Avening Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 7.30 pm Via Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater, Cllr S Hamilton, Cllr G Parsons,

Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr J Hetterly, Cllr Bendall, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Morgan

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**: Mrs S Baker (Clerk)

**61/20 VISITORS:** South, Jennie South.

**62/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Jennie South thanked Cllr Hetterley for his application for the Zip Wire funding. Word is getting around that support is needed to secure the grant.

**63/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE -** Mr J Collinson (Projects Manager) – Sickness, Cllr Forster – Work Commitments.

**64/20 CODE OF CONDUCT**

 Updates to Members Register of Interests

 None

**65/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd March 2020**

None

 **Minutes**

* The minutes of the Zoom meeting held on April 15th, 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be retrospectively signed by the Chair at the next face to face Parish Council Meeting.

**66/20 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**Community Issues**

1. The issue of the drop kerb has been raised again. Cllr Slater said that he had been trying to get a consensus on the views of the residents affected. This has taken some time. Removing the drop kerb by the disabled bay would mean that the disabled resident would have trouble accessing the rear doors of vehicle needed to put the wheelchair in. Cllr Slater proposed putting an additional drop kerb in and leaving the current kerb in place. It was agreed that Cllr Slater contact Highways to progress the idea. Cllr Slater asked Cllr Hirst if the Parish could access some of the project fund that he holds. Cllr Hirst agreed to consider it if there was no other way of funding.
2. Cllr Slater said that there was a significant rat problem in the area and that he was having a meeting with environmental health as soon as possible with a view to arrange a bulk survey.
3. The Covid Response Co-ordinators held a meeting last week to review plans for the future needs of the village. It was agreed that the needs had changed over the weeks with less shopping and errands needed and more social interaction needed. Clare Bebbington who has co-ordinated the group and produced the weekly news update, said that she thought that as the lockdown is slowly lifted, people would face different challenges such as anxiety that comes from the risk of unemployment and changes in finance. It was agreed to continue the support group until further notice.
4. Calor Gas grant update – Cllr Hetterley reported that the application had been submitted and got through to the next round. An unprecedented number of applicants had applied - 590 in total, so the programme has slipped by a month. A Crowdfunding page has been set up and goes live on 4th June. It has been suggested that the page is linked to social media and YouTube. Cllr Hetterley said he may need some assistance with this. Cllr Morgan said he was happy to help with YouTube. Notices have been put in the Villager. Early pledges of money will be needed in order to progress onto the next phase of the application.
5. Cllr Hamilton reported that the notice boards were in a terrible state and that she had removed the cork from the boards at the side of the hall. The cork did not appear to have adequate fixing. The Clerk said that the Parish had paid for the work and that an extremely poor job had been done. She has asked repeatedly for the work to be corrected. She will contact Mr Collinson again asking him to press the contractor to rectify the problem.
6. Cllr Slater said the hanging baskets were now in situ and looked lovely. Jennie South said that it was a good job, when plants were difficult to come by and Paul who planted and installed the baskets has agreed to keep an eye on the watering system. Jennie asked if it was ok to give him the code for the hall so as he could access the water supply of needed. This was agreed.
7. Cllr Hirst distributed a report prior to the meeting. Cllr Hirst said that Horsley Recycling Centre was due to open on Tuesday 26th May. Residents will need to pre book a timeslot.

He reminded people to report potholes.

1. Cllr Morgan reported the there had been delays paying the Covid Business grants, this was purely because of administration problems. Lessons will be learnt from the process. All grants were paid within a month.

CDC has a reserve of 22million pounds plus additional funding from central Government of two months budget puts them in a good place, but the plans the council had made regarding buying land and developing social housing will need to be revisited once the crisis was over.

All grant funding has been suspended but there is a fund for Parish Councils who can prove they are struggling as a result of the crisis.

The garden waste collections will resume next week. Cllr Mulligan asked if the cancellation of the collections could be connected to the rise in the number of rats in the area?

Cllr Morgan said he did not know if the was a correlation, but SDC and West Oxfordshire had not cancelled their garden waste collections even though they used the same contractor.

1. The Clerk reported that she received an email from the PCSO, although she is not able to access the crime figures for the Parish, she issued a warning about thefts from sheds in the district.

**67/20** **Traffic and Highways**

The flow of water at the stream had stopped due to work being carried out at Avening Court. This was rectified by the estate manger very quickly. The water is running slowly again, but this is likely due to the prolonged dry weather. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Avening Court reminding them that should further water works be carried out impacting the stream notification should be sent to the PC and impacted areas downstream in line with the responsibilities of riparian owners.

1. Weed clearance is required by the hall section – this will be added to the Highways list.
2. Highways have reported that not many potholes have been reported since lock down and request that people keep reporting. Cllr Slater will update the Highways issues log.
3. Cllr Bendall said he was concerned about the number of Cyclist speeding through the village. Far exceeding the speed limit. It was agreed that there was little that could be done safely, but a message will be put on Facebook to publicise the issue.
4. The lorry management sign post on Tetbury Hill has been knocked over. This will be added to the Highways log.
5. It was brought to the Parish Council’s attention that Jean Scotford who is a resident from Sunground has cleared the ivy and brambles from the wall at Rectory Lane. She has done a brilliant job. The Clerk was asked to write to thank her.

**68/20 FINANCE**

 **Finance Report up to 30th April 2020**

1. The finance report had been distributed prior to the meeting.
2. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
3. Applications for Grants
* Youth Club Hire of the Hall – Deferred until the outcome of the crisis is known, and future activities confirmed.
* Avening Church Yard - £1250 – Cllr Bendall asked why the Diocese doesn’t pay the cost of the Churchyard upkeep. Cllr Hamilton explained that the churchyard was a village asset and used by the village as a footpath. It was agreed to pay the grant requested.
* Villager Magazine - £1200 – Agreed
* Playgroup Roof - £1000 Defer for more information – Cllr Slater will contact them for more information.
* Primary School – pod – Defer for more information.
* It was agreed to hold a finance meeting to review the budget and priorities once the crisis was over.
* Cllr Hetterley asked for the grants and contributions received to be put as separate notes on the finance report. This was agreed – clerk to action.

**69/20 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

* 20/02240/FUL Pimbury Park Change of use to equestrian, erection of stable block and replacement dwelling [ Revised scheme to alter design of dwelling, garage and stable block – No Objections
* 20/01251/FUL Tallet Barn Hampton Hill GL8 8SB - Erection of extension - No Objections
* Revised - 20/00887/FUL | Alteration to existing window/door openings, repairs to garden wall, formation of new entrance onto Old Hill | Brook House Hampton Hill, GL8 8NS

The revised plans are less satisfactory than the originals – Objection raised re the amended plans for access off Old Hill

**70/20 Tree Works**

* 20/01338/TPO 13 Sandford Leaze Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PB

Ash remove branches to allow more light and balance. - No objections

**71/20 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence**

**Decisions**

20/00539/FUL Hill House 7 - 9 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

Removal of a window and brickwork below and replace with french doors opening out onto front garden - Permitted

**72/20 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

20/016434/TCONR - Sandford House – Fell 2 Hawthorns, fell Ash Tree, Cut Back Cypress trees – Support

 20/01615/TCONR - 43 High Street – Fell 3 Sycamore trees – No Objections.

**73/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported there had been very little correspondence that didn’t include Covid information.

Daily Covid update from CDC

Weekly Update GCC

Community Wellbeing Service – GCC

SLCC – Covid Annual Parish Meetings

NALC Info on Parish Meetings

Piers – Going to do agreed tree works ASAP

GAPTC \_ Annual meetings postponed until 2021 unless PC decide to hold it later in the year

**74/20 COUNCILLORS – Covered under the agenda**

**75/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 7.30pm Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 9.20pm