Avening Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2020 at 7.30 pm Via Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater, Cllr S Hamilton, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr R King,

Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr J Hetterly,

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**: Mrs S Baker (Clerk)

**46/20 VISITORS:** Rev’d Gerald South, Jennie South.

**47/200 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Rev’d South remarked that he had been contacted by CDC for help with requests from local Parishioners. There were 4 local people needing help, mostly shopping and collecting prescriptions. Church members are making regular phone calls to 17 people identified as appropriate – we are happy to add to this list if you are aware of anyone.

The Foodbank box is in the front garden of 14 High St has received many donations. Kieran Archer has recently delivered to Tetbury Foodbank. Non-perishable items should be put in this box and it will be delivered. Some vulnerable people are now receiving a food parcel from the government – at least one person has donated this to the foodbank and others who do not need it are encouraged to do the same, however perishables should not be sent to the foodbank but could be given to neighbours.

**48/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE -** Mr J Collinson (Projects Manager) - Sickness

**49/20 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Updates to Members Register of Interests

Cllr Slater – Agenda item 6.3. Cllr Slater requested a declaration of interest form to update his interests.

The Clerk will forward it onto him.

**50/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd March 2020**

* Cllr Slater explained that following our request, Avendale Maintenance have agreed to continue the grass cutting at the same cost for another year with a slight change to the cutting schedule. The process of going out to tender will be started again December 2020.
* The Clerk reported that the Government has agreed to change the law to allow parish council meetings to be held remotely, but these meetings must still be open to the public. There has still been no change to the legal obligation to hold the annual meeting. NALC are lobbying for this to be changed.
* NALC are expecting the deadlines for the Audit to be extended by 3 months.
* Cllr Slater agreed to continue as Chair until such times as an AGM is held.

**Minutes**

* The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be retrospectively signed by the Chair at the next face to face Parish Council Meeting.
* The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be signed retrospectively by the Chair at the next face to face Parish Council Meeting.

**51/20 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**Community Issues**

1. The May issue of The Villager may only be available on-line. No definite decision has been made. The Editor has requested positive stories to be included.
2. Cllr Hetterly reported that he had submitted an application for the Calor Community Grants scheme. It is hoped that a replacement zip wire will be considered. It is a complicated process because if shortlisted, the wining applicants will be the ones with the most likes and shares on social media. It will need substantial community input to be successful. The closing date is 16th June.

**52/20** **Traffic and Highways**

1. Highways have reported that not many potholes have been reported since lock down and request that people keep reporting.

**53/20 FINANCE**

**Finance Report up to 31st March 2020**

1. This was the report for the end of year. The balance to carry over is £6061.85. Cllr Heterley remarked that although the balance seemed to be a significant sum to carry over to the new financial year, there was a couple of unspent grants included in the balance. The report was noted.
2. The Clerk reported that she had received notification from CDC that the first part of the precept had been scheduled for Payment.
3. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

**54/20 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

* 20/00887/FUL & 20/00888/LBC Brook House Hampton Hill. Alterations to 4 existing windows and doors, internal alterations and repairs to garden wall - The Parish Council has no objections to the internal alterations and small external works, but feel that justification for the unnecessary destruction/development of a historic listed wall are not as serious and frequent as implied in the Design Access Statement

Access would be on a blind bend which the applicant has already identified. Also, there are

usually cars parked opposite the proposed entrance which would cause further access issues

There is concern that access to the field would facilitate significant development opportunities in an unspoilt area of the village

* 20/00539/FUL Hill House 7 - 9 Tetbury Hill. Removal of windows & brickwork replace with French doors. - No Objections
* 20/01127/FUL &20/01128/LBC Herons Mead, West End - erection of a single-storey side extension and a rear porch, the replacement of existing windows and repointing of existing external walls. – No Objections

**55/20 Tree Works**

* 20/01173/TCONR The Old Rectory High Street Avening, Pollard Lime tree. – No Objections

**56/20 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence**

**Decisions**

* 20/01267/TCONR Bannut Tree New Inn Lane, Yew tree – remove - Permitted

**57/20 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

None

**58/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that she had received a lot of correspondence regarding the Covid crisis. Cllr Slater asked if she could forward anything that may be of use to Clare Bebbington, who has been producing the newsletter for the Covid Community Support Group.

**59/20 COUNCILLORS –**

* Cllr Hamilton said that she had been shocked by the amount of dog mess found in the Church Yard. With so few people about, dog walkers seem to think they won’t bee seen if they don’t clean up after their dogs.

Cllr Slater will put out yet another notice on the website and remind people that they can report offenders and Fines will be issued.

* Cllr Mulligan said there had been a call to communities to set of Chinese Lanterns to show their appreciation of the NHS. This is a dangerous and not very eco friendly thing to do, not to mention the harm it can cause wildlife and livestock. Cllr Slater will put a message on the Facebook page.
* There is a wall down near the footpath from Tetbury Hill to Pound Hill – Cllr Slater will report it to the owner.

**60/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 7.30pm Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 9.00pm