

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 7.30PM

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

113/04. APOLOGIES – Cllr J Faulkner (business)

114/04. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Slater declared an interest in the Sale of Land at Sandford Leaze

115/04. MINUTES OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2005

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 12 January 2005 were agreed and signed.

116/04. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

117/04. PLANNING

117.1/04. New Planning Applications

CT.5358/L Old Forge, Point Road, Avening

Members objected to the use of shiplap as it is not in keeping with the area or the Cotswold Design Code.

CT.2933/E 44 Rectory Lane, Avening, Tetbury

Members had no objections.

117.2/04 Decision Notices Received

CT.5034/B Foxes Cottage, 39 High Street – Permits Dated 12 Jan 2005

CT.6373/F The Owl House, 19 West End – Permits Dated 13 Jan 2005

CT.2933/D 44 Rectory Lane – Refused Dated 13 Jan 2005

CT.7589/J 10 Spinners Cottages, Longford Mills – Permits Dated 24 Jan 2005

CT.7589/K 9 Spinners Cottages, Longford Mills – Permits Dated 24 Jan 2005

CT.6431/B Greenway Head, West End – Permits Dated 26 Jan 2005

118/04 TREE WORKS

118.1/04 New Notifications

CT.CONTR 1804 Blenheim Cottage, Woodstock Lane, Avening – No objection

CT.CONTR 1808 Rodways, Point Road, Avening – No objection

118.2/04 OTHER TREE WORKS

Order No. 382 – The Bannut Tree, New Inn Lane, Avening

Non-Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

119/04 FINANCE

119.1/04 Balance at Bank

The Clerk reported the Balance at the bank £ 16,635.49

Action: Clerk to look at Savings or Investment Accounts

119.2/04 Bills for Payment

The following bills were unanimously approved for payment:

Data Protection Register Entry Renewal – deferred to next meeting

Fenweb Ltd Website Hosting	Chq No 535	£306.68
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Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	Chq No 536	£268.56
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Inland Revenue (Income Tax on Clerk's Salary)	Chq No 537	£ 74.80
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Gloucestershire Training Partnership	Chq No 538	£ 10.00
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119.3/04 Grass Cutting Contract

It was RESOLVED to offer the Contract to HGM for 3 years subject to an annual review.

**120/04 COMMUNITY SAFETY – HOW CAN WE HELP ?
LES HAINES, CDC COMMUNITY SAFETY, OFFICER**

Les Haines introduced himself and explained that as the Police are too stretched to cover all aspects of Community Safety it has become a legal obligation of the Local Authority and is funded by the Home Office.

Les explained how he could help the Council and residents of Avening:

- Working with various partnership organisations, he has many useful contacts
- Has access to funding
- Crime levels in the Cotswolds are low but problem issues are: traffic speed, overgrown hedges, insufficient street lighting
- Large elderly population (26% over 60) at risk from bogus callers – impact on victims greater than value of property stolen
- "Message in a Bottle" scheme – Doctor's details and medication enclosed in bottle and stored in 'fridge which acts as a safe in the event of fire.
- Would contact Fosseway with regard to advice for the elderly and provision of security
- Working with cyclists to mark cycles with postcodes
- Particularly interested in working with young people
- Problems arise when youths are bored and unsupported and people should not be too complacent.
- Residents should advise all incidents of vandalism or nuisance to the Police enabling them to build a file for future use.
- Community Support Officers - 60 in Gloucestershire with funding for a further 21. Less power but useful replacement for the "village bobby". Integral to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Policy. Employed and deployed by the Police.

Action: Les to provide containers for "Message in a Bottle"

121/04 AVENING'S PARISH PLAN

Melanie Tarrant was unable to attend and, therefore, this was deferred to the next meeting. It was agreed, however, to consider combining the Annual Parish Meeting with a public meeting to progress the Plan.

122/04 DEVELOPMENT OF AVENING WEBSITE

Cllr Slater reported that this is progressing. There have been discussions with Peter Lyndesay (The Villager) and the PCC who are considering a Church page on the website. He is also looking at local advertising, a picture gallery of the village, and a history section.

123/04 LAND AT SANDFORD LEAZE

A Pre-Contract Enquiries form had been received and Cllr Green agreed to complete it. Members RESOLVED not to impose any further covenants on the land.

124/04 CASUAL VACANCY

The Vacancy remains unfilled and it is hoped to have interest in time for the next meeting.

125/04 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

GCC – Changes to Bus Services Consultation – Members welcomed the proposed additional service.
GCC – Community Involvement in relation to Minerals & Waste Development in Gloucestershire Consultation - Noted

CDC – Declaration of Interests Roadshow – Cllr J Parsons and Cllr Mrs Parsons would attend the Tetbury session on 3 March 2005.

Gloucestershire Geoconservation Trust – Cotswold Project - Noted

SW Regional Assembly – Shaping the Future of Cheltenham & Gloucester to 2026 (hard copy in post) - Noted

GTP – Internal Audit & Risk Assessment Training, 23 Feb 2005 - Noted

GTP – Forthcoming Training – Cllr Catterall and Cllr Mrs Parsons would attend the Planning session on 3 March at CDC Offices, Cirencester.

126/04 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Bus Shelters – Hampton Hill and Sandford Leaze

The Trial holes at Hampton Hill have been carried out and Bus Shelters Ltd has advised that the proposed Shelter can be fitted at the location. Payment for the trial must be paid prior to erecting the Shelter

Action: Payment to be made at the next meeting.

Members discussed the options for a Shelter at the top of Sandford Leaze and another opposite the junction. It was agreed to consider a wider range of styles.

Action: Clerk to provide details of further options.

127/04 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Parsons has light bulbs for distribution. It was agreed to include this in The Villager article and Cllr Parsons with member support would distribute from the Memorial Hall on the first available Saturday morning together with "Message in a Bottle".

128/04 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The date of the next Avening Parish Council Planning Meeting will be on

Wednesday, 9 March 2005

Commencing with Planning at 7.00 p.m.

Followed by the Main Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm