

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2006 AT 7.45PM

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, Cllr T Slater and Cllr Mrs C Mitchell

122/05 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

6 members of the public attended to ask if they could do anything about the fence that had recently been erected at 11 High Street. The Council had already been advised by the District Council that it was within height restrictions and was not adjacent to the highway so the District Council could not take action at this stage. The District Council had also been advised of the possible change of use and had advised the owner of the land about possible enforcement accordingly. The members of the public planned to raise the matter with the Department of Environment, their MP and the CPRE.

123/05 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr J Faulkner (personal)

124/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 2006

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th February 2006 were agreed and signed.

125/05 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllrs J Parsons and T Slater – Sandford Trust

126/05 **MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA** - none

127/05 PLANNING

127.1/05 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Decisions as discussed at the Planning Meeting held on Thursday, 16th March 2006 at 7.00 p.m and recorded in the Minutes.

128/05 FINANCE

128.1/05 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

Budget Status was noted. The Clerk advised that the Balance at Bank is £19,117.

128.2/05 Bills for payment

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following bills for payment:

▪ Clerk's Salary less Income Tax plus Expenses	£314.26
▪ Inland Revenue (Income Tax on Clerk's Salary)	£88.66
▪ Moore Stephens (audit fee)	£170.38
▪ Maelor-Trafflex Ltd (NOW Broxap Ltd)	£159.40
▪ GAPTC (membership and copy standing orders)	£200.81
▪ Peter Savage groundwork- Hampton Hill	£1116.25
▪ Avening Playing Fields Association Annual Grant 05/06	£1750.00

128.3/05 Finance Committee decisions/recommendations from 28th February 2006

128.3.1/05 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Finance decisions as discussed at the Finance Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th February 2006 at 7.30pm and recorded in the Minutes.

128.3.2/05 It was **recommended** by the Finance Committee that the Council grant £100 to Sandford Trust. It was **RESOLVED** by Council to grant £200 to Sandford Trust.

129/05 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell advised that the proposed contractor to be used to repair/replace items at the Playing Fields would have to take on expensive insurance in order to be able to work on children's play areas. A public meeting was planned for Monday 21st March to discuss the work needed and future of the playing fields. The Council were invited to attend.

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell left the meeting at 9pm

130/05 TRAFFIC IN AVENING

130.1/05 Traffic Calming Measures in Sunground

Cllr J Catterall advised that residents of Sunground were resigned to the fact that they felt there was nothing else they could do to prevent the speeding problems.

131/05 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** to hold the annual parish meeting and annual meeting of the parish council on Thursday 18th May 2006 at the Memorial Hall.

132/05 BLUE SKY

132.1/05 Portfolio Holders - remit

Cllr J Green had not completed the remit for portfolio holders. This was deferred until April's Council meeting. There was a general discussion as to the expected availability of Members with portfolios to the public and how they could most effectively be reached. This matter would be placed on the agenda for April's meeting.

132.2/05 Avening Parish Council Newsletter

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

132.3/05 Update on Parish Plan

Cllr Mrs G Parsons advised that the parish plan could link in with the portfolio allocations and the tasks could be allocated to the relevant portfolio holder. A schedule of tasks from the parish plan was circulated for discussion at April's meeting.

Cllr Mrs G Parsons left the meeting at 9.15pm

133/05 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

133.1/05 item 12.1 was deferred until the Extraordinary Meeting

133.2/05 It was **RESOLVED** that the finance committee should draw up a draft job specification and look at the finances involved in employing a maintenance person to report back in time for the next council meeting on 20th April. The date for the Extraordinary Meeting would be set at the next Council meeting.

133.3/05 It was proposed to hold the Avening Spring Clean on Saturday 20th May between 10am and 12.30. Lunch would be provided for volunteers. Publicity would take place nearer the time. Cllr C Redpath would lead on the project. The areas that would be concentrated upon would be the playing fields and Rectory Lane, but this could be extended with enough volunteer support.

Action – Clerk to place a piece in the Villager

134/05 COMMUNITY EVENTS

134.1/05 Queens's 80th Birthday Celebrations

It was felt that it may now be too short notice to arrange anything for the Queen's birthday but it was suggested that it could be tied in with Pig Face Day in Mid September. The Council had put aside funds towards an event and these could be available to a community group who already has a committee in place and is able to organise an event.

Action: Clerk to approach PCC

135/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- Letter from School re the school and the Hall working together – passed to Cllr J Green
- CDC application for street trading consent – John Jefferies – Winstones Ice Cream – no objection from the Council

136/05 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

136.1/05 New Bus Shelters

High Street / Sandford Leaze and Mays Lane

The Clerk reported that CDC Conservation Department had indicated they felt the design of the two bus shelters was too urban. The Clerk had been trying to speak to the officer for further advise and get some example of good practice. But despite repeated attempts had not been able to do so.

Action: Clerk to continue to chase CDC for design information following Conservation's comments about the bus shelter design. Clerk to progress generally.

Lawrence Road / Hampton Hill

The bus shelter has been erected. A general tidy of the area was needed to finish off the site.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Peter Savage to obtain a quote for the tidying of the site

136.2/05 Bus Stop - Bell Inn / Rectory Lane

Action: Clerk to Progress

136.3/05 Parking in the Bus Stop opposite the Memorial Hall

Action: Clerk to Progress

136.4/05 Land Registry – Registration of Land

Index map search needs to be completed

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

136.5/05 Electoral Register Request 2006

Awaiting signature by absent councillors

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

137/05 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Parsons advised that two new gas mains were being laid – one through Sapperton. Cllr Parsons would investigate whether this would have any effect on Avening.

The date of the next Avening Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 20th April 2006 at 7.45 p.m.
in Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05 pm