

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2005 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr J Faulkner, Cllr T Slater, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell, Cllr A Hicks (County), Rev C Carter and Mr P Brown

99/04. APOLOGIES –Cllr J Catterall (business), Cllr J Green (business) and Cllr Mrs J Sharpe (Family commitments)

100/04. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

101/04. MINUTES OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2004

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 8 December 2004 were signed and agreed.

102/04 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Ledgemoor Valley

The area needs to be identified in order to investigate the possibility and procedure for preservation.

Action: Cllr Mrs J Parsons to identify and Clerk to make enquiries with CDC Planning.

103/04 PARISH MATTERS AND AVENING YOUTH CLUB

The Chairman welcomed Rev Celia and Paul Brown to the meeting who then gave background information on the formation of the Youth Club:

- Original Club had collapsed 3 years ago
- Need to provide facilities in the village
- In order to tap into Youth Funds, the Club has to be run on a professional basis and comply with Church of England regulations
- Joint venture with Uley providing 3 evenings per week now joined by Wootton under Edge
- Current Funding - £500 per month from the Church trust and remainder from Gloucestershire Youth (not permanent arrangement)
- Need to train volunteers from the village
- Although supported by the Church it is not Christian outreach
- Attendance 20 – 30 each week covering 11 – 16 years of age (7 – 9 p.m.)
- Activities include: sports, karaoke, tuck shop and film night
- Would like to run 2 sessions: 10 – 13 age group and 13 + and acquire additional help

During the discussion that followed it was suggested that there might be equipment in storage from the previous Youth Club.

Cllr Hicks advised that GCC has enabling grants to assist with setting up Youth Clubs and training helpers.

Action: Clerk to investigate if equipment from previous Youth Club is still in existence

Millennium Cross

Rev Celia explained that the Cross had been erected for the use of residents who were possibly not Church orientated and could be used for secular services.

104/04 PLANNING

104.1/04 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CT.5034/B Foxes Cottage, 38 High Street, Avening

New dormer window and single storey side extension – No Objections

CT.7589/K 9 Spinners Cottages, Longford Mills, Minchinhampton

Erection of garden shed at bottom end of garden adjacent to shed - No Objections

CT.6431/B Greenway Head, West End, Avening

Field Shelter / Sick Bay - No objection but recommended that the floor be constructed with washable materials.

104.2/04 DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED

CT.0121/G 48 High Street, Avening - Decision Notice dated 9 Dec 2004
CT.4134/F & G Brook House and The Coach House, Hampton Hill, Avening - Withdrawn

104.3/04 TREE WORKS

CT.CONTR 1744 The Old Rectory, High Street, Avening – No Objection Notice dated 23 Nov 2004
Action: Clerk to make contact with Alan Watson, Tree Warden

105/04 FINANCE

105.1/04 Balance at Bank

The Clerk reported the Balance at the bank £ 13,832.54

105.2/04 Bills for Payment

The following bills were unanimously approved for payment:

Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses and Conference Fee	Chq No 531	£299.57
Inland Revenue (Income Tax on Clerk's Salary)	Chq No 532	£ 74.80

105.3/04 BUDGET FOR 2005 – 2006

The budget was formulated as per the attached spreadsheet.

105.4/04 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

RESOLVED: To retain the current specification and seek quotes.

105.5/04 GPFA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

RESOLVED: Not to renew Membership but to pass renewal form to Avening GPFA

105.6/04 GRANT TO AVENING YOUTH CLUB

RESOLVED: To grant Avening Youth Club £299.99 for Folding Indoor Tennis Table

105.7/04 PRECEPT REQUEST 2005 – 2006

RESOLVED: To maintain current level and request £13,500 for the financial year 2005 - 2006

106/04 DEVELOPMENT OF AVENING WEBSITE

Cllr Salter advised that this was in hand.

107/04 SALE OF LAND AT SANDFORD LEAZE

The Clerk advised that the Council's Solicitor is in contact with the Purchasers' Solicitor and that a detailed plan is required for conveyancing purposes.

Action: Clerk to contact Land Registry

108/04 CASUAL VACANCY AND REPRESENTATIVE TO SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Clerk advised that the previous arrangement for the Council to provide a representative to the Board of School Governors is no longer required as this particular representative can be one from the community. The Chairman of the Governors had confirmed that Mr J Powell would retain the post.

If no election was held to fill the vacancy (expiry 24 January 2005) and no intentions of interest in co-option were received, Councillors were urged to encourage possible interested parties.

109/04 Correspondence for Action

Gloucestershire Rural Partnership Annual Conference – 17 January 2005

Cllr Mrs G Parsons would endeavour to attend.

GRCC – Community Safety Action Planning Workshops

The Clerk to attend on Monday, 31 January 2005 at Coates Village Hall

GCC – Rural Transport Partnership Conference – 4 February 2005

No one is available to attend.

CDC Chairman's Civic Service

No one is available to attend.

GCC – Flood Fair, Tewkesbury
No one is available to attend

GCC – Local Transport Plan 2, 2006 – 2011 Draft for Consultation
Cllr Hicks recommended that Members should respond to this consultation particularly as Highways budget is being squeezed in favour of Social Services and there is a £30m backlog of maintenance work outstanding.

Action: Clerk to request copies

110/04 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Bus Shelters – Hampton Hill and Sandford Leaze

The Trial holes at Hampton Hill were carried out this week but the Clerk had still not been able to obtain any information from the supplier.

The Clerk had recently met with Pat Webb of Highways and the Police and agreement had been reached to site a Shelter either opposite the end of Sandford Leaze or on the corner where it joins High Street provided that it is position on the corner so as not to obscure visibility when driving out of Sandford Leaze.

Action: Include in February agenda with catalogue of Shelters.

111/04 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Parsons advised:

Needs list of people eligible for the CDC Light Bulb Scheme

New Licensing Law is likely to impact on communities and requested that it be included on the February agenda for discussion.

112/04 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The date of the next Avening Parish Council Planning Meeting will be on
Wednesday, 9 February 2005 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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