

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th MAY 2010 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr T Slater, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell, Cllr T Beardsell and Mrs Beardsell. Also in attendance Cllr Tony Hicks (County Councillor) and Mrs D Cook (Clerk), PCSO Paul Hancock, Mrs C Chesterman (Youth Club) Mrs M Barton and Rev Celia Carter (PCC), Mrs C Howell (Pensioners monthly luncheon), Isabel Parsons.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs E Oliver and Cllr M Williamson.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY 2009

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 13th May 2009 were agreed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING - None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Cllr T Hicks, County Council Cabinet Member, to the meeting along the Police and other residents.

The main points covered were the village hall, crime and disorder, finance and highways.

The Chairman's report is attached **(1)**.

The Chairman advised that he would be retiring from the post of Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on the 20th May 2010. He would remain as a Councillor. Cllr Mrs C Mitchell thanked Cllr Parsons for his Chairmanship over the last few years and stressed how helpful it was to have a CDC Councillor serving on the Parish Council as well. Rev Celia Carter also thanked Cllr Parsons for his attendance at village functions to represent the Parish Council.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk reported on the Council's financial year. See attached **(2)**. The Accounts had just been approved by our internal auditor at present and would be put to Council for approval at the Annual Meeting on 20th May 2010. The Clerk set out estimated expenditure and income and plans for the 2011/12 financial year.

6. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIME REPORTS

Cllr. Jim Parsons stated that he had received a guarantee that the two PCSOs in the Tetbury area will be maintained in the future despite other cut backs. Their presence in the village has helped to reduce crime. Cllr Jim Parsons also advised the meeting of the Parish Council's letter of support to Supt Woodhall at Stroud Police Station re the PCSOs and Mobile Police Station.

PCSO Paul Hancock delivered his annual police report. See attached **(3)**. Residents were reminded to keep in contact with the police and report incidents of anti-social behaviour. It was noted that there had been a further problem with such behaviour recently.

7. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS:

7.1 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs Margaret Barton advised that they PCC had rehung the outer door of the church to increase security. They were in the process of clearing, uncovering and mapping some of the older gravestones. They were also working on the paths to the church to improve access. The Parish Council were thanked for the annual grants for grasscutting and towards the Villager magazine. The additional grant for grasscutting from the Parish Council was still under consideration. There were now new editors of the Villager. They were looking to widen the coverage to include as much of the village as possible. The PCC were currently planning Queen Matilda Day in September 2010 for the village.

Signed.....Chairman/Presiding Officer

Date.....May 2011

The framing of old pictures was mentioned, at which point the Council project re Memorabilia to be displayed in the Hall was discussed. Mrs Cassie Chesterman was keen for the youth club to become involved in the framing of the photos.

7.2 AVENING YOUTH CLUB REPORT

Mrs Cassie Chesterman advised that she and Leonie Roseblade had taken over the running of the hall in late 2009. Numbers had increased and they had obtained funding to replace old play equipment. See report attached **(4)**.

Rev Celia thanked Mrs Cassie Chesterman for her efforts as the youth club had originally been church run, before being handed over to young Gloucestershire.

7.3 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Cllr Parsons also advised the meeting that the grant application by APFA to CDC community projects fund for the proposed cycle track had been successful.

8. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2010

The Parish Council was presenting its first Volunteer of the Year Award as it was aware there was a lot of voluntary excellent work being carried out in the community. The award was presented to Mrs Christine Howell who organises and provides a pensioner's lunch at the Social Club every month. Cllr Tony Hicks awarded Mrs Howell her certificate and a donation of £25 was made to the pensioner's lunch fund.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr. Tony Hicks reported on the budget planned for the coming year. See report attached. (4).

On local matters the subsidence between Avening and Nailsworth B4014 may be repaired this financial year. The County Council were currently considering options and costing and then would be going out to tender. The intention was that they road would be repaired later this year. But, it would require closure of the whole road for a period of time.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A question was raised about the pothole filling by Gloucestershire Highways. There were 70 teams rather than the usual 35 working on the road. It was noted that although potholes were being filled quickly the repair was crumbling shortly afterwards in some cases.

It was also raised that there were issues on local lanes that had not been attended to for some 20 years. It was the Highways Dept responsibility for the maintenance of the Highways and they were bound to maintain it. However, in practice it meant that roads with lesser traffic flow were unlikely to be structurally rebuilt because of priorities and budgets.

The gully for the spring on Rectory Lane was raised. The repair was not doing the job and the road was still icy in the cold weather. Cllr Tony Slater would follow up with Chris Franklin of Highways.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.