

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 7.30PM

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 Faulkner, Cllr J Parsons, Cllr C Redpath, and Cllr T Slater and one member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk, Mrs Kate Crook, who was appointed following recruitment and interviews during the week commencing Monday 29, August 2005. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had conducted interviews on instruction from the Council.

37/05 APOLOGIES – Cllr J Catterall (business) and Cllr Mrs C Mitchell

38/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

39/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2005

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 14 July 2005 were agreed and signed.

40/05 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

41/05 PLANNING

It was RESOLVED to accept the Planning Decisions as discussed at the Planning Meeting held on Thursday, 15 September 2005 at 7.00 p.m and recorded in the Minutes.

42/05 FINANCE

42.1/05 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

Budget Status was noted.

Action: Clerk to include Income in the Budget Status

The Clerk advised that the Balance at Bank is £24,425.11

42.2/05 Bills for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following bills for payment:

Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	Chq No 560	£ 616.38
Inland Revenue (Income Tax on Clerk's Salary)	Chq No 561	£ 168.30
HGM Grounds Maintenance	Chq No 562	£ 400.00
Fenweb Ltd	Chq No 557	£ 68.15
Fenweb Ltd	Chq No 563	£ 109.28
GAPTC – New Clerk's Course	Chq No 564	£ 55.00
Avening Memorial Hall	Chq No 565	£ 110.00
CPRE Subscription Renewal	Direct Debit	£ 25.00

42.3/05 Support for GRCC

It was agreed to revisit this decision at the next meeting.

42.4/05 Grass Cutting Contract

It was RESOLVED to include the area at The Cross and Mays Lane in the contract for next year.

42.5/05 Cost of Website

Cllr Slater advised that the website development project is costing more than budgeted for.

Action: Clerk to advertise the new website in The Villager article.

43/05 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS

Deferred to the next meeting.

44/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

• **Avening Stream, Woodstock Lane**

- Cllr Redpath circulated copies of a map showing the local watercourses and advised that he had consulted the Environment Agency regarding the lack of water and silting of streams in the area. The Environment Agency are only concerned about main river courses and their impact on flooding and health. In the case of local streams, the riparian owners are responsible for clearing banks and channels.

Action: Clerk to include in The Villager article, contact Rob Bull, Drainage Engineer at CDC and reply to email of 27 July that raised the issue.

- **CDC Chairman's Reception – 22 September 2005** – Cllr Mrs G Parsons to attend
- **Parish Footpaths Warden** – Deferred to October meeting when Mr N Stanton would attend. It was agreed that it would be a good opportunity to develop a relationship of working together.
- **GRHA AGM** – 26 September 2005 – no one is available to attend.
- **Local Works** – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill – Noted
- **GRCC AGM** – 22 September 2005 - no one is available to attend
- **GCC Annual Highways Maintenance & Traffic Management Seminar** – 5 October 2005 – The Clerk would be attending.
- **Countryside Agency – Registered Common Land and Open Country Map** –The Clerk was asked to check with the Land Registry
- **CDC – Local Development Framework, Statement of Community Involvement** – Consultation Draft - Noted
- **Tetbury Town Council – Tetbury Partnership Launch**, 1 October 2005 – Noted
- **Stroud District Council – Statement of Community Involvement** - Noted

45/05 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

45.1/05 New Bus Shelters

High Street / Sandford Leaze and Mays Lane

The Clerk advised that this project has been delayed by raising additional quotes to comply with the CDC grant application.

Action: Clerk to progress

Lawrence Road / Hampton Hill

This has also been delayed by problems making contact with the engineer responsible for the installation.

Action: Clerk progress.

46/05 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr J Parsons advised that he had received no update on the condition of the road to Nailsworth, near Longfords Mill, from Cllr Tony Hicks, County Councillor. This had been promised at the Council AGM in May.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Tetbury Hospital and Other Health Service Provision

- The PCT is currently £5.4m in debt and it is increasing.
- New initiative for service delivery to be centred around GP surgeries
- From December 2005 patients due for elective surgery will be given the option of 4 providers in the Gloucestershire/Wiltshire/Avon areas.

47/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To Be Included on the Agenda for the Next Meeting:

- Increased Parking on High Street
- Parking in the Lay By

The date of the next Avening Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 15 September 2005 at 7.30 p.m.
in Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm