Avening Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th December 2019 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater, Cllr S Hamilton, Cllr C Howell, Cllr D Bendall, Cllr R King,

Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr J Hetterly, Cllr C Forster, Cllr S Hirst,

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

**230/19 VISITORS:** No visitors present

**231/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**232/19 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

There were no crimes during the month of November.

**233/19 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr G Parsons - Sickness

**234/19 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

Cllr Slater – For agenda item 10.2

**235/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21st November 2019**

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

**236/19 Action Log**

The action log was noted and updated.

**237/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Unavailable due to the general election

**238/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Hirst reported that County Council were preparing the budget for 2020/21. Currently the suggestion is a 1.99% increase with an additional 2% increase for social care. This will equate to an approximate increase of £1 per week for a typical band D home.

**239/19 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

Review of Current Projects: -

1. Cllr King reported that a meeting had been held to review current project and future projects. Suggestions had been made to add the fountain opposite the Queen Matilda and to renew some of the village sign posts. This work will be prioritised along with outstanding projects. Costings will be sought and circulated at a later date. This will be added to the agenda.

**240/19 Comments of Project Mangers Report.**

**Memorial Hall –**

* To mark out the floor for badminton will cost £275. Cllr Slater proposed accepting the quote. This was seconded by Cllr Mulligan – Unanimously agreed

Cllr Mulligan will contact Badminton Association UK to see if there is any funding available for

equipment.

Following the meeting with Gigaclear, they have offered free fibre optic to the hall. The PC has just entered into a contract with PlusNet for broadband for the hall. Cllr Bendall will discuss with the school if they are interested in taking up the offer.

**241/19 Playing Field**

1. There was more vandalism at the playground. The gate to the toddler areas was damaged. This has now been repaired, and the hinges strenghtened.
2. The “No Dogs” signs have been sourced to match the current gate signage.
3. The playground inspection was carried out. Some caps were missing from the climbing frame. Evans have sent replacements free of charge. The swing needs an application of lubricant to stop the squeak. Cllr Hetterly volunteered to do this.
4. The goal posts have been smoothed out with an angle grinder by Cllr Mulligan. He will dismantle them and repaint at a later date.
5. The pruning of the hedge will be started on the 20th December and continue on the 10th – 14th January.
6. Rural Skills have agreed to visit for a site survey in January to see if the hedge is suitable for laying.

**242/19** **Community Issues**

None

**243/19 FINANCE**

**Finance Report up to 21st November 2019**

1. The report was noted.
2. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
3. The budget for 2020/21 was discussed. IT was agreed to increase the budget by 3%. This will mean that some village activities will not be available in their previous formats and that more fund raising will be needed for priority projects.

Cllr Hirst advised that if the council so wished it could precept for the cost of the hall roof. The Council did not think that this was a good time to inflict such a high increase on the parish.

1. It was agreed to postpone the consideration of the grant applications until January 2020.

Cllr Slater suggested that all community grant applications should be submitted for consideration before the AGM in May. This was agreed.

**244/19 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

19/04221/FUL 9 Affordable dwellings and 5 shared ownership dwellings at Sunground.

The Council has grave concerns regarding this application and have submitted its comments on the CDC portal. Its lack of parking, poor design, lack of any eco features, and the impact of two significant developments in the same area (coinciding with the Old Quarries build) is a serious concern for the Council.

19/01020/FUL 17 Nags Head Lane – Erection of 2 storey rear extension and single storey side extension – No Objections

19/04417/FUL Owl House, 19 West End – 2 storey extension. – No Objections

**245/19 Tree Works -** None

**246/19 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence -**None

**247/19 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**248/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

NALC – Open letter to Councillors

Corrinium Museum – New Cinema to show Swan Lake, Le Boheme and Sleeping Beauty Live from Covent Garden

Cotswold AONB Newsletter – Winter 2019

**249/19 COUNCILLORS –**

Cllr Bendall reported he is meeting with Cllr Morgan to discuss funding for the Christmas event. He will also ask about possible funding for the badminton court markings.

Cllr Slater asked if Thursday was still the best day to hold PC meetings – it was agreed to move them to the 3rd Wednesday each month as this was preferred.

**250/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons Reading Room at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm