

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 14th JUNE 2007 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr C Redpath, Cllr Ms A Beszant

18/07 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

19/07 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr T Slater (business), Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (personal)

It was **RESOLVED** to vary the agenda to deal with agenda point 7, planning matters

20/07 PLANNING

20.1/07 Co-option to Planning Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Cllr Ms A Beszant onto the planning committee. Membership would now be Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr T Slater and Cllr Ms A Beszant, with other Councillors available should the need arise.

20.2/07 New Planning Applications

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| 07/01293/LBC | CT6480/E | Avening House, Avening – alterations to form separate temporary living accommodation unit for caretaker – Members had no objection as long as the alterations were not permanent. |
| 07/01202/FUL | CT6480/F | Avening House, Avening – alterations to form separate temporary living accommodation unit for caretaker – Members had no objection as long as the alterations were not permanent. |
| 07/01233/FUL | CT0845/G | Winterfold, 23 West End – Erection of replacement single detached dwelling - Members had no objections to the application (Cllr Mrs G Parsons abstained) |
| 07/01365/FUL | CT5302/K | 29 High Street, Avening – sub-division of ancillary accommodation to separate dwelling - Members had no objection |
| 07/01327/FUL | CT7867/B | Leonards Brook Cottage, 1 Old Hill – alterations and extensions to south elevation - Members had no objection |
| 07/01352/FUL | CT7989/A | 61 High Street – loft conversion with new dormer windows and rooflight to existing roof - Members had no objection in principle but the property was in the conservation area and subject to an article 4(2) direction so any development must be kept in character with the surrounding area, for example, materials used. |

20.3/07 To ratify planning decisions made since last meeting

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| 07/00869/FUL | CT3530/H | Point House, 1 Point Road – erection of rear conservatory – Members had no objections to the conservatory but were not happy with the materials proposed to be used (UPVC) and would recommend natural Cotswold stone in keeping with the stonework of the building. Whilst the conservatory is at the back of the house it can be seen from the High Street and various vantage points across the village eg Rectory Lane and Playing Fields. Members noted that the property was subject to an article 4(2) direction and as such the council would like to see a conservatory that is in character and more sympathetic with the surrounding area. |
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20.4/07 Decision Notices Received

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| 07/00589/FUL | CT6636/C | 2 Old Hill, Avening – installation of new windows and door to porch and one rooflight to rear – permission granted 16 th May 2007 |
| S/06/1847/FUL | 06/01913/NEI | 8 Spinners Cottages, Longfords Mill – retrospective application for extension of picket fence around internal and external boundaries at front of property. – Appeal to Planning Inspectorate dismissed 16 th May 2007. |
| 07/00691/FUL | CT2767/L | 11 High Street, Avening – erection of dwelling with access – permission refused 10 th May 2007 |

20.5/07 New Tree Works

- 07/01520/TRECON / CT.CONTR 2320 The Bannut Tree, New Inn Lane- Conservation Area– boundary screening vegetation “atop the retaining wall” a) trim on roadside b) reduce height of screen (excluding 2 yews) c) trimmed on house side – response date 29th June 2007

No comments were made, but the matter had been referred to Alan Watson for advice, by the Clerk.

20.6/07 Tree Works Decisions

- 07/01107/TRECON / CT.CONTR 2300 Ansford Cottage, 5 Woodstock Lane – trim tree to 50% of current height and shape accordingly – approved by CDC 31st May 2007
- 07/01127/TRECON CT.CONTR 2301 3 Woodstock Lane – 50% reduction of one Beech and fell two Ash – approved by CDC 1st June 2007

21/07 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 17th May 2007

22/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Parsons advised that he would now be declaring an interest in all planning matters because of his position as District Councillor sitting on the planning committee at CDC.

23/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The letter applying for listing of the Cotswold stone wall at 11 High Street had been acknowledged by English Heritage.

The two phone listed red phone boxes (Nags Head and Point Road) will be added to the schedule of work for BT and will be painted between now and April 2008.

The Clerk advised that £150 had been received from HMRC (on account) for filing the Employers P35 online.

24/07 VILLAGE HALL

No volunteers had been found to take over the running of the Village Hall.

Cllr J Parsons' letter to Jon Green was approved by Council.

It was understood that Jon Green had met with Diana Boulton (Headteacher) to explore the hall being handed over to the school to run in conjunction with the Education department at GCC.

Cllr J Parsons would contact Diana Boulton to discuss the situation. He would report back to Councillors.

No councillors had collected the village hall questionnaire from the shop. The Clerk advised that the shop had handed it to someone but they did not remember who. Unfortunately the questionnaires were now missing.

25/07 FINANCE

25.1/07 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

The current balance at bank was £7,391.25 with £18,298.55 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet. Money had been transferred to the deposit account to earn interest following the receipt of the precept.

25.2/07 Bills for Payment

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

▪ Clerk's Salary less NI/Tax plus Expenses	£514.80
▪ NI/Tax on Clerk's salary	£4.33
▪ HGM	£240.00
▪ Broxap Ltd	£229.14
▪ Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind	£50.00

25.3/07 Cheques issued since the last meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following cheques issued since last meeting

• Avening PCC	£50.00
• GAPTC	£4.60
• Viking Direct	£107.45

25.4/07 Storage of Parish Council Deeds

The deeds were now in storage with Lloyds Bank Cirencester. The standing order form had been signed and returned to Lloyds Bank Cirencester. There is a fee of £25 per annum - two payments of £12.50

25.5/07 To approve invoice to school for grasscutting for the year 2006/07

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the invoice in the sum of £220 to Avening Primary School for their contribution to the grasscutting for 2006/07. This was the same figure as for the previous two years.

25.6/07 Charges for advertising on the website

It was **RESOLVED** that charges would stay the same for advertising on the website for the current financial year. This was £50pa for the front page and £10pa for other pages with a £17.50 plus VAT one off set up fee for the advert/link (resizing and alt text by website supplier/host).

25.7/07 To review contents schedule on insurance policy

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Community First to amend the contents policy as follows

There was now only 1 Avening sign (not 4) and this should be insured for the £985 that is currently on the policy (the sign having recently been renovated).

The brush cutter (petrol) will be removed from the policy.

The additional dog waste bin will be added to the policy.

The bench referred to was the one on Rectory Lane.

The remaining items are as per the policy schedule.

26/07 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

None – this would now come under the one head of parish plan

27/07 PARISH PLAN

The fete stall had been useful. 38 responses to questionnaires had been received. The clerk was analysing the questionnaires and would have the results available by next meeting. The results will be published on the website with a summary in the Villager. Next meeting councillors will need to reprioritise the council workload/projects in response to the results of the questionnaire.

28/07 Correspondence for Action:

- GAPTC –calendar of training events for councillors
- English Heritage acknowledgement

All correspondence was noted.

The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on

Thursday, 12th July 2007 at 7.30pm

In Avening Memorial Hall

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