objected to this application as it conflicts with Avening's Conservation Statement by way of changing the appearance and character of the area by not observing the building line. In addition premium parking on High Street would be lost.

**CT.2854/F 48 Rectory Lane, Avening**  
**Alterations and extension**

Members had no objections but recommended that natural stone roofing tiles be used at least on the side of the building that fronts the road and requested confirmation to this effect.

**56.2/04/C DECISION NOTICES**

**CT 7589/H 14 Spinners Cottage, Avening CDC Permit 2 Aug 2004**

Application for erection of conservatory and garden shed.

Members had no objections, but requested that a design code is implemented for the development for reference to future applications to preserve historic area.

**CT 8371 Harebell Cottage, High Street, Avening CDC Permit 5 Aug 2004**

Application for re-instatement of chimney stack using local stone and tradition 'pot' to match existing.

**CT7747/B 9 Pound Hill, Avening CDC Permit 12 July 2004**

Application for erection of new garage and playroom

Members reiterated original no objection to application but asked that consideration is given to the delivery of materials to the site in view of the condition of the road and its urgent need for repair works, which is currently in Highway schedule to be re-surfaced.

**56.3/04 TREE APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

**CT Contr 1655**

Notification of intention to undertake tree work at The Bannut Tree and Carrigonna, New Lane, Avening. Fell Yew Tree and Walnut Tree.

Consent granted to work on the Walnut Tree but a TPO has been placed on the Yew Tree.

TPO/2/17 16 Sandford Leaze, Avening

Consented 20 April 2004

TPO/2/16 19 Sandford Leaze, Avening

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**ASTON DOWN DEVELOPMENT** – No one had been available to attend the meeting at Aston Down Airfield organised by Minchinhampton Parish Council.

*Action: Clerk to convey Members apologies.*

**NETWORK MAPS SHOWING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

The recent issue of maps are being held by the Clerk

**57/04/C FINANCE**

**57.1/04/C Balance at Bank**

The Clerk reported the Balance of the bank £21,260.56.

**57.2/04/C Items for Payment**

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

Humberts	£	317.25	Chq No. 511	Land Valuation
Moore Stephens	£	170.38	Chq No. 512	External Auditor
GCC Traffic Calming	£	6,032.89	Chq No. 513	Traffic Calming
K P Garden Services	£	410.00	Chq No. 514	Grass Cutting
V S Griffin	£	342.00	Chq No. 515	Salary
V S Griffin	£	30.00	Chq No. 516	Telephone Expenses
GRCC	£	25.00	Chq No. 517	Subscription

*Action: Clerk to arrange article for The Villager requesting grant applications to be submitted in time for October meeting.*

*Clerk to raise invoice for £220 to School for grass cutting on Playing Field*

**58/04/C HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

**58.1/04/C GCC – Traffic Calming**

All works have now been completed and the invoice paid. The Clerk was instructed to contact the beneficiary for his contribution as declared.

**58.2/04/C Provision of Additional Streetlighting in Rectory Lane**

This is no further forward.

*Action: Clerk to make enquiries*

**58.3/04/C Bus Shelter at Hampton Fields**

Awaiting the contractors pre –installation checks.

**58.4/04/C Residents Request for Removal of Street Light Opposite 18/20 Woodstock Lane, Avening**

As Woodstock Lane leads to a residential home for the elderly, Members asked for further details of the request in order to make an informed response.

*Action: Clerk to request further information*

**58.5/04/C Proposal to make Church Street – One Way**

Highways have proposed the following compromise: the length between Church Lane and the Village Hall one way east bound only and the length from the Church Lane to the Old Rectory to remain two way. Members agreed to the proposal and requested details of the proposed signage which they would expect to be in sympathy with the character of the village. The Chairman would inform the Avening Primary School Headteacher of the proposal at the next Governors meeting.

**58.6/04/C Bus Shelter opposite Sandford Leaze**

Members agreed that this is a possible site for a simple structure shelter.

*Action: Clerk to enquire availability of grant*

**58.7/04/C Drainage on Nailsworth Road**

The Chairman was not happy with the drainage situation. After an on-site meeting with Highways staff it has now been deemed to late to get the work done, however, they have undertaken to monitor the road during the winter period and to arrange for the drains to be power cleaned.

**59/04/C AVENING PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

Complaints had been received regarding the condition of the Playground. In response Cllr Mitchell made the following points:

- The PFA Committee next meet on Monday, 20 September 2004.
- Usage of the playground has increased in the past year.
- Repair work to equipment is to take place in the next few weeks including steel on the skateboard ramp to prevent further damage and the chains tightened around the toddler area.
- An application for a Parish Council grant was submitted.

Members discussed the value in granting funds to maintain the playground in view of the level of damage. It has become a congregation place for young people, some of who live outside Avening, and although the vandals are in the minority it is proving very difficult to monitor. It was suggested that there might be merit in providing teenagers with an area in which to meet to prevent them "wandering the streets".

It was agreed to support the grant application that would be paid at the next meeting.

**59/04/C AVENING PARISH PLAN**

The draft action plan was circulated and areas would be prioritised in time for the budget planning in October. It was agreed that the outcome of the consultation process should be published in The Villager as many residents had expressed an interest in the results. It was generally agreed that there were many negative comments but few people volunteer to assist with remedying them.

The Clerk reminded Members of the Photographic Competition and presented costs for post cards and notelets. It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

Melanie Tarrant, GRCC, would be asked to attend the October meeting to consider views and assist with progress.

**60/04/C VILLAGE MAINTENANCE REPORT**

With Cllr Catterall absent, it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

**61/04/C SALE OF LAND AT REAR OF SANDFORD LEAZE**

The land has been valued at £5,000 whereas the offer received amounted to £2,500. Members resolved to accept £3,500 and this would be conveyed to the residents who made the original offer.

Proposed by: Cllr Mrs G Parsons

Seconded by: Cllr J Parsons

It was agreed that if the sale was successful, these funds should be earmarked for a specific project and, in any event, must be allocated for the Playing Field.

**62/04/C ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr J Parsons advised that she has submitted a nomination form for election as the Parish Representative to the AONB Board.

Cllr T Slater requested that the website be included on the agenda for the October meeting

The date of the next Avening Parish Council Meeting will be on

**Wednesday 13 October 2004 commencing at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm