

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 7.30PM

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

**62/05 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - None.**

**63/05 APOLOGIES – Cllr J Parsons and Cllr J Catterall (business)**

**64/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.

**65/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2005 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 20 October 2005 and the Minutes of the Extra meeting held on Thursday, 22 September 2005 were agreed and signed.

**66/05 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

**66.1/05** Bus Stop moved from outside the Memorial Hall to further down the Nailsworth Road. The Clerk had been unable to identify who was responsible.

*Action: Clerk to request GCC to move the bus stop back to its original position.*

**66.2/05 Parking in Lay-By**

The Clerk confirmed that letters have been sent to residents who are believed to park in the lay-by asking them not to block access to the bus stop. Residents have complained to Members that the problem continues and the School are taking this matter up with the County Council.

*Action: Cllr Mrs C Mitchell would speak to the residents concerned.*

**67/05 PLANNING**

It was RESOLVED to accept the Planning Decisions as discussed at the Planning Meeting held on Thursday, 17 November 2005 at 7.00 p.m and recorded in the Minutes.

**68/05 FINANCE**

**68.1/05 Budget Status and Balance at Bank**

Budget Status was noted. The Clerk advised that the Balance at Bank is £25,600.

**68.2/05 Audit of Accounts 2004 – 2005**

Members RESOLVED to accept the audited accounts, noted the contents of the Audit Return that was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk. It was RESOLVED that the Assets should be reviewed prior to the 2005 – 2006 Audit.

**68.3/05 Bills for payment**

It was RESOLVED to approve the following bills for payment:

Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	Chq No 570	£ 244.72
Royal British Legion	Chq No 571	£ 16.50
Graham Meyrick (Accountant)	Chq No 572	£ 125.00

**68.4/05 Preparation of Budget for 2006 – 7**

Members were asked to give consideration to next year's budget for discussion at the next meeting.

*Action: Clerk to request grant applications from local organisations in The Village article.*

**68.5/05 Home-Start Cotswolds Ltd – Request for Grant Funding**

It was RESOLVED to ask for further information for discussion at the next meeting.

**69/05 RECRUITMENT OF CLERK INCLUDING: INTERVIEW PANEL AND ARRANGEMENTS**

Following interviews of six candidates it was agreed, by the Interview Panel, to discuss the matter over the weekend with a view to recalling selected candidates for second interview.

**Action:** *Chairman to advise the Clerk on how to progress.*

#### **70/05 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS**

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell had previously circulated a report of the projected finances 2005 – 6 for Members consideration. She explained that it had been a struggle for AVPA to fund repairs and maintenance particularly with Insurance premiums at £800 p.a. Much of the equipment has been vandalised and needs repairing. The APFA Committee are keen to continue and develop the play area with parents helping with maintenance. It is also hoped to attract funding from other sources in February 2006.

A questionnaire had been circulated and it was evident from the response that there is support for the play area in the Village and a need to provide new equipment. Cllr Mrs Mitchell asked Members to support a one-off grant of £3,000 to help pay for a wooden Galleon for toddlers in addition to the annual grant of £1,750. In any event, funds are urgently required to repair a slide by 6 December.

Members expressed concern about donating further funds for equipment as so much has already been vandalised.

**Action:** *Cllr Mrs Mitchell to provide quote for slide repair by email before 6 December and the request for additional funds would be considered at the next meeting.*

#### **71/05 PARKING AND SPEED LIMITS IN AVENING**

Since Cllr Mrs Sharpe was absent and no information or apology had been received, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **72/05 BLUE SKY INCLUDING: ESTABLISHING COMMITTEES AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

The following was agreed:

Planning Committee	-	Cllr Mrs G Parsons Cllr T Slater To ask Cllr J Catterall if he also wish to be included
Finance Committee	-	Cllr J Faulkner Cllr C Redpath Cllr J Green To ask Cllr J Parsons if he also wished to be included.
Avening Playing Field Representative	-	Cllr Mrs C Mitchell.

#### **73/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

a) CDC Chairman's Civic Carol Service – St Mary's Church, Tetbury – 4 December 2005

The Chairman and Cllr Mrs G Parsons would endeavour to attend.

b) CDC Local Development Framework – Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Noted.

c) CDC Local Plan 2001-2011 – Proposed Modifications to the Revised Deposit

Noted.

d) GCC – The Gloucestershire Charter.

Noted. The Clerk would attend the meeting on 8 December 2005.

#### **74/05 OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

##### **74.1/05 New Bus Shelters**

##### **High Street / Sandford Leaze and Mays Lane**

The Clerk advised that she had had a meeting with CDC Grants Coordinator who had requested evidence of support from residents and approval from CDC's Conservation Officer. Cllr Slater presented a petition from residents in Sandford Leaze supporting the bus shelter.

**Action:** *Clerk to progress.*

##### **Lawrence Road / Hampton Hill**

The Clerk confirmed that the contractor has been instructed to prepare the site prior to installation of the shelter.

**Action:** *Clerk progress.*

**74.2/05 Bus Stop - Bell Inn / Rectory Lane**

The Clerk confirmed that despite enquiries she had been unable to discover who had moved the bus stop. In the circumstances, she would ask the County Council to move the bus stop back into its original position.

**75/05 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Parsons was unavailable

**76/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

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

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