**Avening Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 June 2018 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Bendall, Cllr D Conway, Cllr S Hirst (County Councillor) until 8.20 pm Cllr C Mitchell,

Cllr R Morgan (District Councillor) until 8.20 pm, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr A Slater, Cllr E Worsdell

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

**73/18 VISITORS:**

No visitors attended the meeting.

**74/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

**75/18 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

There were no crimes reported in Avening during May 2018.

Cllr Bendall reported that a letter had been received from Gloucestershire Constabulary regarding scam phone calls claiming to be from HMRC and stating that householders owed tax.

It was agreed to include the information in The Villager Magazine to warn people to be vigilant.

***ACTION: Clerk to include the information in her article for The Villager.***

**76/18 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr C Forster- Personal, Cllr C Howell -Personal, Cllr M Williamson – Personal.

**77/18 CODE OF CONDUCT**

77.1.18 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

77.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

The Clerk was asked by the chairman to forward the Register of Interest from Cllrs Howell and Forster to him for inclusion on the Parish Council Website.

***ACTION: Clerk to remind Cllrs Howell and Forster to return the Register of Interest forms.***

**78/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 May 2018**

There were no matters arising.

**79/18 MINUTES AND ACTION LOG**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 May 2018 AND ACTION LOG**

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

The Action log was noted and updated. Comments were made on the following actions;

Village Show 13 May 2018

Cllr Bendall reported that he had visited the Fire Service to thank them for bringing the fire appliance to the show.

Table for Meeting Room

Cllr Worsdell reported that he had acquired 2 decommissioned used tables (free of charge) that would be suitable for use as meeting tables in the refurbished Reading Room – this saves expenditure of £1500 based on quotes for new tables.

Fencing of Children’s Play Equipment

John Collinson agreed to seek quotes for suitable fencing and to also investigate funding sources.

***ACTION: John Collinson***

**80/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan reported that the Local Plan would be approved at a special meeting of the Council within the next 6 weeks.

He also reported that £1000 had been allocated for youth activities, and that he had asked Avening Youth Club, but they did not require anything currently. In reply to a question about whether this funding could be used to contribute to the cost of fencing the play equipment at the playing field, Cllr Morgan felt that it could and suggested that an application should be made.

***ACTION: John Collinson***

Cllr Morgan agreed to send Cllr Mitchell an application form to apply for funding for the planned WW1 Centenary event.

***ACTION: Cllr Morgan***

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Hirst reported that 275 road defects had been completed per day and asked for a list of any small maintenance jobs that needed to be done. Cllrs replied with the following requests:

* A number of drains need clearing.
* Hedgerow needs to be cut back over pavements on the road to Minchinhampton and the road to Nailsworth.
* Grass needs to be cut on the piece of land at the top of Point Road.
* Pot holes in West End and on the Star Lane to Chavenage Road.
* The path into the playing field was not suitable for disabled access – originally part of the field upgrade proposal, but needs to be rectified more urgently.

***ACTION: Cllr Hirst to report***.

Cllr Hirst also reported that a gully cleansing programme was underway along with bulk road line re-painting.

Street lights have largely been replaced, and any remaining non-standard ones will be replaced shortly.

Amey staff have been re-employed by Gloucestershire County Council and the new company to replace Amey is soon to be appointed.

Discussion took place regarding the rising costs of Adult Social Care and the programme of trying to allow people to be able to stay in their own homes for longer, rather than going into care homes by helping families to support their relatives, and providing funding for day centres and activities. It was recognised that it would be beneficial if visits by care workers could be longer, and it was suggested that volunteers within villages could be trained to help those in need of support.

**81/18 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**81/18.1 Project Managers Report / Memorial Hall**

John Collinson presented the circulated report.

John reported that the slope outside the Chamberlain Room was in a dangerous state and needed to be rebuilt, he also stated that an eco drain should be installed. These works would cost approximately £1780.

Councillors regretted that it was not possible to fund this at present and it was suggested that maybe residents with skills in this type of work may be willing to help.

It was agreed that a list of jobs should be compiled, and residents be approached by way of a flyer or in The Hoot magazine.

With regard to improving access from Sunground to the Playing field, John agreed to approach Gloucestershire County Council to ask if they would be willing to undertake this.

***ACTION: John Collinson***

Discussion took place about the backlog of repairs needed to maintain the Memorial Hall, in particular, the roof. A decision was needed on whether the roof should continue to be repaired or whether it be replaced with reconstituted Cotswold stone. John was asked to explore options, seek advice from Conservation Officers and to also apply to Gloucestershire County Council for grant funding.

***ACTION: John Collinson***

Cllr Mitchell was asked to seek clarification on hall ownership from Fred Venning.

***ACTION: Cllr Mitchell***

**Community Issues**

**81/18.3Traffic and Highways**

The Highways Log was noted.

**81/18.4 Litter Pick**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**81/18.5 Map Board**

After some discussion, it was agreed that as it was likely to be costly to have the boards re-printed, the best option would be to move the boards to the opposite side of the road.

**81/18.6 Autumn Events**

**WW1 Centenary Event Saturday 10 November 2018**

It was reported that Avening Angels and several other acts had agreed to be involved in the event. It was currently though that costs identified so far would amount to approx. £150. There are additional costs for the earlier ‘son-et-luminaire’ event, which Cllr Mitchell will quantify for the next meeting.

**Queen Matilda Day Saturday 15 September 2018**

Cllr Mitchell reported that Cotswold Costumes were offering a deal on bulk costume hiring for the event, there were plans for a hog roast and a pay bar.

**82/18 FINANCE**

**82/18.1 Finance Report up to 31 May 2018**

The report was noted.

**82/18.2 Approve Bills for Payment**

Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

**83/18 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**83/18.1 New Applications**

**83/18.2 Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**

None

**83/18.3 Decision Notices**

16/03573 Land Adjacent 19 Point Road, Avening GL8 8LY

Planning Appeal dismissed.

Ref. No: 17/04021/FUL

Erection of one and a half storey house - 79 The Sunground Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NW

Application Refused

Ref. No: 18/01216/COMPLY Compliance of conditions 3 (landscape), 5 (finish) and 6 (lighting) - Construction of a 40m x 25m sand school, and demolition of existing kennels building and part of a modern existing barn - Longmans Barn Farm Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NH

Application Permitted

**83/18.4 Planning Correspondence**

None

**83/18.5 Tree Works**

Ref: 18/02284/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for Mixed native trees (G1)-mainly lapsed hedgerow,

reduce in height to approx. 1.5m (N.B. mature ash tree at western end of group is not

included.)

Yew (T1) - fell

Laburnum (T2) - fell

Lime (T3)- crown raise to 5m

Copper beech (T4)-crown raise to 5m

Horse chestnut (T5) -crown raise to 5m

Portuguese laurel (G2)- fell

Laurel (G3)-fell

Hornbeam (T6)-crown raise to 5m

Western Red Cedar (T7)-fell

Beech (T8)-fell

Cherry plum (T9)-fell

Acer (T10)-fell (N.B. The mature silver birch near T7-T10 is not included.) at Fern Cottage 5

Mays Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire

Ref: 18/02285/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for T.1 - Sycamore - fell to allow more light into the garden of 3 Orchard Field at Holy Cross Church Church Street Avening Gloucestershire

**83/18.6 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**84/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that she had received a form asking if any bags of salt were required. It was thought that these were not needed.

**85/18 COUNCILLORS**

**86/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 July 2018 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm