

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2004 AT 7.45PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr T Slater, Cllr Mrs G Parsons and Cllr J Catterall

Members of the public: None

63/04 APOLOGIES – Cllr J Green (business) Cllr Mrs J Sharpe (illness), (holiday) Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (business), Cllr J Powell and Cllr J Faulkner (illness).

64/04 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2004

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15 September 2004 were signed and agreed.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs G Parsons. Seconded: Cllr T Slater

65/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr T Slater declared an interest in the sale of land at Sandford Leaze.

Cllr T Slater and Cllr J Catterall declared an interest in the planning application at The Lair

Cllr Mrs G Parsons declared an interest in the Parochial Church Council's request for a grant towards the Churchyard.

66/04 MATTERS ARISING

Street Lighting at Rectory Lane. The Clerk advised that the post had been installed on 5 October waiting for MEB to connect. Members expressed their displeasure that the lights are not yet operational and it would appear that at least one of the posts have been pulled out.

Action: Cllr Slater to check and advise Clerk

One Way System between Church Drive and Village Hall. Highways have agreed the one-way system for Church Lane / Village hall and the dual aspect between the Church and the new Church view development. Discussion centred about restrictive parking on the dual aspect but the Chair intimated that this would not be acceptable to Highways due to the parking element at no51.

Aston Down Development. No one had been able to attend the meeting in August but notes from the meeting had been received together with a copy letter from CDC.

Street Lighting, Woodstock Lane. A copy of the letter from residents to Highways had been received.

Action: Councillors to visit site and advise Clerk of comments.

67/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

67.1/04 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CT.6859/B 22 Star Lane, Avening

Erection of rear conservatory. As the application was not available for inspection it was agreed to deferred comment to the next meeting

CT.7589/J 10 Spinners Cottage, Longford Mills, Minchinhampton

Erection of a garden shed. Members had no objection.

CT.6401/E The Lair, Pound Hill, Avening

Extension and alterations to dwelling. New Garage and residential annexe and an indoor swimming pool. As Cllr Slater and Cllr Catterall had declared in interest in this item, the Council was in-quate and unable to make a response. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

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

New dormer window, conservatory and parking bay. Members had no objection to the Conservatory or the Dormer window. However, Members did express concern regarding the restrictive parking bay, the danger of reversing on to High Street and requested that the close boarding be replaced by a Cotswold stone wall.

CT.5926/G Rose Cottage, Nags Head Lane, Avening. Conservatory
Members had no objections.

67.2/04 DECISION NOTICES

CT 2854/F 48 Rectory Lane, Avening Alterations and Extension. CDC Refuses 4 Oct 2004

67.3/04 Planning Meetings

It was agreed to begin future monthly meetings with a Planning Meeting at 7.00 p.m. and with the remainder of the business being dealt with from 7.30 p.m. Members to note this change.

68/04 FINANCE

68.1/04 Balance at Bank

The Clerk reported the Balance of the bank £18,035.29

68.2/04 Grant to Avening Playing Fields Association

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

Action: Cllr J Parsons to circulate Playing Field accounts to Members

68.3/04 Budget 2005 – 2006

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

69/04 Avening Parish Plan

The following issues were discussed:

- Some of the items could be grouped together e.g. part time person to cover maintenance ties in with the Maintenance Report
- Recycling – Cllr J Parsons has requested a receptacle for recycling plastics from CDC
- Dog Mess and Bins – CDC Dog Warden to be asked for feedback regarding possible complaints locally.
- Hanging Basket would need to be the responsibility of the owners of the properties.

70/04 Village Maintenance Report

Deferred to the next meeting

71/04 Development of Website

Currently achieving approx 225 hits per week.

To increase interest we could offer links to local groups and businesses that have their own sites. Additional pages would cost £1.00 per week. These could be sold at a rate that would cover other costs.

Action: Cllr Slater to investigate. Include on November meeting agenda.

72/04 Avening Photograph Competition

It was agreed to upload these on to the website.

*Action: Cllr Slater to put photographs on to website.
Clerk to include in The Village article*

73/04 Sale of Land a Sandford Lease

In view of the difference between the valuation and the agreed sale price, the Clerk had consulted GAPTC and was waiting for advice from their legal department.

Action: Clerk to chase for reply, consult District Audit and include on November agenda

74/04 Correspondence for Action

74.1/04 Gloucestershire Freight Quality Partnership – Questionnaire

Response – problems with 38 – 44 tonne lorries in High Street and at The Cross due to on street parking and tight bends.

74.2/04 Gloucestershire County Council – Proposed Bus Changes in the Gloucester, Dursley, Berkeley, Thornbury Area

This was noted by Members

74.3/04 GAPTC Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 16 October 2004

No one was available to attend.

74.4/04 CPRE Tetbury District AGM. 24 October 2004

Cllr Mrs G Parsons confirmed that she would attend.

The date of the next Avening Parish Council Planning Meeting will be on
Wednesday, 10 November 2004 commencing at 7.00pm.
Followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm