

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2005 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr J Parsons, Cllr Mrs J Sharpe and Cllr T Slater.

Cllr Mrs G Parsons advised that, having taken legal advice, she believed that the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday, 22 September 2005 to be illegal, as no notice had been given. Members and the Clerk explained that the intention had been to call an Extraordinary meeting at a later date. However, when the Chairman had asked Members for dates when they would be available, Cllr Mrs G Parsons had proceeded to discuss the issue of Mrs Kate Crook's resignation and had offered her resignation as Vice Chairman, thereby removing the need for an Extraordinary meeting. The Clerk acknowledged that, in the circumstances, the Minutes in question should be titled an "Extra" meeting, that preceded the Blue Sky meeting, rather than an "Extraordinary" meeting. Cllr Mrs G Parsons then gave her written resignation as Vice Chairman.

48/05 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations: Cllr J Catterall, Cllr J Parsons and Cllr T Slater.

On the first vote Cllr Catterall had 1 vote and Cllrs Parsons and Slater had 2 each. Cllr Catterall withdrew his name from the election and on the second vote Cllr J Parsons was elected as Vice Chairman 3 votes to 2. In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr J Parsons chaired the meeting.

49/05 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

50/05 APOLOGIES – Cllr J Green (business), Cllr J Faulkner (business) and Cllr C Redpath (business)

51/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Parsons and Cllr Mrs G Parsons declared an interest in the application for Winterfold, 23 West End, Avening.

52/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2005 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2005

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 15 September 2005 were agreed and signed. The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday, 22 September 2005 were deferred to the next meeting.

51/05 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

52/05 PLANNING

It was RESOLVED to accept the Planning Decisions as discussed at the Planning Meeting held on Thursday, 20 October 2005 at 7.00 p.m and recorded in the Minutes.

53/05 FINANCE

53.1/05 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

Budget Status was noted. The Clerk advised that the Balance at Bank is £26,478.50

53.2/05 Bills for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following bills for payment:

HGM Grounds Maintenance	Chq No 566	£ 80.00
Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	Chq No 567	£ 473.20
Inland Revenue (Income Tax on Clerk's Salary)	Chq No 569	£ 74.80

IT WAS RESOLVED TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

53.3/05 Support for GRCC

It was RESOLVED to renew Membership.

GRCC

Chq No 568

£ 25.00

IT WAS RESOLVED TO RE-INSTATE STANDING ORDERS

53.4/05 Preparation Work for Bus Shelter at Hampton Hill

It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £950 and instruct the contractor to proceed.

54/05 RECRUITMENT OF CLERK INCLUDING: INTERVIEW PANEL AND ARRANGEMENTS

The selection and interview panel would include: Cllr J Green, Cllr J Parson and Cllr Mrs C Mitchell. These Members would select a short list for interviews to be held week commencing 7 November 2005. The advertisement had appeared in the local press.

The Clerk, Mrs C Braidwood, had advised the Chairman that the November meeting would be her last.

Action: Clerk to pass application forms to the interview panel and arrange interviews.

55/05 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell circulated a report of the projected finances 2005 – 6 for Members consideration pending discussion at the next meeting.

56/05 PARKING AND SPEED LIMITS IN AVENING

Cllr Mrs J Sharpe reported a recent accident involving a pony. It was agreed to look at traffic speeds in the village in more detail in the future and to ask the Police to attend a meeting to discuss the problem.

It was noted that residents parking in the lay-by on the opposite side of the road near the Memorial Hall, are preventing buses pulling in at the bus stop and shelter. This is posing a hazard to passengers who are forced to access buses from the road.

Action: Clerk to contact Police and GCC Highways to take the traffic speed matter further and to contact residents who are parking in the lay-by.

57/05 BLUE SKY INCLUDING: ESTABLISHING COMMITTEES AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Deferred to the next meeting.

58/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a) GCC – Temporary Speed Restriction A4135 Beverston – 24 October – 4 November 2005

Noted

b) Condition of Avening to Nailsworth Road

Cllr J Parsons advised that this matter is on going.

c) GCC – Provisional Local Transport Plan 2 – Summary and Questionnaire

Noted.

d) Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Trust – Consultation Document

Noted.

e) GCC – Waste Minimisation in Gloucestershire

Noted.

f) GCC – Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Noted

g) RSS – Regional Economic Strategy Consultation Events

Noted

h) Cotswold & Vale NHS Trust – Fairford Hospital Public Consultation

Noted.

59/05 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

59.1/05 New Bus Shelters

High Street / Sandford Leaze and Mays Lane

The Clerk advised that further quotes have now been obtained to enable the grant application to be made to CDC and that she would be liaising with the Grants Coordinator prior to making the application.

Action: Clerk to progress

Lawrence Road / Hampton Hill

Action: Clerk to progress preparation of the site and installation of the shelter.

Action: Clerk progress.

59.2/05 Bus Stop - Bell Inn / Rectory Lane

Cllr Mrs G Parsons asked why the bus stop, originally located near the Memorial Hall, has been moved further down the road. The Clerk advised that she had made enquiries with various County Council departments but had been unable to discover who had moved it. She would continue making enquiries.

60/05 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr J Parsons advised that the CDC Civic Christmas Carol Service would take place in Tetbury this year. He also advised that the Green Bin Scheme Launch had been highly successful with 4,000 tons of garden waste being collected and that a total of 40% of all waste in the District is now recycled.

47/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The date of the next Avening Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 17 NOVEMBER 2005 at 7.30 p.m.
in Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10 pm