

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Green (Chairman), Cllr J Parsons (Vice Chairman) , Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr C Redpath and Cllr T Slater (arrived at 8pm).

106/05 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Mrs Becky Putnam raised 3 questions:

- What does the Council think are the issues with the playing field with reference to usage, liability and dog mess? –the Council are custodian trustees, the management takes place by the playing fields association. The playing field equipment is fully insured. But it should be noted that this is only the equipment installed by the APFA. The Council would remind people to pick up after their dogs
- Had the Council heard about the change of management at the village shop? The Council were not aware of the situation but advised that this was a private business and not linked to the Council
- What was happening on the road to Nailsworth? – with regards the state of the road – The Council advised this was an ongoing issue and there were currently confidential negotiations taking place between the developer and the highways department.

107/05 APOLOGIES – Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (Holiday), J Faulkner (Holiday)

108/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY 2006

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 19 January 2006 were amended with the deletion of the football pitch at 103.3/05. The minutes were then agreed and signed.

109/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

110/05 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

110.1/05 The planned Youth Bus service was noted

Action: Clerk to find out details and refer to the youth club

110.2/05 Cllr C Redpath raised the amount of litter in the Rectory lane area.

Action: Clerk to approach CDC to see if the Spring Clean was happening. If not to look into doing our own. Clerk to include a piece asking for volunteers in the Villager.

Action: Clerk to place maintenance person on agenda for March and to look into appropriate terms and conditions. It was noted to check the budget at the end of the financial year to see the funds available

Action: It was RESOLVED unanimously to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss the village maintenance plan

111/05 PLANNING

111.1/05 It was RESOLVED to accept the terms of reference for the planning committee.

111.2/05 It was RESOLVED to accept the Planning Decisions as discussed at the Planning Meeting held on Thursday, 16th February 2006 at 7.00 p.m and recorded in the Minutes.

112/05 FINANCE

112.1/05 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

Budget Status was noted. The Clerk advised that the Balance at Bank is £22,776.

112.2/05 Bills for payment

It was RESOLVED to approve the following bills for payment:

▪ Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	£ 292.37
▪ Inland Revenue (Income Tax on Clerk's Salary)	£ 79.20
▪ Data Protection Renewal	£ 35.00

It was RESOLVED that the GAPTC annual membership fee for 2006/07 in the sum of £184.83 be approved at the March meeting.

112.3/05 Litter Bin at Avening Playing Fields

It was RESOLVED to approve the action taken by the Clerk under delegated powers to incur expenditure to provide a new litter bin at the playing fields following CDC's report that the existing bin was damaged and needed replacing.

113/05 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS

It was RESOLVED to invite the APFA committee to a meeting (closed to the public) with the Parish Council to identify and discuss the issues and to work together to keep the playing fields running smoothly. It was RESOLVED that the annual grant of £1750 would continue to be paid but other funds would not be forthcoming until the meeting had taken place and a way forward agreed.

Action: Clerk to write to APFA

114/05 PARKING AND SPEED LIMITS IN AVENING

114.1/05 Matters raised by Cllr Mrs J Sharpe

Since Cllr Mrs Sharpe was absent and no information had been received, this item was deferred.

114.2/05 Parking in the Bus Stop opposite the Memorial Hall

The Council's concern was the safety of the schoolchildren. As to whether the bus stop was used by public buses - the Clerk reported that Stagecoach do not use the stop, and she had not spoken to Ebley yet. The Police had advised that parking in a bus stop is an offence.

Action: Clerk to approach the County and see what options are available for example yellow lines or a bus stop box

114.3/05 Traffic Calming Measures in Sunground

Volunteers from Sunground would sign a petition for traffic calming. But they had received some advice that speed humps would not be appropriate for ambulances and build outs would increase the existing parking problems. The Council suggested appropriate self help measures such as talking to those who drove too quickly in the area.

Action: Cllr J Catterall would update the Council at the March meeting

115/05 THE VILLAGER MAGAZINE

It was RESOLVED to change the content of the copy for the Villager. Planning matters would still be reported and a summary of the meeting would be included.

116/05 BLUE SKY

116.1/05 Portfolio Holders

Cllr J Parsons requested that the Chairman suspend standing orders in order that the allocation of portfolio holders at the meeting of 19th January 2006 (minutes at 101.1/05) could be readdressed. This was seconded by Cllr C Redpath.

The following portfolios were allocated as listed:

- Environment (streams, litter, footpaths, character of the village and making the most of its history etc) – **Cllr C Redpath**
- Businesses and Services (local businesses and the economy, tourism, village hall) -**Cllr J Catterall**
- Highways and Transport (traffic calming, road maintenance, bus shelters) – **Cllr T Slater**
- Leisure and Recreation (playing field, teenagers, extended schools scheme, overcoming rural isolation) – **Cllr Mrs C Mitchell**
- Healthcare (doctors, carers, hospitals) – **Cllr J Parsons**
- Crime and disorder (mobile police station, neighbourhood watch, crime prevention measures) – **unallocated**
- Publicity Officer - **unallocated**

Action: Cllr J Green would draw up a remit for the portfolio holders for discussion at the next meeting

Action: Clerk to ask Cllr J Faulkner if he wished to take on crime and disorder portfolio

116.2/05 Avening Parish Council Newsletter

Reminders to those who had not yet submitted copy for the newsletter.

Action: write copy and send to Cllr T Slater

116.3/05 Website

Cllr T Slater noted that the website events diary was not up to date

117/05 BYWAYS

117.1/05 The Clerk reported back on the Byways talk attended on the 30th January. Notes had already been circulated.

118/05 MOBILE POLICE STATION

118.1/05 The Clerk reported back on her meeting with PC Wyatt from the mobile police station. Specifically the opportunity to request the mobile police station to attend in the village for specific purposes (eg problem areas such as vandalism at the playing fields) in its downtime from its official rounds – subject to available police manpower.

119/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- Tetbury Partnership Action Planning Event 2nd March 2006 – Cllr J Parsons and Cllr Mrs G Parsons would attend
- CDC re leisure centre tables and chairs
- Press release – rural beat officer – clerk to invite to attend a council meeting
- Gloucestershire Charter – Cllr J Green

120/05 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

120.1/05 New Bus Shelters

High Street / Sandford Leaze and Mays Lane

Action: Clerk to resubmit previous paperwork to Conservation at CDC for approval of design and colour of the shelters before the Council can apply for the grant. Clerk to progress generally.

Lawrence Road / Hampton Hill

The concrete base had been laid

Action: Clerk to liaise with Bus Shelters Ltd for the installation of the shelter

120.2/05 Bus Stop - Bell Inn / Rectory Lane

Action: Clerk to Progress

120.3/05 Land Registry – Registration of Land

Index map search needs to be completed

Action: Cllr J Parsons to complete the maps for the search

120.4/05 Electoral Register Request 2006

Awaiting signature by absent councillors

Action: remaining signatures to be collected at the next meeting by the Clerk.

121/05 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Parsons advised that he would report back on the Highways seminar at CDC at the next meeting

The date of the next Avening Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 16th MARCH 2006 at 7.45 p.m.
in Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.20 pm