**Avening Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th April 2019 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Bendall, Cllr C Howell, Cllr G Parsons Cllr, A Slater, Cllr D Conway, Cllr E Worsdell, Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr R Morgan.

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

**62/19 VISITORS:** Gerald South, Richard King, John Hettersley.

**63/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Richard King reported that the café was going to organise a litter pick on June 4th to coincide with the world environment day on the 5th. It starts at 9.30 with free coffee and cake for all who join in.

It was requested the Clerk could organise pickers and high viz jackets, bags and gloves.

**64/19 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

There were no reported crimes in the area during March.

**65/19 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

 Cllr C Forster – Holiday

**66/19 CODE OF CONDUCT**

 166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

 None

**67/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 March 2019**

There were no matters arising.

**68/19 MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 March 2019**

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

**69/19 ACTION LOG**

The Action log was noted and updated. The pill boxes/stiles action is ongoing so has been removed and Cllr Parsons will update the council at a later date.

**70/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan expressed his thanks to the council for their support and how much he has enjoyed representing the area at district level. He is hoping that following the election he will be in the position to be able to continue the work he started on projects such as easing listed building consent; on making homes more energy efficient; and helping young people in the area get n the housing market. Cllr Morgan said he felt his work was only just getting started.

**71/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Report unavailable.

**72/19 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

1. Villager of the Year. Nominations have been received. Cllr Slater will send an email with a voting option attached.
2. Arrangements for the Annual Village Show continue. Unfortunately Nailsworth are also holding their festival on the same day. Inflatables, ice cream, pig roast have all been booked.

Cllr Slater volunteered to ask neighbours if their electricity supply can be used for a small fee. The larger activities will bring generators. Cllr Bendall said the Punch & Judy show is not available.

Further planning will be held after the AGM.

1. Local Elections. The Parish Council is uncontested with two vacancies available. These vacancies will be co-opted. District elections will take place on 2nd May. The Clerk said that notification has been sent for the possible EU elections 23rd May 2019.
2. Date of AGM 8th May 2019 at 7.30.
3. The Clerk has received advice from CDC regarding co-option. She will put a notice up for 2 weeks requesting volunteers.

**Comments of Project Mangers Report.**

1. **Memorial Hall**

The roof south slope has been repaired.

Work on the cellar fire alarm is complete.

It was agreed to put timers on the heaters in an attempt to reduce the heating bills. This work will be carried out over the summer.

What was thought to be an external water leak causing excessive water consumption was actually a tap left running. More care needs to be taken by hall users.

1. **171/18.3 Playing Field**

The plans were presented to the WI and were well received. Cllr Bendall will now present them at a coffee morning, and they will be on general show at the annual show on 18th May. Details will be sent to all households with the May Villager.

It was agreed that there are sufficient funds to start the access improvements to the footpath into the field from Sunground straight away. Contractors will be instructed in time for the Annual Village event.

1. **Additional Hanging Baskets.**

The Clerk will order the additional baskets. The irrigation system will cost £180.

**Community Issues**

**73/19** **Traffic and Highways**

1. The road traffic survey has been commissioned, but Cllr Morgan will confirm if Highways/GCC should bear the cost.

Cllr Slater will reissue the road issues log now that the new contractors have taken over.

1. The safety bollards at Sunground have been inspected and will be changed but it is not a priority for Highways.
2. The request for the new grit bin has been refused.
3. Dog bin for Nags Head has been authorised. awaiting installation.
4. Footpaths – Weavers Hill needs clearing. Cllr Parsons will contact the footpath warden.
5. Defibrillator – The Clerk arrange and report back.

**74/19 FINANCE**

 **Finance Report up to 31 March 2019**

1. The report was noted. The Clerk will make a VAT claim.
2. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
3. Grant request for the Villager Magazine £1,100 was approved.
4. The Parish Council would like to formally note their appreciation of the generous donation of £210 by the WI towards the memorial hall roof.

**75/19 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

19/00884/FUL Full Application for Proposed Starter Hut at Minchinhampton Golf Club Avening - No objections

19/00903/FUL Construction of new three storey extension – 14 Sandford Leaze – No objections

**76/19 Planning Correspondence**

None

**77/19 Tree Works**

Ref. No: 19/01224/TCONR Ash (T1), 5 x ash (G1), 2 x ash (G2), hawthorns and 1 x ash (G3), ash (T2) - fell to reduce shading to the garden. Trees near the field boundary are not included – Noted

Ref. 19/01097/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for G1 - area of five Ash trees and one Chestnut tree to be felled to ground level at Avening Court Nags Head Lane - Noted

**78/19 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

 None

**79/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

 **Emails –** Various Election notices to be put on boards

8**0/19 COUNCILLORS**

Being the last meeting before the election, and Cllr Conway and Cllr Worsdell final meeting following their resignations, Cllr Slater formally thanked them for all the commitment and support they have shown throughout the years. They will be greatly missed.

**61/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the AGM on 8th May, with the next PC meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2019 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm