Avening Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2020 at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater, Cllr S Hamilton, Cllr C Howell, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr R King,

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

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

**01/20 VISITORS:** Phoebe Carter – Community Orchard

**02/200 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Phoebe Carter explained the plan for a community orchard. The plan is to use the top left (North-west) corner of the playing field, planting approximately 10 – 15 heritage trees and a wildflower area in the hope to encourage more wildlife and wider usage. The community café has offered to support the work parties with free cake and coffee. It is hoped that the project can be funded by donations and a small amount of fund raising. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile project and that the Parish Council fully support the idea. Phoebe agreed to progress the preparatory works.

**03/20 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

The police report was not available in time for the meeting. The Clerk will forward the report to the Parish Council as soon as it is available.

**04/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr D Bendall – Sickness. Cllr C Forster – Work commitments

**05/20 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

**06/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 December 2019**

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

**07/20 Action Log**

The action log was noted and updated.

1. Cllr Hamilton reported that she had put a request in the Villager asking if there was any interest in setting up a first responders list. It was agreed that there may be too many health and safety issues to proceed.
2. Cllr King said he was meeting with a member of the Rural Skills on the 24th at 12 pm to discuss the hedge in the playing field.
3. Mr Collinson has sourced ‘No Dogs’ signs at a cost of £25 + VAT for two and will now arrange for fitting.

**08/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Unavailable

**09/20 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Hirst distributed his report.

The County Council Budget is now set. Total £468 million. An increase of £31 million on 2019/20

The budget proposes to raise £6.3 million to fund services by raising council tax 1.9%. The Council will also increase the social care precept by 2% raising an additional £6.3 million to help with the increase in demand for adult care.

**10/20 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

Review of Current Projects: -

1. Jennie South has requested the Parish Council support the cost of the Hanging Baskets for the spring.

It was agreed to get a price from Paul Nelson, who planted them last year. It was also suggested that the landlord of The Bell, and users of the hall be asked if they would sponsor the baskets. Cllr Slater agreed to do this when prices were available

1. It was agreed to focus on the priority projects. The Hall will cost in the region of £57,500 and the Playing Field approximately £112,000. IT was agreed to concentrate on applying for grants as soon as possible.

**11/20 Comments of Project Mangers Report.**

The Project managers report was distributed prior to the meeting.

**12/20 Memorial Hall**

1. Cllr Mulligan said there was funding available from Badminton UK. They are keen to set up

children’s badmintons classes and will fund starter packs. Cllr Mulligan will speak to the school. He is also willing to coach adult classes.

**13/20 Playing Field**

1. Inspection rota - Cllr Mulligan

**Community Issues**

**14/20** **Traffic and Highways**

1. The pothole at the junction of Old Hill/ Hampton Hill has been reported.

**15/20 FINANCE**

**Finance Report up to 31st December 2019**

1. The report was noted.
2. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

**16/20 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

None

**17/20 Tree Works**

20/00088/TPO – 16 Sandford Leaze – Reduce radial crown -Turkey Oak.

**18/20 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence**

19/03940/FUL - Herons Mead West End – Erection of Single-Story side extension, rear timber porch, replacement of windows and repointing external walls. – Application Withdrawn

19/04231/TCONR – Pike House Mews – Pollard Willow – No Objections

19/04155/TPO – West Wing Avening House – Tree Works - Permitted

**19/20 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**20/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

GCC Health Visitor Survey

GCC – Mineral Plan

GCC Local Transport Plan – Public Consultation

Stroud Potatoes & Seed Day

Tetbury Town Council – Election 6 Feb 20

Mobile Library points

Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

**21/20 COUNCILLORS –**

**22/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons Reading Room at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm