**Avening Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 September 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 R Morgan (District Councillor) Cllr A Slater, Cllr M Williamson,

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

**117/18 VISITORS:**

Jenny and Gerald South.

**118/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Jenny South reported that a meeting had been held to discuss the setting up of a community café in Avening as a regular social event and also potentially to promote interest groups. The meeting was very positive and the consensus was to start small. Jenny stated that she was currently investigating possible venues for the café which she hoped could operate on a weekly basis from November 2018. A Steering group has been convened which will be looking at possible funding sources.

Gerald South reported that the current Youth Club for 8 -12 year olds had been offered a snooker table and wondered if there was any available storage for it. John Collinson thought that the Memorial Hall cellar may be suitable and would investigate and advise Gerald.

***ACTION: John Collinson***

Cllr Morgan advised that there was some funding available for youth groups however applications needed to be submitted within the next 10 days.

Discussion took place about possible uses for the funding.

Gerald stated that he would like to organise an event for young people to ask their opinions on what they would like to see happening in Avening for young people.

It was agreed that this was a good idea and Gerald agreed to complete the application for funding listing the proposed event, venue hire for the club and start-up costs for expending the Youth Club age range.

***ACTION: Gerald South***

**119/18 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

There were 4 crimes reported in Avening during August 2018.

**120/18 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr G Parsons – personal, Cllr E Worsdell - personal

**121/18 CODE OF CONDUCT**

121.1.18 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater signed the register reference agenda Item 11

121.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

**122/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING AND THE AGM HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2018**

There were no matters arising.

**123/18 MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 2018**

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

**124/18 ACTION LOG**

The Action log was noted and updated. Cllr Bendall added that the map boards would be moved shortly.

**125/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Richard Morgan stated that there were no significant matters to report.

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Stephen Hirst also had no additional matters to report.

**126/18 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**126/18.1 Project Managers Report / Memorial Hall**

Cllr Bendall thanked John Collinson for his very comprehensive report.

In addition to the presented report John added that the spouts for the water pumps had now been received and would be customised accordingly and secured within the next week. Sponsors of the pumps will be contacted in readiness to paint them, with the PC supplying the paint.

There had been a good response to the idea of residents being offered the opportunity to purchase a roof tile for a minimum donation, and further promotion was planned. Cllr Mitchell agreed to liaise with the Headteacher regarding the school becoming involved.

***ACTION Cllr Mitchell.***

**126/18.2 Playing Field**

John reported that he had met with Rob Cole to discuss potential cost savings in relation to levelling the land at the playing field. He felt that extensive land drainage was not required as the core samples confirmed good natural drainage. A further meeting would be held to discuss proposals and agree consultation ctions.

Additional quotes have been sought for fencing the play equipment and the specification changed slightly to allow access for a grass mower.

It was reported that the Flying Fox required maintenance.

***ACTION Cllr Slater to discuss with Cllr Worsdell.***

John stated that works to improve disabled access to Sunground from the playing field should go ahead shortly. He agreed to liaise with Cllr Hirst regarding possible funding contribution towards this work and to also investigate other potential funding sources.

**126/18.3 Litter Pick**

It was agreed to defer this item until the spring.

**126/18.4 Feedback from Pig Face Day**

Cllr Mitchell thanked Gerald South for the lovely service. It was felt that the event went well and very good feedback had been received. £320 had been raised which would be put towards the cost of hosting the event.

Councillors expressed thanks to Cllr Click Mitchell, Cllr Eddie Worsdell, Cllr Christine Howell and to Gerald South for all their work and involvement.

**126/18.5 Preparations for WW1 Commemoration**

Cllr Mitchell reported that plans were in place and preparations underway however help to organise the event would be greatly welcomed.

Cllr Morgan agreed that he would help with the event publicity.

Cllr Slater stated that, after the event, he would add history pages to the Avening website listing individual stories.

**126/18.6 Christmas Tree Lighting**

Date was agreed for Saturday 1 December 2018 5pm

**Community Issues**

**126 /18.7 Traffic and Highways**

The Highways Log was noted and updated.

It was added that the drains still needed cleaning, and there were a considerable number of weeds along the pavement/road edges along the road from Avening to Nailsworth.

**126/18.8 Dogs on Leads in Playing Field**

Cllr Slater reported that he had been informed of an incident where a child had been injured by a boisterous dog and questioned whether Councillors felt that owners should be asked to keep dogs on leads when in the playing field.

This was discussed and it was proposed and unanimously agreed that a sign should be put up asking owners to please keep dogs on a lead.

**126/18.9 Nominations for Community Awards Scheme**

2 nominations were put forward and Cllrs Slater and Mitchell agreed to prepare some wording in support of these nominations and to forward to the Clerk.

***ACTION: Cllr Slater and Cllr Mitchell***

**127/18 FINANCE**

**127/18.1 Finance Report up to 31 August 2018**

The report was noted.

**127/18.2 Approve Bills for Payment**

Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

**127/18.3 Audit of Accounts 2017/18**

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been audited and approved by PKF Littlejohn and that a number of exceptions had been listed, which should be be taken into account when completing accounts for 2018/19.

**128/18 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**128/18.1 New Applications**

Ref. No: 18/03049/FUL

Insertion of dormer door and platform to rear - West End Cottage West End Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NE

Application Approved

Ref. No: 18/02212/LBC

Replacement windows and doors - Glebe House 3 New Inn Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NB

No objections raised

Ref. No: 18/00337/FUL

Creation of patio area to the rear including excavation and retaining walls (retrospective) - Almshouse Cottage 16 Woodstock Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NG

No objections raised

**128/18.2 Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

None

**128/18.3 Decision Notices**

Ref. No: 18/02467/FUL

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

Application Permitted

**128/18.4 Planning Correspondence**

It was reported that the application in relation to the proposed change of use to include camping and educational courses at Ruggers Green Wood had gone to appeal.

**128/18.5 Tree Works**

Ref: 18/03245

Works to trees in conservation areas for T.1 - Ash - fell due to excess shading to garden and close to the boundary stone wall at Bannut Tree New Inn Lane Avening Tetbury, Gloucestershire

**128/18.6 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**129/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a resident questioning the use of a footpath alongside a cottage in West End as he had been involved in a verbal altercation with the owners. Cllr Slater agreed that a letter would be sent to the owners of the cottage.

***ACTION: Clerk to send.***

An e-mail had also been received listing a residents views on the playing field proposals.

This was noted.

Bell Cornwell, Chartered Town Planners had written to ask if Councillors would like to meet to discuss draft proposals for development at Old Quarries. The clerk was asked to suggest a meeting during w/c 24 September 2018.

***ACTION: Clerk***

**130/18 COUNCILLORS**

**131/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 October 2018 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm