

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2006 AT 7.30PM

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

### 113/06 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

none

### 114/06 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ms C Mitchell (business)

Cllr Ms K Kay (personal)

### 115/06 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

**116/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** -Cllrs J Catterall, J Parsons and T Slater declared an interest in agenda item 7.1 minor amendments to planning permission at The Lair, Pound Hill.

Cllr Mrs G Parsons declared an interest in agenda item 7.3 transmitting station, Tetbury Hill.

**117/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – Cllr T Slater had brought along the revised/updated logo. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt this for council use.

It was **RESOLVED** to vary the agenda to deal with agenda item 7 first

### 118/06 PLANNING

#### 118.1/06 New Planning Applications

06/03189/MINAM **The Lair, Pound Hill, Avening** – minor amendments to planning permission. Members had no objections.

#### 118.2/06 Decision Notices Received

06/02726/FUL CT2854/H **Rectory Cottage, Rectory Lane** – erection of first floor extension – permission granted by Cotswold District Council on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006. Cotswold District Council had written specifically to explain why the permission had been granted and this was read out to the meeting.

#### 118.3/06 Review of Planning Permissions/Applications

**Transmitting Station, Tetbury Hill, Avening** – The Clerk had had no further contact with Arqiva. Matters re landscaping were no further forward.

**Quietways enforcement matter**– The Clerk had spoken with Cotswold District Council. The matter was still on their work list. They apologised for not getting round to it but were short-staffed at present.

### 119/06 PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

#### 119.1/06 The future of the Hall

The clerk reported the heating in the main hall had been mended – the 4 oldest heaters had been replaced with new ones. The school were happy with the work and the room was now warm.

The history of replacement items/toilet facilities at the hall were noted and discussed.

The management committee was actually set up as a charity and this would need to be considered in any future changes in the hall.

The possibility of a lease to the school was discussed as an option for the future of the hall. Members felt that they must look at all options though. The benefits and burdens of a lease were discussed in general terms (such as the length of the lease, break clauses and the continued use of the hall by the public), but it was felt that more information as to what the school actually wanted and were prepared to take on was needed.

**Action:** Clerk to contact the school and ask for an indication of what they would want to achieve by a lease in time for the next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. Clerk to set up a special meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> February between the council, school and county representatives to discuss. The meeting would be closed to the public in order to explore contractual/leasing matters in more detail.

The Clerk also advised that 2 of the potential funding streams were not going to be available to apply to – Community Buildings Fund (Lottery) was now closing in April and the local Rural Renaissance fund had allocated all of its money for the foreseeable future. Other funding was probably available.

The Ward Projects Fund had £430 still available in it. Applications needed to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> January. The school had been interested in some seating for the main hall. If this was not feasible, a list of items were drawn up for small improvements to the hall for example signs on toilet doors, toilet seats, toilet roll holders etc.

*Action: Clerk to discuss with the school and then make the application*

**119.2/06 Public Consultation**

The public consultation concerning the hall had been drafted and this would be amended and included in the next parish council newsletter, which would be delivered to all houses in the village.

**119.3/06 Keyholding and Bookings**

The books and paperwork were still awaited from Jon Green. It was planned that Cllr K Kay would do the accounts for the hall. The Clerk would take bookings and Cllr C Redpath would hold keys for people to come and collect. This would be for a temporary period only as ideally it would be better to find someone to do both bookings/keys. This would be reviewed at the next council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Some of the regular users of the hall will be given their own set of keys in due course.

**119.4/06 To consider the costs of survey for the village hall**

**It was RESOLVED to put the meeting into closed session for agenda point 6.4 (minute number 119.4/06) under The Public (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 in accordance with legal requirements.**

**120/06 FINANCE**

**120.1/06 Budget Status and Balance at Bank**

The Clerk advised that the current balance at bank was £4,920.28 with £15,166 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet. A transfer from the deposit account to the current account had been put in hand by the clerk in the sum of £2,000. 30 days notice had been given in order not to lose any interest.

**120.2/06 Bills for Payment**

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

▪ Clerk's Salary plus Expenses	£431.68
▪ Farm and Garden Services (site clearance)	£135
▪ APFA	£477
▪ Avening Memorial Hall (Youth Club)	£570

The cheque to GAPTC for the accounts course in the sum of £60 was to be deferred until February in case the Clerk was unable to attend.

The cheque to APFA was to be retained until accounts had been forwarded to the clerk and approved by the council.

**120.3/06 To approve cheques since last meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cheque to Avening PCC in the sum of £550 being the grant for Pig Face Day in September 2006

**120.4/06 Grant request from Avening Playgroup for 2007/08**

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

**120.5/06 Budget 2007/08**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the budget for 2007/08 as set out on the attached sheet.

**120.6/06 Precept for 2007/08**

It was **RESOLVED** to set the precept at £17,500 for the year 2007/08

**121/06 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS**

**121.1/06 Muddy Gateways**

APFA had indicated they would look at the problem when they organised their next volunteer working group at the playing fields.

**122/06 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**122.1/06 Siting of Restored Wooden Avening Sign**

This item was in hand and deferred until the next meeting

**122.2/06 Hedge Laying Project in Partnership with Rural Skills Centre, Royal Agricultural College**

There had been a good turnout. Cllr T Slater was organising another Saturday working group of the volunteers.

**123/06 BLUE SKY**

**123.1/06 Parish Council Spring Newsletter**

The next newsletter was planned for the end of February. The village hall consultation would be included. Councillors had been asked to contribute. There would be content on what the council had achieved in the last year and the budget.

**123.2/06 Crime and Disorder**

No specific issues had been raised. This item was deferred.

**123.3/06 Parish Plan**

It was **RESOLVED** to revive the parish plan through a public meeting in May (at the same time as the Parish Meeting, annual meeting of the Parish Council) as the Hall was taking precedence at the moment.

**124/06 HIGHWAYS**

**124.01/06 Parking in the bus stop opposite the village hall**

Cllr J Parsons advised that he had been informed that people were parking in the bus stop during school drop off/pick up times making the area congested. It was not certain if this was causing the buses difficulty in offloading children safely or not (which had been the previous concern). It was accepted that parking in a bus stop was an offence but that moving people on would only create a problem further along the road. It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be kept an eye on and the school contacted if any more details came to light.

*Action: Clerk to write to resident to explain council decision*

**125/06 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

- Register of Electors 2007 – this was completed by councillors wishing to hold a copy of the register
- Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Consultation – a response to the consultation was made
- Closure of the Ward Projects Fund – CDC – application dates – the matter had been discussed under the village hall heading above

The date of the next Avening Parish Council will be on  
**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006** at 7.45 p.m.  
in Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10pm