

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mulligan Cllr D Bendall Cllr R King, Cllr Howell, Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr G Parsons.
Cllr Slater. Cllr Hamilton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

VISITORS: Hazel Hopes

61/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Ms Hopes expressed her concern for level of building work being carried out at Tetbury Hill. The proposed planning application for 21 Tetbury Hill will cause immense disruption. There is less access to the site, it is hard to see how building materials will be delivered the development will block light and overlook her home. On the wider matter of the building projects. There is an ongoing building project that has taken 5 months and is still not complete. Construction vehicles have damaged walls, broken water pipes and blocked access for refuse collections. The constant noise from has caused issues working from home. There is also another application pending for number 11, which will cause further disruption. The Clerk informed Ms Hopes that the Parish Council did not receive notification of the planning application for number 19 Tetbury Hill and had contacted the planning officer to request an extension, so it can be put on the agenda for the meeting in June. Cllr Slater said when the Parish Council had discussed the application at the meeting, they can request a site management plan. Cllr Mulligan and Cllr King agreed to view the site to assess the level of disruption.

62/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – None

63/23 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater and Cllr Mulligan re Agenda Item 9.3 - Grants. Bowls Club.

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None.

64/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th April 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held 19th April were signed as a true record.

65/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th April 2023

The Coronation event was very successful, with over 200 people in attendance. Cllr Mulligan thanked Cllr Hetterley and his team of volunteers for their efforts and remarked that the success indicated that a annual village sports day may be a possible worth consideration.

66/23 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

Playing Fields Update

Cllr Hetterley agreed to update the inspected the playground and the ROSPA report has been received. Some areas of repair have been highlighted. The Playing Field committee agreed to meet on site to review the repairs required.

The Clerk has received notification from Western Power saying that they have instructed their contractor to repair the damage in the playing field.

Defibrillator

Cllr Hamilton has taken on the role of inspecting the defibrillator. The Clerk will contact Community Heartbeat to pass on contact details. It will also be put in the Villager to contact Cllr Hamilton should the Defib be used.

Cllr Mulligan will contact the Telephone Box renovation company to get a quote to renovate the phone box.

67/23 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

The Clerk met with Richard Grey, Highways Manager to discuss the potholes around the village. These have been logged. Also discussed was the traffic concerns on Tetbury Hill. Mr Grey was inspecting the area after the meeting but could not see a solution to the problem.

The Clerk will report the following - overgrown trees covering the VAS sign on Tetbury Hill. VAS sign on the Nailsworth Road is permanently on.

68/23 MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr Mulligan reported that he and Cllr Slater attended a meeting with GCC, the Athelston Trust (AT), also in attendance were solicitors on behalf of AT and GCC. And a representative from the Department of Education.

Cllr Mulligan informed the PC that to progress the negotiations an interim lease will be in place on the same terms as the current GCC lease. Once the terms of a new lease have been agreed any uplift in rent will be backdated to 1st April 2023. The AT have been made aware of the condition of the roof and the responsibility of the repair is still being disputed with GCC. AT understand that the Council will not be responsible for the potential of the roof.

Cllr Slater reported that the WI have requested a hearing loop be installed. Cllr Bendall will get a quote.

Cllr Bendall has received an electrical report from Aslec Electricals. For any work to progress the in isolating different usage smart meters need to be installed. The Clerk has attempted to contact the energy company, but the wait times have been very long. She will continue to call to order smart meters.

69/23 FINANCE

- I. Cllr Hetterley presented the Parish Councils financial position going forward. The Council agreed the finance report which was distributed prior to the meeting. The Council's finances are in good shape for the forthcoming year.
- II. The Payments were approved.
The printing of the Coronation leaflets was more expensive than originally quoted. Cllr Mulligan reiterated the need to get approval for any additional expenditure.
- iii. **Grants**
Avening Silver Band - £500 – Agreed
Citizens Advice - £156 – Agreed
Avening PCC Churchyard - £1250 – Agreed
Avening PCC Villager Magazine - £1200 – Agreed
Avening Playgroup - £1500 – Agreed following a vote for a reduced amount. It was agreed 5 votes to 3.
Nailsworth Bowls Club- £1,000 – Refused. The Parish Council agreed to reconsider when the Club have a definitive plan and show a benefit to Avening.
FOAS - £800 -2 x Marquees for outdoor events. – Refused. The Parish Council agreed that due to the forthcoming academy status, it would be prudent to wait until the FOAS ongoing position within the academy is clear.
Youth Club, - The Clerk explained she had received an email from Elizabeth Buchanan Stating the youth club did not require a grant but would appreciate the Council continue to pay for the hall hire costs. This was agreed. It appears there is some confusion as to what the Council has donated in the past. Cllr Hamilton agreed to speak to Elizabeth Buchanan to explain that the Parish Council have only ever given a grant for the hall hire charges.

70/23 POLICE REPORT

Unavailable.

71/23 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

Parish Council Concerns regarding CDC Planning Procedures.

The Parish Council are extremely concerned that CDC planning take no heed of the opinions of Parish Councils in the district. Parish Councils go through the process of examining planning applications, speaking to resident to gauge opinions and concerns only to have Parish Council views ignored.

It was suggested that the Parish Council refuse to submit views in future. Cllr Mulligan remarked that although it was frustrating, the Parish Council had a responsibility to the residents to persevere with the process in the hope that things change in the future.

It was agreed to continue to submit the Parish Councils views in the hope of future change of policy.

New Planning Applications

13.1 Parish Councils comments on Planning

23/00845/COMPLY - Land Parcel At The Sunground Compliance with conditions 3 (Sample materials), 4 (Sample walling panel), 5 (Sample panel - retaining walls), 7 (Sample render panel), 10 (Details) and 11 (External finishes) of permission 21/02887/FUL - Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 20 (tree protection plan) of permission 19/04221/FUL – No Comment

23/01460/PAYPHH Old Nags Head Nags Head Lane Remove and replace the entire tongue and grove wooden engineered oak style floor throughout the ground floor. Remove structural beam by stairs. Remove the current porch floor. Remove rotten stud walls between kitchen and hallway. Replace oak front door and frame. Fix the walls in garden. Preventive Work (prevention of water/damp ingress into the house). Replace 5x modern storm proof windows to the front of house. Replace internal door between porch and hallway with double glazed glass style door. Stud and install new door between dining room and living room. Strip out bathroom. Replace parts of the patio with gravel – No Comment

Decision Notices

23/00574/LBC Jasmine Cottage 14 Woodstock Lane Requirement to rebuild an existing poor condition retaining concrete block wall to the rear of the property to allow safe access from the existing utility room back door. _ Permitted

23/00145/FUL Rodways Place Point Road Replacement and extension of existing freestanding perimeter fence – Permitted.

23/00076/CLEUD Oldfield Wood West End Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of an ancillary forestry building - Permitted.

72/23 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

73/23 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Attached – Appendix 1

74/23 COUNILLORS

- i. Cllr Slater has been approached to enquire if there is any land available for allotments. The Clerk will put a notice in her report asking if anyone has spare land available.
- ii. Cllr Slater reported that the environment agency were continuing to investigate the low water flow in the village and the possibility that the low flow is due to draw off in Tetbury. They are expected to complete their report 2025.
- iii. The retrospective application for an impoundment licence in regard to the building of the Lake at Aston Farm, Cherington should have been decided in January, but the Environment Agency are now awaiting flow reports – Cllr Slater has escalated the lack of a decision and the ongoing impact to the stream.

75/23 CORRESPONDENCE

Cotswold National Landscape – Latest News

Cirencester Food Bank – Trustee recruitment
 Glos Wildlife Trust - CEO Stands Down – Roger Mortlock
 NALC - Chief Exec Bulletin
 GAPTC – AGM 22 July
 Geoffrey Clifton – Brown – Flood meeting

76/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7.30pm
 Annual Parish Meeting - 31st May 6.15

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Appendix 1

District councillors Report

I am very proud to have been elected as your representative for Cotswold District Council, with an increased proportion of the vote. I stood under a Conservative ticket, and I do appreciate that blue isn't everyone's colour, but I always promised to be a representative for all in the ward. You will be aware that the Lib-Dems retained overall control of the council, so unfortunately we will be unable to directly influence the policies and processes that so badly need to be improved, but we hope to work WITH the other councillors to at least get the best possible outcomes for the district.

With the editors blessing I will use this piece as a regular (brief) update on what's happening at Trinity Road – something I think has been missing locally.

During May I have been receiving my induction at CDC, and getting to know the senior officers that I will be working with. There will also be several parish council AGMs to attend around the ward villages. The main work will start in June, and I have been selected for the Overview and Scrutiny committee, which has an important role in holding the Cabinet to account and in contributing to policy development.

In Avening I have continued to pursue the Environment Agency (EA) on two fronts to help identify the causes of our struggling stream. The retrospective planning application for an Impoundment Licence at Aston Farm has still not been resolved, due to information not being provided by the applicant – I have pushed the EA for a decision and enforcement action if the data is not provided within a short timeframe. I have also been trying to establish if the rapid growth of housing in Tetbury has influenced the deep aquifer system that feeds our stream, and I finally made contact with the EA groundwater expert. There isn't currently an accurate map of these important and interconnected systems, but there is a study underway using a series of deep boreholes and sensors between Cherington, and beyond Westend in Avening. The bad news is that this report needs several years of data to be meaningful and isn't due to report its findings until some time in 2025! So, other than keeping pressure on the impoundment application, I'm afraid there isn't anything more that can be done until the report is published.

Tony Slater, CDC District Councillor, representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening

