

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2004 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Green (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr J Faulkner and Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (7.25)
Members of the public: None

89/04 APOLOGIES – Cllr J Parsons, Cllr T Slater (family commitment), Cllr J Catterall (business) and Cllr Mrs J Sharpe

90/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

91/04 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2004

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 10 November 2004 were signed and agreed.

92/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

93/04 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Grant for the Youth Club

It was reported that the Youth Club are in need of a Table Tennis Table.

Rev Celia Carter has requested that she be allowed to address the January meeting of the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to contact Paul Brown and Rev Celia Carter

Melanie Tarrant, South Cotswolds Rural Advisor, Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

Action: Clerk to chase Melanie for the information promised at the last meeting.

Resignation of Cllr J Powell

Cllr Powell has formally advised his resignation to Cllr J Parsons.

Action: Clerk to notify Elections Office at Cotswold District Council and post relevant Vacancy Notice. Clerk to advise Mr Powell that he can no longer represent the Council on the School Board of Governors and advise the Chairman of the Governors accordingly.

93/04 PLANNING

93.1/04 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was agreed to accept the Planning Meeting's recommendations as follows:

CT.6373/F The Owl House, 19 West End, Avening - no objections but to make enquiries with the Planning Authority if there could be some means of preserving the view over the Ledgemoor Valley.

CT.2933/D 44 Rectory Lane, Avening - no objections.

93.2/04 DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED

CT. 5034/A Foxes Cottage, 38 High Street, Avening - Application Withdrawn

This was noted.

93.3/04 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREA) ACT 1990

Two Telephone Kiosks in Avening. This was noted

93.4/04 TO DISCUSS A PROCEDURE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS

It was agreed to accept the following recommendations:

- Where possible, to continue to delay responses to planning applications so that Members are able to discuss each item at the Planning Meeting.
- For the Clerk to place plans in the Post Office where they can be held, allowing inspection by Councillors and residents. Each application will still be allocated to a Councillor who will report to the next Planning meeting.

93.5 It was agreed to defer the visit of Marcus Kitchen, Cotswold District Council Senior Planner until March 2005.

94/04 FINANCE

94.1/04 Balance at Bank

The Clerk reported the Balance at the bank £16,093.64

94.2/04 Bills for Payment

The following bills were unanimously approved for payment:

KP Gardens Ltd	Grass cutting Oct 2004	Chq No 525	£190.00
C Braidwood	Clerk's Salary 10 Nov – 8 Dec 2004 (less Income Tax) & Expenses	Chq No 526	£268.60
Inland Revenue	Income Tax on Clerk's Salary	Chq No 529	£ 74.80
British Legion Poppy Wreath		Chq No 530	£ 20.00
Avening Memorial Hall – Hire of Hall for Meetings		Chq No 528	£ 88.00

94.3/04 To Consider Budget For 2005 – 2006

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting and recommend that provision be made for a Community Bonfire to take place in 2005. It was agreed that the Village Maintenance Report would be required before setting the budget.

Action: Clerk to chase Maintenance Report. Clerk to advise all Councillors that the January 2005 Meeting would be an important Meeting to discuss the budget, that all should do their best to attend and come prepared to contribute ideas and comments regarding expenditure.

95/04 Development of Website

In Cllr Slater's absence it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

96/04 Sale of Land a Sandford Leaze

The Clerk advised that Mrs Susan Gargett of Davey Franklin Jones, Cirencester had been briefed. She had completed a Search confirming that the Parish Council owns the land and that covenants regarding usage exist. Mrs Gargett has requested a detailed and scaled plan of the site together with instructions regarding further covenants.

Action: Cllr J Green to check if he has such a plan that can be used.

Cllr T Slater to meet with residents of Sandford Leaze and and seek their approval to formally accept the Council's proposal in writing.

Clerk to liaise with Mrs Gargett.

97/04 Correspondence for Action

Cotswold Life – Village of the Year Competition

Cllr Mrs J Parson would look at this in conjunction with the Parish Plan.

GCC – County Youth Service Web Site

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell would provide the information requested.

Cotswold AONB Parish Appointment

Result of the Poll has been received indicating John Matthews as the successful candidate with 8 votes. Cllr Mrs J Parsons secured 4 votes.

GTP Training Needs Request

The Clerk would complete this and was asked to provide examples and costs of reference books for Councillors.

SLCC Regional One-Day Conference

The Clerk would attend this session in Warwick on Tuesday, 25 January 2005

2005 Register of Electors

Members were asked if they wished to receive a copy on paper or in data format.

98/04 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

One Way System Between Church and School

Members confirmed that they would wish to see "subtle" signage and also request a brown finger sign pointing "To Norman Church" and including Queen Matilda's Shield.

Freezing at Rectory Lane

It was reported that this is still a problem. Highways had investigated but could do nothing to improve.

Hampton Hill Bus Shelter

Contractors have delayed progress. The Clerk advised that trial holes should take place this week and that she would chase.

98/04 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The date of the next Avening Parish Council Planning Meeting will be on
Wednesday, 12 January 2004 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm