**Avening Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 August 2018 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Bendall, Cllr D Conway, Cllr C Forster, Cllr S Hirst (County Councillor), Cllr C Howell

Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr A Slater, Cllr M Williamson, Cllr E Worsdell

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**: Mr J Collinson (Projects Manager), Mrs S Bryant (Clerk)

**102/18 VISITORS:**

No visitors attended the meeting.

**103/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**104/18 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

There were no crimes reported in Avening during July 2018.

**105/18 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr G Parsons – Personal, Cllr R Morgan (District Councillor) -Away

**106/18 CODE OF CONDUCT**

106.1.18 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Bendall signed the register reference agenda Item 11

107.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

Cllrs Howell and Forster returned their completed Register of Interest forms

**107/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING AND THE AGM HELD ON 19 JULY 2018**

There were no matters arising.

**108/18 MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JULY 2018**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chair.

**109/18 ACTION LOG**

The Action log was noted and updated.

**110/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The District Councillor, Richard Morgan, was not present at the meeting but had circulated a written report to all Councillors advising that the Local Plan had been formally adopted by Cotswold District Council. He had also attached the 2017-18 Grants Information Pack.

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Stephen Hirst reported that the majority of pothole repairs had been completed. Councillors thanked Cllr Hirst for the recent work undertaken, and the improving quality of the work.

He asked whether Avening had a lunch club and was informed by Cllr Howell that one was held on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Social Club and usually catered for around 20 people.

As part of reviewing the social care budget, and looking at ways people could live for longer in their own homes, a survey was being undertaken on levels of loneliness. Cllr Hirst asked Councillors if they were aware of people who felt isolated. Two Councillors reported that they were aware of about 5 people and felt that funding for transport would be very beneficial.

Cllr Hirst reported that a hospital car service was running in the Tetbury area and the contact for this was Roger Bellairs.

***ACTION: The clerk was asked to include this information in the Villager magazine.***

**111/18 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**111/18.1 Project Managers Report / Memorial Hall**

John Collinson presented the circulated report and made the following additional comments:

A rainwater collector was now in place from a neighbouring property which should help with the problem of standing water in the yard at the back of the hall.

John stated that he was awaiting a quote from another contractor for roof repairs on the hall.

In relation to funding, John confirmed that he had received information on a number of possible grants and would be meeting with Cllr Mitchell to discuss the options.

Discussion took place regarding fund raising ideas for repairs to the roof. It was suggested that residents could be offered the opportunity to purchase a roof tile, for a minimum donation, in memory of a relation that had served in WW1 and that those who had donated could be recorded in a remembrance book.

**111/18.2 Playing Field**

John reported that he had received several quotes for fencing the play equipment. It was agreed that the area should have 2 entrances from the playing field, with gates, but that the gate from the lane into the play area should be closed off to prevent those, who were not aware of the fenced area, from entering with dogs.

The damaged notice board is scheduled for repair, and the bus shelter is due to be cleaned shortly.

**Community Issues**

**111/18.3Traffic and Highways**

The Highways Log was noted and updated.

**111/18.4**

**Renaming of the Reading Room**

It was agreed to ask a relative of Jim Parsons to formally open the room.

***ACTION: Cllr Slater agreed to arrange a date for this.***

**111/18.5 Pig Face Feast**

Cllr Mitchell reported that invitations to the Pig Face Feast had been sent to Avening residents. Arrangements and ticket price were discussed.

**112/18 FINANCE**

**112/18.1 Finance Report up to 31 July 2018**

The report was noted.

**112/18.2 Approve Bills for Payment**

Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

**113/18 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**98/18.1 New Applications**

Ref. No: 18/02374/FUL

Erection of single storey extension and garage - Fern Cottage 5 Mays Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NX ***No objections raised***

Ref. No: 18/02467/FUL

Insertion of two gables - Woodhouse Farm Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NH

The Clerk read out a letter she had received from the residents of the property explaining their proposals.

***No objections raised***

Ref: 18/02674/FUL

Full Application for Change of use from boathouse to single dwelling including, repair and refurbishment, extension, garage and parking (Revised Scheme) at Boat House Gatcombe Water Avening Gloucestershire.

***Councillors felt that the size and scale of the garage was inappropriate for an unspoilt wooded valley.***

Ref: 18/02779/FUL

Full Application for Construction of three first floor balconies at Minchinhampton Golf

Club Avening Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 9AQ

***No objections raised***

**113/18.2 Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

None

**113/18.3 Decision Notices**

None

**113/18.4 Planning Correspondence -** None

**113/18.5 Tree Works**

Ref. No: 18/02766/TPO

Fell Ash (T1) on edge of highway (Avening Rd) Inspection has shown significant dieback of the crown, which is consistent with Chalara fraxinea. reasons for removal: 1. Reduced amenity value in the short term due to the loss of leaf and poor condition. 2. Low visibility of tree therefore landscape value, as the tree surrounded by a group of Hazel and Sycamore which have better vitality. 3. Low vitality due to the Chalara leading to a mortality spiral. Death of the tree very likely due to Chalara 4. Increasing hazard from the tree due to dead branches, given high target value of Woodhouse farm and highway beneath the tree. - Woodhouse Farm Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NH

**113/18.6 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**114/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that she had received information from Cotswold District Council about a Community Awards Scheme which invited nominations for 7 categories;

**Carer of the Year Award** – a person who cares for a relative, friend or neighbour.

**Village Hero Award** – a person who goes above and beyond for their village.

**Town Champion Award** – a person who makes an impact in their neighbourhood.

**Unsung Hero Award** – a person who quietly makes a difference to other people’s lives.

**Community Team Award** – a team from a sports club, activity group, health group etc that gives time to assist others.

**Charity Event Award** – a team that organises events to raise funds for charities.

**Young Volunteer of the Year Award** – a young person (18 or under) who gives time to help others.

Councillors were asked to present nominations at the next Parish Council meeting.

***ACTION: All Councillors***

**115/18 COUNCILLORS**

**Waste and Recycling Service Review**

Cllr Bendall reported on a workshop he had recently attended where opinions were sought on a number of proposals in relation to waste and recycling collections.

The proposals related to various suggested changes to the way waste is separated and how often it is collected. The Parish Council’s unanimous view was that the collections should not become less frequent and that there should be a maximum of 3 collection bins per household for rubbish, recycling and garden waste.

**Parcel of Land Woodstock Lane**

Cllr Mitchell reported that this piece of land had been previously been included on the Parish Council Asset list and asked if ownership could be clarified.

**ACTION: Clerk to investigate.**

**116/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 August 2018 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.42 pm