AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**

**THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 2011, AT 7.30PM**

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr M Williamson (Chairman), Cllr A Slater (Vice Chair), Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr J Parsons, Cllr D Conway, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Tom Beardsell.

Apologies were received from Cllr L Reid

Also in attendance: Ms Julie Wickham (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

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| 87/11 | **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (20 MINUTES)**  There were no public present at the meeting. |
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| 88/11 | **CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**  The Police report was received. |
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| 89/11 | **APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**  Apologies were received from Cllr Lucy Reid who had a personal engagement in London. |
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| 90/11 | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  Personal and Prejudicial Interests were declared from Councillors J Parsons, G Parsons and Cllr Slater and were entered into the Councillors Register of Interests which is available for inspection.. |
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| 91/11 | **ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 17th NOVEMBER, 2011**  It was noted that Green Way Head had only been partially re-surfaced. With this exception the minutes were accepted and signed as a true record. |
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| 92/11 | **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION (Clerks’)**   * Bus shelter waste bin – This is in process and on the agenda. * Avening Sign at Tetbury Hill (Cllr Parsons) * Crossing at post office. Clerk had received an email from Tony Hicks saying he thought this was urgent. * Annual Parish meeting on agenda for January * Emergency Plan – there are about three names to change. Cllrs suggested an addendum if no more substantial changes were required. * The insurance claim for the vandalised bench has been settled. Clerk will instruct the contractor in the New Year. * Internal audit – Councillors to carry this out. * Councillors spoke about Planning issues and exchanged news. It was felt that increased development in Tetbury and Tetbury Upton will increase traffic problems in Avening. |
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| 93/11 | **TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS** |
|  | 1. It was reported that grass was coming through the tarmac near the Home Farm Trust. 2. It was reported that the 7.5te weight limit will remain. 3. A resident had blocked a right of way by locking a gate. Clerk to write to the resident to address the situation. 4. To note progress on the Avening sign at Tetbury Hill   There was no progress on this issue to date and this would be dealt with in the New Year.   1. To note progress with Green Way Head   Cllrs reported that there had been some improvement here. All to monitor the situation and report back in January.   1. To note progress re: providing a crossing at the Cross Inn for access to the post office   Chris Franklin had offered to meet with Councillors in the New Year about this issue. |
| 94/11 | **COMMUNITY PROJECTS** |
|  | 1. To authorise spending on a litter bin for the bus shelter in Mays Lane £150 plus VAT including installation through Cotswolds District Council.   Council agreed to spending this sum. |
| 95/11 | **FINANCE** |
|  | 1. Budget Status and Balance at Bank   The current balance at bank was £12533.37 with £17,332.77 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and yearend balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.   1. To approve bills for payment   Council instructed the signatories to sign the following cheques:   * Clerks’ Salaries less income tax plus expenses £1108.24  1. To approve the following cheques issued since the last meeting   Council approved payment of £540 to DM Foundries for historical plaques (F Venning Grant)Council which had been notified previously.   1. To consider the Council work plan, Budget and Precept for the financial year 2012/13   Councillor Slater, Chair of finance Committee produced a draft budget. Council agreed to keep the precept at the same amount this year. Council discussed projects that they would like to begin or complete. A crossing to the post office was one project, replacement of a bus shelter was another, and the village hall roof was also discussed. **NALC guidance with regards reserves is to set aside a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 months expenditure. Earmarked reserves are not included in this figure.** |
| 96/11 | **MAINTENANCE WORK AND CAPITAL PROJECTS** |
|  | 1. To note the receipt of the cheque in settlement of the claim for the bench in Rectory Lane.   A cheque for £220 has been received. Work will be instructed in the New Year. |
| 97/11 | **OFFICE MATTERS** |
|  | 1. To note the new computer arrangements   Kevin Cook had been very helpful in determining the fault with the Clerk’s personal computer which had broken down and had resulted in the Clerk needing a new hard drive. Kevin had kindly lent the Council a laptop for the Clerk to use. It was working very well. The Clerk would like to be able to link her keyboard and monitor to the computer (because this will make working at the computer for 5-7 hours a day more comfortable), but they both had round sockets and not USB connections. A connector had not worked. Any ideas? |
| 98/11 | **PROCEDURE/UPDATES** |
|  | None at the time of going to press |
| 99/11 | **PLANNING** |
| a) | New Planning Applications |

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| [**11/03832/FUL**](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=2297&step=2&myID=11/03832/FUL) | **Ward:** Avening **Date:** 06 December 2011 **Location:** Land Parcel Easting 387079 Northing 197991, West End, Avening, Gloucestershire, , **Proposal:** Erection of new barn  **Objections** |
| [**11/05472/FUL**](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=2297&step=2&myID=11/05472/FUL) | **Ward:** Avening **Date:** 07 December 2011 **Location:** 6 Tetbury Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8LT **Proposal:** Replacement of door to store room with wood opening sash window **No Objections** |
| **S.11/2258/HHOLD** | |  | | --- | | **Ward:** Nailsworth  **Date:** 23rd November  **Location**: Cambray House Bath Road, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 0QL  **Proposal:** Erection of a 18.4m high wind turbine.  **For information only as out of area.** | |

**11/03832FUL**

Councillor G Parsons declared a prejudicial interest in application 11/03832/FUL and therefore spoke as a member of the public.

Councillors submitted objections to application 11/03832/FUL on the following grounds:-

They were concerned about increased agricultural traffic in an area that continues to attract walkers. They felt the scale of the barn was too big for the area. They felt the design of the barn was incompatible with the design of the existing buildings and they wondered whether a disused barn or farm building could have been used or whether the new barn could have been built on the footprint of a previous building. They objected to the materials to be used and felt that more traditional materials could have been employed. They felt the barn would spoil the character of the valley. Building of the barn will result in a loss of important plants (marsh marigolds and orchids). Councillors were concerned about the position of the barn next to a stream and were concerned about slurry and run off. They felt the barn would have a negative impact on the Cotswolds AONB and would conflict with the character of it.

**100/11 TREE WORKS TO BE NOTED –** The tree works were noted.

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| [11/04874/TCONR](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=8899&step=2&myID=11/04874/TCONR) | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  |   **Ward:** Avening **Date decided:** 11 November 2011 **Decision:** Application Permit **Location:** 2 Pike House Mews, High Street, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NL **Proposal:** Reduce height of Weeping Willow by approximately 40% and remove limb of Weeping Willow overhanging garage. Fell Pussy Willow overhanging garage/turning bay. Fell unknown Conifer. |
| [11/05124/TCONR](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=8899&step=2&myID=11/05124/TCONR) | **Ward:** Avening **Date decided:** 11 November 2011 **Decision:** Application Permit **Location:** The Old Post Office, 5 Point Road, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8LY **Proposal:** Blue cedar (by back of house) - fell. Leyland cypress (close to shed) – fell |
| 11/04693/TCONR | **Ward:** Avening **Date decided:** 16 November 2011 **Decision:** Application Permit **Location:** Brook House, Hampton Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NS, **Proposal:** 1. Lime tree - to be reduced to give a finished crown dimension of 10 metres high and 4 metres wide, back to previous reduction points. 2. Leylandii hedge - exempt. 3. Group of trees Beech trees to be crown lifted 5m from ground level on brook side. 4.Group of trees, a variety of broad leaf trees to be crown lifted to 5m on the road side (Old Hill) |

**101/11 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION:**

1. Road safety poster for display
2. Integrated Management Plan Gloucestershire Fire and RESCUE – consultation process
3. Request for contribution to the Dial a Ride (to grant submission)
4. Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons Guide to taking part (to Click and Lucy)
5. An approach from Blue Cedar Homes asking us to assist them in finding land for developing private retirement homes

**102/11 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

1. Email from a Mr Hogg re: Planning Application for wind turbine and re: television reception in Nailsworth.
2. GAVCA newsletter
3. internal audit offer of quote
4. Office of National Statistics Vacancy Survey
5. CPRE newsletter and magazine
6. Acknowledgement of our donation for a Remembrance tribute
7. War Memorials Trust Bulletin
8. Gloucestershire WT magazine
9. Promotional literature from a company supplying licensed bars

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 19th January 2011 in**

**Avening Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. Correspondence for Information to be available at the Meeting**