Avening Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2019 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater, Cllr C Howell, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr D Bendall Cllr R King, Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr S Hirst, Cllr R Morgan

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

**188/19 VISITORS:** Gerald South. Representatives from Play group and FOAS Naomi & Jo.

**189/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Rev’d South distributed invitation to the Parish Council to attend a ‘Thank you’ at the Church on the 2nd November at 10.30. This is to say thank you for the support received by various organisations in the Parish.

The report from the Door is now available and they will be on-hand to answer questions at a public meeting on the 12th November following the Youth Club.

The 12 – 16-year olds have requested more sporting activities. There will be no Youth Club on the 17th December.

Jo & Naomi representing FOAS and Playgroup asked if the Christmas Tree Event could be co-ordinated with the school event. It was agreed to hold a joint Extravaganza.

**190/19 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

1 Crime reported in the month of September – Malicious Communication. This has been dealt with by the Police.

**191/19 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr C Forster – Work Commitments, Cllr J Hetterley - Holiday, Cllr S Hamilton – Sickness.

**192/19 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

**193/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 September 2019**

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

Cllr Slater proposed Mr Patrick Mulligan as a co-opted Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr Bendall.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Mulligan be co-opted. Councillor Mulligan signed the acceptance of office.

**194/19 Action Log**

The action log was noted and updated.

**195/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan reported that the CDC plans to change the recycling have been put back until next April.

Cllr Morgan said that they are currently waiting for the publication of the corporate plan, which will give the direction the District Council is going – this was due in October but has been put back to May 2020.

**196/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Hirst distributed his report.

The Consultation regarding the future health provision in the County has concluded - ‘Fit for Future’ provides many options for the medical services in Gloucestershire can be delivered in the future.

There are now 28 trains from Kemble to Paddington. Journey time of 1hour 15 minutes. A large parking area is available at Kemble.

Work at the Cross Keys Roundabout and link road to the M5 has now been completed, increasing capacity at this busy junction. Work to increase capacity continues at the Stroud junction.

The A417 ‘missing link’ proposals can be viewed online.

**197/19 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

Review of Current Projects: -

1. The Clerk reported that the First Aid Course that had been booked for the 6th October was not successful. The Hall was locked when the First Aid instructor arrived. He waited until after the start time and then left when nobody attended. It was agreed that better organisation will be required in future.
2. The Clerk has ordered the Christmas tree. £85 plus £10 delivery. The Clerk will speak to Avendale Maintenance to organise receipt of delivery and erection of the tree.
3. The installation of the spouts into the pumps has been delayed again.
4. The Clerk renegotiated the purchase of the defibrillator. The defibrillators are covered under the Parish insurance for theft and damage up to £5,000. Mr Collinson will check that we can have it installed by a local contractor before it is ordered.
5. Wales & West Utilities have expressed the possibility of extending the gas main through the village – The idea of extending the gas supply from the top of the High Street to New Inn Lane along Point Road and the West End spur. A minimum of 22 households are needed to make this viable. This will incur a charge of £6117 +VAT per household. Cllr Slater is investigating the availability of grant funding to offset some of the costs.
6. The School requested a representative on their Board of Governors. Cllr Slater nominated Cllr Bendall this was seconded by Cllr Parsons. This was unanimously agreed.

**198/19 Comments of Project Mangers Report.**

**Memorial Hall –** Nothing new to report. Grant funding will be progressed in tandem with requests for the playing field

**199/19 Playing Field**

1. The fence in the playground is largely complete. The gates have yet to be done.
2. The hedge has been cut back; and a short length of additional fencing is needed due to a slight change in the positioning. The approx. cost is £100. Cllr King has emailed the Rural Skills regarding the hedge laying course and has not had a response to date. He will chase this up.
3. Repairs on the toddler swing enclosure need minor works which will now be completed.
4. Volunteers have agreed to dismantle the Zip wire to save funds.
5. Cllr King has created an inspection schedule for the playground. This will be handed to a Cllr each meeting on a rota for the safety inspection to be carried out.
6. Cllr King said he has studied the Rospa report on the shelter and doesn’t agree with the findings. He feels that the shelter is ‘solid’ with no immediate cause for concern.

**Community Issues**

**200/19** **Traffic and Highways**

More complaints have been received from residents regarding Gigaclear’s work practice. Cllr Slater has written to the contractors to improve their working practices.

1. The Highways Log was noted.
2. Certain areas of the village are really leafy and as the leaves get wet it becomes slippery. Clerk will contact Avendale Maintenance to ask for the Point Road area to be cleared when all the leaves have fallen.

**Footpaths Right of Way**.

1. The road to Nailsworth is due to be cut back by Highways this month.

The steps down Rectory Lane – Sandford Leaze need attention. This will be added to the Highways log.

**201/19 FINANCE**

**Finance Report up to 30 September 2019**

1. The report was noted.
2. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
3. A Finance sub-committee met on 7th October to review spending plans and priorities for the rest of the financial year. It was agreed that applications for grants was necessary to proceed with the playing field and memorial Hall projects.
4. Adoption of Financial regulations. – This will be on the agenda in November once the Parish Council had time to review the document.

**202/19 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

19/03274/FUL & 19/03275LBC – Avening Court – New gates, alterations to piers, boundary and glass houses.

The Parish Council have no objections to this application but are concerned that the replacement of the Bellmouth wall with one parallel with the road may cause a highways issue.

**203/19 Tree Works**

1903821/RCONR - Old Bakery, Point Road – Remove the Holly Tree. The Parish Council are aware that there are a number of neighbours against the removal of this tree. Parish Council think it should be trimmed and made good to give it the chance to recover. A volunteer has offered to adopt the tree and replant on her land if the applicant pays the cost.

**204/19 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence**

**205/19 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**206/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

Rospa Playsafe Conference

GRCC Road Safety event

CDC – Recycling Crew Safety

Powerforpeople – Local community energy campaign

Age UK Glos - Home Share Scheme

CDC Settlement Role & Function Study review.

GRCC Creating greener community event.

National Hate Crime Awareness.

**207/19 COUNCILLORS –** Cllr Bendall reported that Barbara Pond from GRCC has offered to come to a meeting to discuss fund raising.

Cllr Howell said it has been brought to her attention that 2 cars are parked badly at night near Avening Court. She expressed concern that it may cause an accident.

**208/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons Reading Room at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm