**Avening Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2016 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Conway, Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr J Parsons, Cllr A Slater (Chair),

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**: Mr J Collinson (Projects), Mrs S Bryant (Clerk)

**129/16 VISITORS:**

 Gillie and Peter Regis, Jane Rushton (for Item 10 ix) Caron Hooper, Sue Savage,

Alison Moon (to observe)

**130/16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Brandhouse Farm**

Gillie and Peter Regis explained their plans for rebuilding the house at Brandhouse Farm and their intention to take down an existing barn and rebuild a smaller structure to house a garage. They also planned to move the fence further away from the road and to landscape the garden once the building work has been completed. In reply to a question, they confirmed that all the buildings formed part of the property and would not be sold separately and that there was no agricultural tie. The farm would become their family home and they intended to work the farm and to employ a Farm Manager.

**Lawrence Road**

Residents of Lawrence Road reported that traffic and parking in Lawrence Road continued to be a serious concern. The cutting back of the tree at the junction had improved visibility but had also resulted in vehicles being parked on the grass. A number of residents would like to have the kerbs lowered outside their houses to allow off street parking but one such application had already been turned down. The Fire Service had trouble accessing the road in a medium sized appliance so it was felt that properties would not be accessible in a large appliance.

It was suggested that the introduction of a one-way system may help the traffic flow.

The Chair proposed that a meeting be held with Gloucestershire Highways, Bromfords, Cllr Hicks and other interested parties and agencies to explore solutions to these problems.

***ACTION: Clerk to convene meeting and to also contact Pete Savage to arrange for bollards to be put on the grass area to deter parking.***

It was also reported that potholes in Lawrence Road had still not been repaired.

 ***ACTION: Clerk to chase.***

**131/16 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

 No Report was presented

**132/16 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr D Bendall, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Tony Hicks, Cllr M Williamson, Cllr E Worsdell

**133/16 CODE OF CONDUCT**

 133.1/16 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

 Cllr A Slater – 11.2 – Bills for payment

 133.2/16 Updates to Members Register of Interests

 None

**134/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 August 2016**

 None.

**135/16 MINUTES**

**135.1/16 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2016**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chair.

**136/16 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Parsons reported on his involvement in 2 projects being run by the Ambulance Trust in which changes to the way the service is operated were being considered. He was concerned that a number of the planned changes may see response times increasing and wished to publicise the proposals.

He had also attended a pilot workshop on the devolution of care in the communities.

**137/16 TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

 The report was circulated.

**138/16 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

 **138/16.1 Project Manager’s Report**

John Collinson presented the circulated report.

Walking Leaflets

It was suggested that the Parish Council Website should be included in the leaflet.

 Memorial Hall

Peter Regis offered to meet with John as he had some expertise in building control and safety works and his surveyor may be able to help with the project. After which Cllr Slater and Cllr Worsdell should apply to Gloucestershire County Council for a contribution to the funding.

 **138/16.2 Avening History Project**

Cllr Mitchell reported that she and John Collinson had been clearing cupboards in the Memorial Hall upstairs room and had discovered some interesting memorabilia. There was a lot of information to be collated and it was suggested that a photographic display be set up.

**138/16.3 Grass cutting on bank in Sunground**

The Clerk reported that a local gardening company may be willing to take on the grass cutting and that she would be liaising with them to arrange this and to also ask them to include the edges at the top of the garages.

**138/16.4 Recycling Bins**

Residents reported that children were regularly climbing and jumping on the bins and were concerned for their safety.

Cllr J Parsons stated that he was still waiting for information on the usage of the bins and dependent upon the result the Council will remove them entirely or identify a more suitable location.

***ACTION Cllr Parsons***

**138/16.5 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

A date in early December was proposed.

***ACTION: Cllr Slater to check if 4 Dec was a suitable date***

***Clerk to arrange for Christmas tree to arrive the week before.***

**138/16.6 Litter Pick**

Item deferred to next meeting

***ACTION: Clerk to note agenda item***

**138/16.7 Football Ground / Playing Field**

Item deferred to next meeting

***ACTION: Clerk to note agenda item***

**138/16.8 Playing Field Gate**

It was reported that the lock on the gate had been opened and that the gate had become damaged.

The Clerk reported that she was waiting on a quote for a replacement gate and would also arrange for a new lock to be put on.

It was suggested that the possibility of putting a plaque on the gate to identify key holders be discussed once the new gate was in place.

**138/16.9 Proposed Bollards outside School**

Jane Rushton, Headteacher reported that every day the school pupils use the garden on the opposite side of the lane to the school and that currently a member of staff was required to supervise the children and patrol the road. Jane was looking for suggestions to help the situation. She had already investigated the possibility of gates but had been informed that this would involve a traffic order and the costs were prohibitive. Another option was for a number of signs and lines on the road but neighbours had objected as these appeared unsightly.

Jane was now considering a temporary barrier strap and this was thought to be a more suitable option. Jane agreed to consult with neighbours about this proposal and to report back to the Parish Council.

**139/16 TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS**

**139/16.1 Bus Shelter – Mays Lane**

The clerk reported she was waiting for a second quote for repairs to the bus shelter before being able to pursue an insurance claim.

**139/16.2 Lawrence Road**

 Discussed under agenda item 2.

**139/16.3 Woodstock Close – Parking Issues**

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Bromfords regarding the parking issues and had been informed that they were well aware of the issues and were looking at possible solutions. One option was to install key operated bollards in the turning area.

***ACTION: Clerk to contact Bromfords to establish when these works were scheduled.***

**140/16 FINANCE**

 **140/16.1 Finance Report up to 30 August 2016**

The finance report was circulated and noted.

**140/16.2 Approve Bills for Payment**

Schedule was circulated and payments were approved.

**141/16 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

 **141/16.1 New Applications**

### 16/03573/FUL Land Adjacent 19 Point Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LY Erection of detached dwelling together with associated ancillary development

### The following objections were raised:

* Access

This is a narrow lane, with cars parked along one side – taking out a section of the wall for a new building would exacerbate parking issues for other residents in the lane

It is unlikely the very tight access would gain the necessary 10 degree splay onto the road without significant excavation into the hillside.

* Ground conditions

The ground in the area has been proven to be unstable – a number of new buildings were abandoned for many years due to the difficult conditions

The build and access proposals would mean significant excavations – probably a minimum 1-2000 tons.  The limited access would cause significant disruption during the groundworks phase, and potentially cause damage to surrounding properties, and the fragile road infrastructure.

There is currently an infestation of Japanese knotweed, which needs to be fully eradicated.

* Scale and position

The proposed house is far too big for the position, is out of scale with nearby properties, and being built over a garage, would be obtrusively high.

The height of the building would mean properties in front would be overlooked, and invade their privacy.  Being to the south of these properties, it would also plunge them into shadow for much of the year.

* Reference to 11 High St.

The applicant’s agent has made much of the similarities to 11 High St – being a similar project, it is obvious that it will also cause many of the issues associated with this plot.  After a ‘successful’ appeal, the High St plot has resulted in a huge hole which may never be built upon given the technical and legal problems it has encountered.

### 16/03571/LBC [Replace two windows - Dyers Cottage 51 Nags Head Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NZ](http://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/centralDistribution.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=OCPSEXFI0AP00)

No comments made

**141/16.2 Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

 None

**141/16.3 Decision Notices**

 None

**141/16.4 Planning Correspondence**

 None

**141/16.5 Tree Works**

### 16/03756/TCONR [Yew (T2 - T5) - Fell due to excessive shading and low amenity value. T1 (the largest tree in the group) to remain and be trimmed to improve the shape and symmetry - Calder Cottage 11 High Street Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LU](http://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/centralDistribution.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=OD864YFIHWQ00)

**141/16.6 Any other New Applications**

None

**142/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

142.1SLCC 2016 Regional Roadshow Wed 23 November 2016

 The Clerk sought approval to attend the roadshow at a cost of £69 + VAT. This was approved.

 142.2 Journey Assistance Cards

Information had been forwarded from C llr Bendall regarding a number of cards that were due to be distributed to village agents for use on public transport by those with limited vision, communication or special needs.

**143/16 COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk was asked to provide an update on proposals in relation to the plot of land for sale at the end of Sunground.

***ACTION: Clerk***

Cllr Parsons reported that he had been in contact with Adult Community Care regarding assistance for a resident of Avening who was currently in hospital following an injury whilst on holiday and needed additional assistance to be able to live at his home. There was also fund raising happening in the village.

Cllr Parsons left the meeting.

It was reported that Greenway Head had become very overgrown and needed attention.

***ACTION: Clerk to contact AMEYS to request maintenance works be undertaken.***

**144/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

 Thursday 20 October 2016 7.30pm Avening Memorial Hall

All are welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm