

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2005 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr J Catterall, Cllr J Faulkner, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr T Slater and Mr P Putnam. Also in attendance Ms Melanie Tarrant (GRCC), Cllr Tony Hicks (County) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell, Cllr J Green and Cllr C Redpath.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2004

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 12 May 2004 were agreed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Hicks, who is now a County Council Cabinet Member, and Melanie Tarrant from GRCC to the meeting.

The Chairman's report is attached.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk gave the balance at the bank as £15,544.59 and presented the bank reconciliation.

6. AVENING PARISH PLAN – MELANIE TARRANT, GRCC

Melanie explained that her area covers 63 parishes, south of the A40 and raised the following points:

- Reason for doing a Parish Plan – to get things done, provide new facilities and services, influence the District and County Councils; improve relations within the village and attract funding.
- During the initial process Avening has: updated the website, held a photographic competition, installed traffic calming measures, supported the youth group and picked up litter.
- Her suggestions for the future would include a Parish Newsletter to publicise the Council's achievements with a questionnaire asking residents to help to progress the Plan. Melanie could help with the content and perhaps link up with Cotswold Lion.
- Followed by a public meeting with perhaps cheese and wine to attract people in. Melanie could help with facilitators. Possibly hold in early July.
- Also have a stand at the Village Fete – first weekend in June.

Melanie went on to talk about the problems being experienced by the Corner Shop. With Tesco providing transport to its store in Tetbury and less business through the Post Office, the Corner Shop's intake has been greatly reduced. "Use it or Loose It." It is evident that house prices drop significantly in villages without services such as a village shop.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Motorbikes on Waste Ground at Rectory Lane

This is causing noise and nuisance to local residents. The Chairman explained that the land is leased to the Avening Playing Field Association but the Council will contact Les Haines at CDC to see what can be done.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.55 pm