**AVENING PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2015**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater (Chairman), Cllr D Conway, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr J Parsons and Cllr M Williamson (Vice Chairman)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr J Collinson (Projects) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

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| **15/15** | **Public Question Time**  None |
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| **16/15** | **Police** **To Receive Monthly Crime And Anti Social Behaviour Report**  Noted |
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| **17/15** | **Apologies And Reasons For Absence**  Cllr Mrs L Reid (Personal), Cllr T Beardsell (Personal), Cllr J Catterall (Personal) and Cllr AE Hicks (GCC) |
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| **18/15** | **Code of Conduct** |
| **18.1/15** | **Declarations Of Interest in Items on the Agenda**  None |
| **18.2/15** | **Updates to Members Register Interested (if appropriate)**  None |
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| **19/15** | **Matters Arising From The Minutes**  None. |
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| **20/15** | **To Approve And Sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2015**  **RESOLUTION 5/15**  Item 10.2/15 was amended replacing ’the Social Club’ with ‘the Trustees of the Football Club’.  The Minutes were then unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Vice Chairman. |
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| **21/15**  ***Action:*** | **County and District Councillors’ Reports**  Cllr Hicks was not available.  Cllr Parsons (CDC) reported:  **RESOLUTION 6/15**   * That no new community first responders have been recruited recently and he will continue to monitor the situation. * Ambulance services will be cutting back on the provision of defibrillators due to financial cutbacks. However, Cllr Parsons has negiotiated a 50% partnership arrangement with the Service to provide a second defibrillator for the Village. This additional expenditure was proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Slater and unanimously RESOLVED. It was further agreed to place the machine on the outside of the Memorial Hall and to invite Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP to inaugurate it. * Cllr Parson requested that the existing defibrillation equipment is checked to be registered with the Ambulance Service. * 111 Service – Cllr Parsons confirmed that he has asked for copy of the contract to see which organisation has responsibility for which part of the service. |
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| **22/15** | **Chairman’s Report**  Included on the Finance Report. |
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| **23/15** | **Community Issues & Projects** |
| **23.1/15** | **Traffic and Highways** |
| ***Action:*** | **Recharge of Verge Cutting to Gloucestershire Highways**  Cllr Slater confirmed that measurement of the verges is in hand. |
| ***Action:*** | **Point Road / Farm Hill road surface**  It was noted that the surface has considerably deteriorated due to a spring and the Clerk was requested to contact Peter Savage to obtain a quotation for a similar scheme to that at Avening Park / West End and to advise Gloucestershire Highways.  It was noted that the drain near to Queen Matilda’s is working well. |
|  | **Townsend – condition of Ash Path – with Gill and Tony H** |
| **23.2/15** | **Community Issues** |
| ***Action:*** | **1. Feedback from Memorial Hall Meeting**  The Chairman reported that the meeting had been reasonably successful and a further meeting planned for 2 March when it is hoped that more parents of school children will also be present.  It was evident that the main obstacles were the bookings and the maintenance. These issues may have been resolved by John Collinson (Project Manager) taking on the bookings with his additional hours being paid by the Council and the Hall Management Committee employing Brian Jarvis who has carried out various maintenance jobs for the Council.  Following discussion it was agreed that the Council should have a representative on the Hall Committee.  Cllr Mrs Parsons requested that the Council should look at bringing the Reading Room back into use and that this be included in the list of projects for the coming year. |
|  | **2. Village Shop** **Meeting**  It was noted that a public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 25 February. |
| ***Action:*** | **3. Extension of the Playing Field Lease**  It was noted that the Committee has requested an extension of the Lease to enable grant application to be made. It was unanimously agreed that there is no objection in principle but before finalising the lease Adrian Lickorish has agreed to look over lease. |
|  | **4. Waterways Project**  Cllr Conway advised that the Cook Trust that provides funding for such projects for Schools, is to visit the Primary School as part of the Pirates project and that some of the children will visit a harbour.  He further advised that other groups are also interested in coming to Avening to help develop the project.  The Eel project has hit some problems and is not progressing very quickly.  Cllr Conway also advised that he is to visit the School with his glider. |
|  | **Updates from Project Manager** |
|  | **1. Walks Leaflets**  Another reprint of 100 has been ordered for the Tourist Information Centres. |
| ***Action:*** | **2. Defibrillator**  The required regular checks are being undertaken and logged on line. It was agreed that the location of the Defibrillator should be included in The Villager every month. |
| ***Action:*** | **3. Water Pumps**  Report attached. CDC’s Conservation Officer has given advice on the process of listed building applications to prepare for the restoration work to be carried out but has confirmed that he would prefer them to remain in their current state and only painted.  It is believed that a study and research on the history of the Pumps was carried out and to have been lodged with Gloucestershire Archives around 1999. It was also agreed that a thorough search of the records cupboard in the Reading Room needs to be carried out. |
| ***Action:*** | **4. Stone Stiles**  The process of acquiring information data for collation is in hand. It is thought that there are 7 on the outskirts of the Village but Cllr Mrs Parsons believes there are more. The Chairman confirmed that he has photographs of the 7 already identified. |
|  | **Provision of Additional Defibrillator Unit**  See Item 21/15 |
| ***Action:*** | **Broadband for the Memorial Hall**  Some quotes have been obtained and others to come. |
| ***Action:*** | **Project Manager’s Contract**  It was agreed to amend Mr Collinson’s contract to allow him to spend up to £100 on necessary items without prior reference to the Council. |
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| **24/15** | **Finance** |
| **25.1/15** | **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 January 2015**  Noted |
| **25.2/15** | **Bills For Payment (as detailed on Schedule)**  **RESOLUTION 7/15**  It was RESOLVED to approved the Bills for payment on the attached Schedule. |
| **25.3/15** | **Finance Regulations**  **RESOLUTION 8/15**  It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt the revised Finance Regulations as attached. |
| **25.4/15**  ***Action:*** | **Internal Audit Arrangements**  **RESOLUTION 9/15**  It was RESOLVED to appoint GAPTC to carry out the Internal Audit of the Finances for the current year. |
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| **26/15** | **Planning** |
| **26.1/15** | **New Planning Applications** |
|  | **15/00247/OUT The Homestead 2 Lawrence Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NP Erection of attached dwelling**  No Objections |
| **26.2/15** | **Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting** |
|  | **14/05518/FUL**  **5 Spinners Cottages Longfords Mill Avening Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 9LP**  Erection of wooden shed (retrospective)  No Objections |
| **26.3/15** | **Decision Notices** |
|  | **14/05282/FUL** **Overdale Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT**  Erection of single storey front extension  Permitted 30 January 2015 |
| **26.4/15** | **Planning Correspondence** |
|  | **Stroud District Council Local Plan Consultation** - Noted |
| **26.5/15** | **Tree Works Notifications** |
|  | **15/00455/TCONR** **4 Orchard Field Avening Tetbury** Gloucestershire GL8 8PE  Conifer - fell; Beech - fell; Birch - fell |
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| **27/15** | **Correspondence** |
|  | **List of General Correspondence Received Since 1 January 2015**  Not available – to follow |
|  | **Parking at Sunground**  Members noted correspondence received regarding inconsiderate parking of commercial vehicles at Sunground and it was confirmed that the Police had been alerted. |
|  | **GAPTC – Local Council Award Scheme**  It was agreed that the criteria for the Scheme should be investigated. |
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| **28/15** | **The next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 19 March 2015 in Avening Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.**  **All Are Welcome** |

Confidential Item

DC – Avening and Cherington PCCs

Cherington meeting – Bishop would produce letter covering issues raised to go into the Villager.

Avening Church more vital to whole Village. PC provides funding.

Villager no longer Church magazine but is now a community mag.

Jim has also written to the Bishop in support of Rev Celia but received no response.

Letter from Bishop to Villager does not include what he said it would and does not put the matter to rest.

It was agreed the the PC should not put this in the public domain and leave it to Avening Church and the Diocese to resolve the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.18pm