**Avening Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2019 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; Cllr R Morgan (from 9.00); Cllr S Hirst (from 9.15)

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

**1/19** VISITORS: Helen Rogers, Andy Rogers, Chris Knibbs – Bromford Housing Association, Martin Hutchings – GRCC, Aileen Bendall.

**2/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Helen & Andy Rogers said they were present to discuss the planning application submitted for Ref. No: 18/04211/FUL Erection of stables and barn - Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane. Cllr Slater said that this application had been discussed and commented on at the meeting in December. Mr Rogers said they had been misinformed by their land agent as to the dates and that the planning department had made a mistake on the description. The application will be resubmitted with corrections. Mr Slater informed Mr & Mrs Rogers that the new application would appear on a future agenda when it would be reconsidered

Mr Knibbs and Mr Hutchings attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of building 14 new properties at Sunground. They explained that it was only an informal discussion to keep the Parish Council informed of the possibility of the project in response to the Housing Needs Survey carried out in 2014. A possible plan was distributed. The Council expressed deep concern regarding the amount of additional traffic on an already congested access road and the effect it would have on local infrastructure.

Mr Hutchings explained that it was considered a rural exception site, with a section 106 meaning that the housing was for local people or people with a strong connection to the area only. He will email the clerk copies of the 2014 housing needs survey and a copy of section 106.

**3/19 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

There were 1 online crime reported in Avening during December 2018.

Cllr Slater requested the Clerk contact the Police liaison to ask for more information on future incidents.

**4/19 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

None

**5/19 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Cllr Slater reminded councillors of the need to carefully consider the agenda, and note any personal interests. It was acknowledged that in a small community members would have many local contacts.

166.1.18 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

**6/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 December 2018**

There were no matters arising.

**7/19 MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 December 2018**

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

**8/19 ACTION LOG**

The Action log was noted and updated.

**9/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan reported that CDC have been reviewing its recycling scheme. There was concern that the green bins were being used for food waste which limits its use for recycling. There was a possibility the council tax will be raised for the first time in 8/9 years. This is necessary to enable services to be improved.

Cllr Morgan was asked if he could chase the outstanding conservation issue regarding the pump outside 11a high Street, and report back on the outstanding enforcement query.

It was also requested that the planning at Owlbarn be looked at as the bridleway was not noted on the application, and was designated for parking in the plans.

Cllr Parsons – asked when will it be known if the local AONB will be converted to national park status?

Cllr Morgan said that there was resistance to the change as it will be governed by an unelected body and have increased restrictions. CDC are carrying out a viability study then they will be in a better position to make an informed decision.

**10.19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

GCC have now approved a budget and is open to the public for comment.

Avening café project has approached Cllr Hirst for a donation from the Councillor community budget.

Cllr Hirst was asked if he was aware of the proposed planning at the Old Quarries and Sunground.

Cllr Hirst looked at the plan distributed earlier by Mr Knibbs. Cllr Hirst commented that ‘It seemed unsuitable for so many houses and the drainage will be a problem’. He advised the Parish Council to write directly to CDC planning dept stating their objections.

It was requested that a traffic survey is carried out.

Javelin Park Incinerator will be fired up in March with operations due to start May 2019

**11/19 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**171/18.1 Review of Current Projects**

John Collinson presented his report and added that safety improvements to the cellar have been completed by adding a compliant handrail, repairing a broken window and improving the lighting.

The status of the electricity supply to support a second defibrillator has not yet been established. This continues to be investigated.

GCC have agreed to install dropped kerbs at the Sunground playground.

The new spouts have been received from the foundry. These will be installed in the better weather.

**171/18.3 Playing Field**

A sub group meeting had been held and additional meetings are planned to discuss and agree proposals.

**Community Issues**

**12/19**  **Traffic and Highways**

No new issues logged, but Cllr Slater will refresh the log. Most drains have now been cleared but exceptions will be reported.

**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.

**13/19 FINANCE**

**Finance Report up to 30 December 2018**

The report was noted.

**14/19 Approve Bills for Payment**

Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

The invoice for the youth Club hall rental is outstanding. It was agreed the Clerk could pay this invoice before the next meeting.

**15/19 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

None

**16/19 Planning Correspondence**

**17/19 Tree Works**

Ref. No.: 1/04985TCONR – 14 Star Lane - Approved by CDC

**18/19 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**19/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

Open Gardens have requested support from the Parish Council.

**177/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 February 2019 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm