

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2005 AT 7.00PM

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

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

14/05 CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed his Acceptance of Office.

15/05 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

16/05 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell and Cllr J Faulkner (due to family commitments).

17/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

18/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2005

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May 2005 were agreed and signed.

19/05 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

20/05. PLANNING

20.1/05 New Planning Applications

CT.3544/B 3 Powis Lane, Avening – No Objections

CT.6431/C Greenway Head, West End, Avening - Members were concerned that this unit will be too close to the road and that there are regulations to prevent this. Members were also concerned that the Council has not been consulted with regard to a planning application for a concrete plinth on the site.

20.2/05 Decision Notices Received

CT.1499/2/D & E Old Quarries, Avening – Consent & Permission Granted

CT.6859/C 22 Star Lane, Avening – Permitted

20.3/05 Notice of Appeal

CT.2767/J Erection of 1 No dwelling at 11 High Street, Avening – Dated 26 May 2005

21/05 FINANCE

21.1/05 Balance at Bank

The Clerk reported the Balance at the bank £ 24,840.51

21.2/05 Bills for Payment

The following bills were unanimously approved for payment:

Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	Chq No 553	£ 269.64
Inland Revenue (Income Tax on Clerk's Salary)	Chq No 554	£ 74.80
HGM Ltd (Grasscutting)	Chq No 555	£ 240.00

22/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

CDC – Statement of Community Involvement - Cllrs will complete consultation form.

CPRE – AGM, 30 June 2005 – Cllr Mrs G Parsons to attend.

GCC – Bus Stop Information - Noted

GCC – Improvement work on A4135 Kingscote – Noted and placed on Notice Boards.

GCC – Improvement work on A433 Jackaments Bottom to Rodmarton – Noted and placed on Notice Boards

GCC – Improvement Work on A4135 Calcot Crossroads to Beverstone – Noted and placed on Notice Boards

Cotswold Conservation Meeting, 15 June 2005 and request for Parish representatives to join Standards Committee – Cllr Mrs G Parsons would endeavour to attend and may apply to join Standards Committee.

23/05 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

23.1/05 New Bus Shelters – High Street / Sandford Leaze

Following a site meeting with Garrick Outdoor, the Clerk advised that it was recommended not to install a Shelter in High Street opposite Sandford Leaze in view of the narrow pavement. The suggested site on the Sandford Leaze side is next to the current bus stop. There would appear to be no problems with the site at the end of Mays Lane provided that the current shelter is dismantled and the site cleared.

Action: Clerk to progress 2 shelters from Garrick Outdoor, advise residents at 2 Sandford Leaze, obtain quote for removal of Mays Lane shelter and clearance of the site. Also to contact George Buchanan regarding the Village logo and to chase Bus Shelters Ltd regarding shelter for Hampton Hill.

23.2/05 Avening Wooden Sign

Action: Clerk to contact Liz Buchanan at the Post Office to progress.

23.3/05 Grasscutting and Grounds Maintenance

Areas to be added to the Contract:

- Old Hill to Sunground
- Bottom of Mays Lane (around bus shelter)
- Tetbury Hill, below no. 33

and reminder to cut Lee Path (from Playing Field to High Street) including collection of cuttings.

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractor.

24/05 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr J Parsons advised that he is now on the Licensing Committee and that, to date, no applications have been received from any public houses under the new Licensing Regulations.

25/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was pointed out that much of the work of the Council is reactive rather than proactive. Members agreed that there is a need to review what the Council does; improve image and visibility; change structure; use the expertise of people outside the Council; publish a newsletter and create a sub-committee for Planning. The Chairman stated that he hopes to inject new momentum into the Council and by being more creative; Members should find it more enjoyable. He asked Councillors to give thought to the future over the summer and compile an ideas list. An additional meeting, "Blue Sky", would be arranged in September to discuss way forward.

The date of the next Avening Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 14 July 2005 at 7.00 p.m.
in Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05 pm