

**AVENING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2014**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater (Vice-Chairman), Cllr T Beardsell, Cllr D Conway, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (until 20.45), Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr Mrs L Reid and Cllr M Williamson,

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr A Slater.

**25/14 Public Question Time**

None

**26/14 Police Report About Crime And Anti-Social Behaviour (Attached)**

The report was noted.

Cllr Williamson advised that he had attended the Community Policing meeting. He reported that crime is down but has moved from random incidents to professional targeted events. Organised gangs are using drug addicts as informants and taking specific items.

**27/14 Apologies And Reasons For Absence**

Cllr J Parsons (Personal), Cllr J Catterall (Personal) and Cllr Tony Hicks (GCC)

**28/14 Code of Conduct**

**28.1/14 Declarations Of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Slater declared an interest in items 32.2/14 Website Update and 33/2.14 Bills for Payment.

**28.2/14 Updates to Members Register Interested (if appropriate)**

None

**29/14 Matters Arising From The Minutes**

None

**30/14 To Approve And Sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 20 February 2014**

**RESOLUTION 10/14**

The Minutes were then unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

**31/14 County and District Councillors' Reports**

Neither were available.

**32/14 Community Issues & Projects**

**32.1/14 Traffic and Highways**

**Update on Road Markings on Junction by Cross Inn**

The Clerk advised that this work would be completed in the Spring.

**Matters Relating to Greenway Head**

Cllr Mrs Parsons raised the issue of restricted visibility coming out of Greenway Head due to overgrown vegetation. It is not a classified road but is used frequently and the main road is very busy.

The Clerk was requested to contact Highways and request a meeting to look at the junction and other areas of concern together with an estimated of the projected increase in traffic due to future development in the area.

**Action: CB**

The Clerk was also requested to bring to the attention of Highways that the wall near to stile on Greenway Head has fallen.

**Action: CB**

**32.2/14 Community Issues**

**Update on Village Waterways Project**

Cllr Conway reported work on the project had begun and that Fred Venning has a map of field names dated 1839 and that a copy could be available for the Annual Village meeting.

#### **Village Water Pumps**

Cllr Beardsell had carried out a survey of the Village pumps and presented an updated plan (attached) showing the locations. It was noted that:

- The pump that used to be at the Cross is no longer there
- Originally there were 12 Calcott Pumps used between 1900 and 1946
- The pump in the High Street is in the best condition.
- There are 7 remaining.
- All are included in a walk which is on the website

**Action: CB** The Clerk was requested to obtain a quote from J & S at Crackstone to repaint in green in line with heritage guidelines.

#### **Update on Community Payback Scheme Work**

The Clerk reported that the work at the Playing Field and on the bus shelter is to be carried out on 25 and 26 March.

#### **WW1 Commemorations**

It was confirmed that the Hall is booked for 27 June. Another event is being organised by WI and Avening Angels on 21 June and a joint effort was considered. However, a speaker has already been booked and it was felt that the 2 events would appeal to different audiences.

#### **Arrangements for the Annual Village Meeting and Parish Plan Review**

**Action: CB** The Clerk confirmed that arrangements are in hand for Thursday, 22 May 2014.

#### **Update on Provision of Community Defibrillator**

The Clerk advised that the invoice has been received together with installation instructions. An electrician is required for installation.

**Action: CB**

#### **Update on Website**

##### **RESOLUTION 11/14**

Cllr Slater advised that recent website development and updates have exceeded the original estimates due to the construction of additional community pages. The Council agreed that the community pages are a valued addition, and RESOLVED to cover the additional cost detailed in the Slater4 invoice, and ongoing development/maintenance.

**33/14**

#### **Finance**

##### **33.1/14 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 28 February 2014 (Attached)**

Noted

##### **33.2/14 Bills For Payment**

##### **RESOLUTION 12/14**

It was RESOLVED to pay the Bills as detailed on the attached schedule.

##### **33.3/14 Renewal of Annual Subscription to GAPTC**

##### **RESOLUTION 13/14**

It was RESOLVED to renew the annual subscription to GAPTC.

##### **33.4/14 Auditor to Carry Out Internal Audit of 2013 -14 Accounts**

##### **RESOLUTION 14/14**

It was RESOLVED to appoint Graham Merricks as Internal Auditor for the current year's accounts.

**Action: CB**

##### **33.5/14 Donation Request from Victim Support**

##### **RESOLUTION 15/14**

It was RESOLVED to donate £30 to Victim Support.

**34/14**

#### **Planning**

##### **34.1/14 To Consider Response to New Planning Applications**

**14/00882/FUL** Woodhouse Cottage, High Street, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NH Two storey side extension

##### **Response by 1 April 2014**

No Objections

**14/00584/FUL** Brandhouse Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE  
Change of use and conversion of barn to provide self-contained residential accommodation in connection with the Brandhouse Farm Estate

##### **Response by 27 March 2014**

It was agreed to object strongly to this application and express concern about what this proposal might lead to. It was agreed that it will impact on the surrounding area and have a harmful effect on this very important landscape in the AONB. It was noted that the Ledgemoor Valley is typical of the local landscape, one of the most beautiful in the Cotswolds AONB and the Council requested information and assistance in preserving and protecting it against future development.

**34.2/14 Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

None

**34.3/14 Decision Notices Received**

**13/04186/OPANOT** Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, TETBURY, Gloucestershire, GL8 8PD  
Change of use of Avening Mill from Class B1 (a) (offices) to Class C3 dwelling houses being 8 self-contained residential flats

**Prior Approval Notification given 4 March 2014**

**34.4/14 Planning Correspondence**

None

**34.5/14 Tree Works Notifications**

**14/00258/TPO** Rectory Cottage, 48 Rectory Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NN - Fell 2 Ash trees

**Approved 5 March 2014**

**35/14 Correspondence Received**

**List of Correspondence Received in February / March 2014**

Noted

**CDC Leaders Update**

Noted

**Request from APFA for letter of support for grant applications**

**Action: CB**

It was agreed to provide a letter of support to APFA.

**36/14**

**The next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 17 April 2014 in Avening Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.  
All Are Welcome**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55 pm