

## Avening Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 7.30 pm Via Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater, Cllr S Hamilton, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr R King, Cllr D Bendall, Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr J Hetterly, Cllr C. Forster.

**ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Baker (Clerk) Cllr Hirst,

**01/21 VISITORS:** Mr. B. Scurfield

**02/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - None

**03/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – None. Not in attendance Cllr C Howell

#### **04/21 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

#### **05/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

##### **Minutes**

- None. The minutes of the Zoom meeting held 16 December 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### **06/21 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

##### Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall Management Update - Mr Scurfield introduced himself to the Council. Mr Scurfield has agreed to join the management committee along with Cllr's Mulligan and Bendall.  
It was established that to progress the management committee further an AGM needs to be held as soon as possible.  
Cllrs Bendall and Mulligan met with the Surveyor from GCC to discuss the condition of the building and to investigate possible changes to the terms of the lease. Cllr Mulligan reported that the meeting appeared to be very positive and that the surveyor was very sympathetic to the problems with the building. He identified areas of concern including rising damp, problems with the roof and drainage problems. The Surveyor acknowledged that although GCC had invested in the building at the beginning of the lease, it needed updating. He agreed that he would submit a report to Hayley Fearnside at GCC who is handling the lease negotiations. Cllr Slater agreed to contact Hayley Fearnside for an update.  
Cllr Hetterley said he had written to Hayley Fearnside regarding the billing of the rent and service charge as there seems to be some anomalies between the lease and what has historically been invoiced. The rent should have had two reviews, 2013 and 2018. This had not taken place. Cllr Hetterley will continue to invoice GCC in the usual way until the lease is reviewed.
- ii. Assets with Community Value – Cllr King has been in touch with the playgroup leader, who was perplexed at the possibility that the lease would not be renewed. She said she was expecting to renew the lease with a 5-year extension. It was agreed not to pursue the registration but to continue to monitor the situation and review regularly.
- iii. Aston Farm – Update - Cllr Slater received an update from Ian Skuse at the Environment Agency. He had a meeting with Cathy Beeching at EA, Kevin Jacks, Land Drainage Officer and Lisa Marie Evans, Planning Enforcement Officer for Cotswold DC in December 2020. He wrote to Captain Phillips advising him that an impoundment licence should have been sought from the EA before the construction of the dam. Captain Phillips has been advised that if he wishes to retain the dam then he will need to apply for an impoundment licence or remove it.  
If he applies for an impoundment licence it may need to be advertised for consultation. CDC needs to contact Captain Phillips as land drainage and planning consent is a separate issue.

Cllr Hirst remarked that If they apply for retrospective planning consent and achieve it, it will absolve them from any issues that have arisen. He asked what the Parish Council would like to achieve. The Council agreed that they consider it an environmental crime and they would like Aston Farm to acknowledge the

damage they have caused and restock the stream, ensuring that it is protected in the future and that the dam is structurally safe and that it will not cause issues with the flow of water in the future.

The Clerk was asked to share Ian Skuse's email with Cherington Parish Council as a courtesy.

- iv. Ash Dieback Replanting Scheme – The Clerk reported that GCC had started an Ash Dieback replanting scheme. They will supply whips of mixed native trees for planting in areas identified by Parish Councils. The PC decided that there were a couple of areas at the playing field that would need replanting. It was agreed to request 150 whips.
- v. Dissolution of The Cotswold Tree Wardens – The Clerk has received an email from CTW stating that their organisation was dissolves as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 20. A new group has been launched – Gloucester Tree Group, which will carry out similar activities.
- vi. Notice Board Upgrade – The Clerk reported that the notice board outside of the front of the memorial hall is in a poor condition, very damp with fungi growing in it. The notices get wet and any that are laminated go mouldy very quickly. Quotes for a new board are in the region of £600 for a similar style. Cllr Bendall agreed to approach a local company to see if he can get a discounted rate. He will measure the board and get a quote for a similar style.
- vii. Review Updated Logo – Cllr Slater presented a draft of the new logo and invited comments. A few adjustments were requested and agreed. The new logo will make it easier to reproduce the image on documents and signs.

### **07/21 Traffic and Highways**

- i. The Highways report was noted.  
West end to New Inn Lane – Inspection has been booked.  
The lane between Cherington and Star Farm has been rejected for resurfacing by Highways.
- ii. The Clerk has received a letter enquiring if the Parish would be interested in sharing the cost of 20MPH roads. This has a significant cost. The Clerk will add this as an agenda item for the next meeting and distribute the information prior to the meeting.
- iii. The drop kerbs on Sunground have been installed, but the old drop kerb has not yet been removed.
- iv. Cllr Mulligan confirmed that the traffic lights are now Synced correctly on the Nailsworth Road. The white lines have not yet been reinstated. Cllr Hirst will request that this is investigated.
- v. Cllr Parsons said that the traffic coming down from Tetbury Hill cuts across traffic from the High Street opposite the Queen Matilda. It appears that the white lines have not been positioned the same as prior to the resurfacing.

### **08/21 Police Report**

The Clerk received a police report showing that in the period 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2020- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 there had been 6 crimes reported. This compares with 8 at the same period 2019:

1 – Criminal Damage, 1 – Ant Social Behaviour, 1 – Arson not endangering Life, 3 – Assaults without injury.

### **09/21 County Councillors Report**

This was distributed prior to the meeting.

The draft budget proposes to raise in the region of £6m to help fund services through a 1.99% increase in council tax. The council is also proposing to apply the national social care precept at 2.76% to raise an additional £8.6m. In total these changes result in about a £5 monthly increase for the average Band D taxpayer. The County Council have targeted to improve the quality of our natural environment and by 2030 will have reduced their carbon emissions by 80%.

The Council will achieve this by reductions of emissions (buildings, street lighting fleet and business travel and will aim for 100% (Net Zero) by 2030 through carbon offsetting.

The County of Gloucestershire was deemed 'high risk' and subject to Tier 2 restrictions when the second national lockdown was lifted on 2 December. Due to a high number of new infections the county was moved into Tier 3 on 26 December and on 31 December was moved to Tier 4.

This was followed by the announcement on 5 January 2021 of the third National Lockdown.

**10/21 District Councillors Report – Not available****11/21 Finance****Finance Report up to 31 December 2020.**

- i. The finance report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
- ii. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
- iii. Cllr Hetterley reported the Parish Council had received a donation of £1,000 from Renishaw Charity Committee towards the Zip Wire project

**12/21 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS****New Planning Applications**

- 20/04479/TCONR – Folly House, Point Road - Removal of 3 Oversized Sycamores. – No objections
- 20/04493/TCONR – Blenheim Cottage, 3 Woodstock, Work to Beech Trees. - No objections
- 20/03234/FUL – 11A High Street, Variation of conditions of permission 17/00216/FUL. - No objections
- 20/04433/FUL – 15 High Street – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear extension. – Object – The Council feel that the scale of the plan is an inappropriate over-development of the property. It will negatively impact neighbours on both sides. It is felt that a reduced scale plan would be more acceptable.

**13/21 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence****Decisions**

20/04173/COMPLY - Barn Owl House West End Compliance with Conditions 3 (watercourse protection plan), and 7 (surface water drainage scheme) of Permission 20/00427/FUL - Conversion of barn to dwelling and installation of pitched roof (Amended design to 18/04043/FUL) – Application Permit.

**14/21 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

- 21/00232/TCONR 14 Star Lane – Remove Willow, dying Ash and Horse Chestnuts. Coppice Hazel stems. – No objections.
- Cllr Slater remarked that there was some confusion regarding the TPO's at Sanford Leaze. He explained that the TPO'S only covered trees that were planted before the houses were built (and were at least 75mm diameter at 1.5m). Any tree planted after this date did not have a TPO and planning consent was not required to trim or cut them down. Cllr Slater will write to the Tree Officer to request the general TPO is replaced by specific TPOs on key specimens.

**15/21 Correspondence**

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin  
 GCC Covid Updates  
 Dissolution of Cotswold Tree Wardens – Launch of New Group  
 NALC - Covid Updates  
 GPA – Covid  
 Paul Morrish 20mph  
 CDC Business Matters  
 CPRE Newsletter  
 CDC Covid Response Hub  
 Testing Locations  
 SLCC Bulletin  
 GRCC Cotswold Community Wellbeing  
 GCC Ash Dieback  
 Hayes & Parsons Insurance- Business Interruption

**16/21 COUNILLORS**

Urgent topics: None.

**17/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.30pm Via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.