**Avening Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 December 2018 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Bendall, Cllr C Forster, Cllr C Howell, Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr G Parsons Cllr A Slater,

Cllr E Worsdell

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

**162/18 VISITORS:** Gerald and Jennie South, Michael deCourcy

Following his attendance at the last Parish Council meeting, Consultant Michael deCourcy attended the meeting to present a number of drawings and plans relating to the proposed planning application for the Old Quarries site.

The designs were explained and comments invited.

Councillors again expressed their concerns about a potential increase in traffic and unsuitable access to the site. Michael stated that Highways were unlikely to object as the Highways report stated that the development would see a reduced number of vehicle movements compared to the previous development (i.e. 73 movements reduced to 43 when using standard measurements).

Councillors challenged this report as they felt it did not reflect the reality of the site when it was a residential home – most care workers lived in the village and walked to work.

There was also strong concern regarding a possible increased use of the Rectory Lane entrance and access onto the Nailsworth road which exits directly onto a blind bend.

Michael noted the comments and asked that any further comments be forwarded to him.

**163/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In reply to a question from Jennie South, Cllr Slater confirmed that leaf clearing had now been completed. Jennie asked if it could be undertaken a little earlier next year – this request was noted.

Jennie also questioned if any agreement had been reached on relocating the mobile post office. Cllr Slater replied that this was under discussion and that the post office were supportive of the move. It has been suggested that the mobile unit visit Avening on Tuesday mornings to coincide with the community café and be parked either in the layby opposite the Memorial Hall or in the Social Club car park.

Jennie asked that, if any Councillors were available, could they drop in to the community café to perhaps hold a surgery. Cllr Slater agreed to try to schedule this in.

**164/18 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

There were 2 crimes reported in Avening during November 2018, but no details were available.

**165/18 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr D Conway, (personal), Cllr R Morgan (District Councillor) did not attend,

Cllr S Hirst (County Councillor) did not attend.

**166/18 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater for Item 11.2.

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

**167/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING AND THE AGM HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2018**

There were no matters arising.

**168/18 MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018**

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

**169/18 ACTION LOG**

The Action log was noted and updated.

**170/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No report presented

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No report presented

**171/18 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**171/18.1 Review of Current Projects**

John Collinson presented his report and added that he planned make improvements to the cellar by adding a compliant handrail, repairing a broken window and improving the lighting.

John was asked to arrange for the electrics in the phone box at Sunground to be checked in preparation of purchasing a second defibrillator.

***ACTION: John Collinson***

The purchase of the second defibrillator would be discussed at the January Parish Council meeting.

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

John asked Councillors to let him know if they felt additional drop kerbs were needed in Avening.

**171/18.2 Project Managers Report / Memorial Hall**

Following a precedent set by Sapperton Parish Council, John was investigating the possibility of using the south side roof tiles on the north side of the Memorial hall roof, which was the public facing side, and replacing the south side tiles with reconstituted tiles.

**171/18.3 Playing Field**

A sub group meeting had been held and additional meetings were planned to discuss and recommend proposals.

**Community Issues**

**171 /18.3 Traffic and Highways**

The updates to the Highways Issues log were noted

**171/18.4 Appointment of New Clerk**

It was reported that Shani Baker had been appointed as Clerk w.e.f 1 January 2019

Shani was welcomed and the current Clerk, Sue Bryant, was thanked for her service.

**172/18 FINANCE**

**172/18.1 Finance Report up to 30 November 2018**

The report was noted.

**172/18.2 Approve Bills for Payment**

Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

**172/18.3 Budget 2019/20**

Cllr Slater presented and explained the draft budget figures and asked Councillors whether an increase of 3% or 5% would be preferred. The 3% proposal was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Slater agreed to include details and rationale of the proposed budget in the February edition of the Villager.

***ACTION: Cllr Slater.***

**172/18.4 Grant Application – Avening Youth Club**

An application was considered asking for £1000 to support the employment of 2 trained Youth Workers.

**The application was approved.**

**172/18.5 Defibrillator Battery**

The defibrillator battery is due for replacement - It was agreed to purchase a new battery as opposed to entering into a 4 year maintenance contract for the supply batteries and pads, as the contract worked out more expensive overall.

**173/18 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**173/18.1 New Applications**

Ref. No: 18/04211/FUL

Erection of stables and barn - Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane Avening Gloucestershire

***Councillors felt that the structure was much to prominent and intrusive and in addition,  
there was a potential fire hazard and access for a fire appliance vehicle would be very difficult.  
  
They also noted that comments in support of the proposal were not from local residents so felt they should not be considered.***

Ref. No: 18/04386/FUL

New golf driving range, video rooms, multi-purpose room, simulator room, entrance and ballwash store - Minchinhampton Golf Club Avening Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 9BE

***No objections raised***

Ref. 19/04145

Full Application for Change of use to equestrian, erection of stable block and replacement dwelling at Pimbury Park Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SF

***No objections raised***

**173/18.2 Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

None

**173/18.3 Decision Notices**

None

**174/18.4 Planning Correspondence**

**174/18.5 Tree Works**

None

**174/18.6 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**175/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

Following a request to ask about the possibility of training for an additional snow plough warden, the clerk reported that she had received a response stating that the highways team were reviewing the county snow ploughs and would shortly be in a position to confirm if any were available for re-allocating.  Training is also being reviewed; they are not undertaking any additional training this year but it is something that will be considered in the next financial year.

**176/18 COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Bendall reported that the Christmas tree lighting event had been a great success and was much appreciated as a family friendly event. There had been a request for the event to go on for longer next year with perhaps the addition of a children’s entertainer.

Cllr Worsdell asked if the Council could make use of an additional gritter which has become available. This was gratefully accepted.

Concern was expressed regarding several cases of poor or dangerous parking in Rectory Lane. It was suggested that any such cases should be reported by phoning 101.

It was reported that the drop kerb adjacent to 34 Rectory Lane was in need of repair. It was agreed to include this on the Highways Log.

**177/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 January 2019 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm