Avening Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17June 2020 at 7.30 pm Via Zoom**

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

Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr J Hetterly, Cllr Bendall, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Morgan.

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

**76/20 VISITORS:** PCSO Fellows.

**77/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME -** None

**78/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE -** Mr J Collinson (Projects Manager) – Sickness,

**79/20 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater – agenda item 8.2 – Bill Payment

Cllr Slater – Agenda Item – 9.1 Planning Permission - Bannut Tree

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

**80/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd March 2020**

Dropped Kerbs. – Cllr Slater initially received agreement from all parties concerned that the current dropped kerb would remain in place and that an addition two dropped kerbs be installed to mitigate risks associated with the original. Highways agreed that on the basis of that agreement they would schedule the installation of the additional kerbs.

After further consideration, one of the residents involved had a change of mind and requested that the original dropped kerb be removed. This was followed by a petition from 88 residents in the area supporting this. The Clerk reported that Highways had expressed concern that they would be removing the access to a disability vehicle.

PCSCO Fellows said that she has been called to the area on numerous occasions to deal with disputes regarding cars parking on the dropped kerb.

Cllr Slater proposed that the Parish Council took a vote as to whether they recommend to Highways that the Dropped Kerb is removed.

4 Parish Cllrs voted in favour of removing the dropped kerb. (Cllrs Slater, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Hetterley, Cllr King)

3 Parish Cllrs Voted in against removing the dropped kerb (Cllr Forster, Cllr Bendall, Cllr Mulligan)

It was agreed to ask Highways to remove the dropped kerb below number 1 Sunground and install an additional 2 dropped kerbs on the junctions of Sunground and Lawrence Road.

**Minutes**

* The minutes of the Zoom meeting held on May 20th, 2020 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.

**81/20 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

**Community Issues**

1. The Clerk reported that she was still getting regular updates from District and County Council. The Parish Council are still unable to sit in person until the guidelines are relaxed to enable people to meet socially distanced in groups of more than 6 people.
2. Playgroup has received a business grant from CDC, so may not need any emergency funding. Their grant application will be put on hold pending further clarification on their current financial position.
3. The grant requested by the school has been clarified that it is to be used to finish the installation of the pod. Some questions have arisen as to the legality of donating to the school for an item that cannot be used outside of school hours and extra-curricular activities. Cllr Morgan will check the legalities and report back. Cllr Bendall will discuss it with the Headmistress.
4. Calor Gas grant update – Cllr Hetterley reported that we are currently 33 on the leader table. We have received 36 supporters, raising £651. The Parish needs 10 more pledges to get the into the top 22 – this will get the Parish into the finals for consideration for a grant. Cllr Hetterley will be putting an update in the Villager expressing the urgency as the closing date is 15th July.

**82/20** **Traffic and Highways**

1. Cllr Slater met with Highways to discuss the issues currently on the Highways log. They have agreed to install a gully on Farm Hill to resolve the water that seeps onto the road from the bank towards Point Road. The Gully will start at the top of the hill and go as far as the drains further down.

They also agreed to a Gully on the Nags Head lane at Cherington Lake. It is unlikely to be carried out this financial year.

1. Piers Hanson has carried out the tree safety works in the playing field. It was agreed the Clerk pay his invoice when it arrives.
2. Cllr Slater chased the enquiry about the bus stop on Tetbury Hill that was no longer in use. It was agreed the sign will be removed and signs installed at the two stops on Greenway Head.
3. The road from Star Lane to A433 will be resurfaced at the cost of £283K.
4. The Memorial Hall and School flooded during the recent storms. Thanks to Cllrs Bendall & Hetterley and families and Piers Hansen for their prompt action diverting the water and cleaning up.

Cllr Bendall asked if the school could have some sandbags. Cllr Slater agreed to supply them.

The drains at the front of the hall need more regular clearance. The drainage issues at the back of the hall is on the list of required works.

1. Flooding at Old Hill has been reported to Highways and acknowledged – on the list of repairs.
2. Trials Bikes speeding have been reported to Publics Rights of Way – Mike Barton. Enquiries will be made if some of the speed restrictions can be altered or lanes reclassified.
3. The position of Snow Warden – Pete Savage has agreed to continue as contractor for Avening, but the position of Snow Warden is available. Cllr Slater said it is not too onerous a task. Just some co-ordination needed should it snow. Cllr Mulligan agreed to become Snow Warden for 20/21.

**83/20 FINANCE**

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

**Finance Report**

1. The finance report had been distributed prior to the meeting – Agreed. Cllr Hetterley expressed concern that grants that were outstanding from last financial year are still unpaid and need to be listed as an amount owing. It was agreed to hold a budget meeting ASAP to review.
2. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

**84/20 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

1. Consider annual governance statement. The Clerk read out the statement which had been distributed prior to the meeting.
2. Approve the annual governance statement. – The Council unanimously approved the statement.

**85/20 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT**

1. Consider the accounting statement. The Clerk read out the accounting statement which had been distributed prior to the meeting.
2. Approve the accounting statement by resolution. It was resolved to approve the accounting statement and was later signed by the Chairman.

**86/20 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

The Sunground development – 14 dwellings. Concerns raised regarding access and environmental consideration, access, parking, and safety. Cllr Morgan was consulted and has agreed to send the application to committee. Cllr Morgan asked for support from the residents and the Parish Council. There seems to be lack of engagement from the residents in Sunground and Lawrence Road.

Cllr Morgan sent the document received from the Parish Council, and will be considered in the July meeting. They have been asked to delay it as a FOI request has been put in to GCC asking what process and scrutiny was done to re-designate the land to be suitable for housing. It would be helpful if people in Sunground would log their concerns on the planning application.

It would be helpful to highlight the Playgroup and the cramped site. Although parking is a problem, the allocated parking on the plans will be considered adequate.

Cllr Bendall offered to knock on doors with a petition. This was agreed.

Cllr Morgan agreed but suggested that at least 10 objections on the portal would be helpful. It needs to be demonstrated that this is a community issue and not just a Parish Council complaint.

20/01600/FUL - 20 Sandford Leaze – Insertion of rear dormer window. No Objection

20/01569/FUL- Land Parcel, West End - Extension of Barn – No Objection

20/00887/FUL- Brook House – Amended Plans – No Comment

20/01140/FUL Pimbury Park – Amended Plans No Comment

20/01679/Comply – 19/01020/FUL – 17 Nags Head Kane – Erection of 2 storey extension & single side extension- Comply with materials – No Objection

**87/20 Tree Works**

20/01857/TCONR – Rodways Place, Point Road – Remove limb on Box Tree balance & trim crown No Objection

**88/20 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence**

**Decisions**

20/01251/FUL -Tallet Barn Hampton Hill GL8 8SB - Erection of extension – Permitted

20/01338/TPO -13 Sandford Leaze - Ash remove branches – Permitted

20/01698/TCONR Avening Recreation Ground – Reduce Horse Chestnut – Permitted

**89/20 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

20/01922/TCONR –The Bannut Tree, New Inn Lane. – Re-Coppice Hazel Tree – No Objection

**90/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

Complaint regarding gatherings at Cherington Lake

Complaint regarding dogs in playing field

Notification of WAG compliance

CDC Covid update

GCC Covid Update

Email re- Dropped kerbs

CDC Shielding Guidance

Leisure & Community Grants

NALC Insurance risk assessment

CDC Briefing

GPA Covid advice

CPRE Newsletter

**91/20 COUNCILLORS –**

**Cllr Morgan** asked the Parish Council to consider the proposal that Gloucestershire will become a Utilitarianauthority. He would like the parish view before making his decision whether he should support or not. Cllr Slater asked for this to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Cllr Hirst** distributed a report prior to the meeting. It listed the confirmed Covid cases in the district. A testing centre is now operating at Hempstead Meadow. GCC are managing to maintain deliveries to all care homes in the area. GCC has received 7.7 million from the Government to help tackle the spread in care homes. The County Council and hospitals are preparing for a peak of Covid Oct/Nov.

All Household recycling centres are now open and operating booking systems.

The Thriving Community Grants Programme has now started the 2020-21 programme. Grants of up to £7500 can be applied for. The broad purpose of the fund is to support delivery of projects to help people to stay well.

**Cllr Hetterley** reported that he had read the RoSpa report. Some housekeeping will need to be done. The highest risk is the Shelter, which is on the list for a refurb. The new fence has been highlighted as the bolts on the gate are too long and sharp. This can easily be remedied.

Cllr Hetterley also remarked that the PC should have a representative on the Memorial Hall committee.

**Cllr King** asked Cllr Morgan for clarification regarding the Green Bin service. A new resident has been refused a bin, being told the service is up to capacity. Cllr Morgan willfind out.

**92/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 7.30pm Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 9.35pm