Avening Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2019 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater, Cllr C Howell, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr S Hamilton, Cllr J Hettersley, Cllr D Bendall Cllr S Hirst

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

**167/19 VISITORS:** Gerald South. Jennie South, Mr & Mrs Stephens, Mr & Mrs Marciniac, Sue Black, Mr Patrick Mulligan.

**168/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

1. **Drop Kerbs** - Mr & Mrs Marciniac expressed their concern over the safety of the positioning of the drop kerbs installed at Sunground. With the ongoing parking problems no one is using the drop kerbs, especially the kerb opposite their home as people will not have a clear view of any oncoming traffic. Mrs Matciniac also wanted to know why the kerbs were not installed with a tactile surface to make them usable by sight impaired people. They noted that there were no kerbs giving access to Lawrence Road. Mr & Mrs Marciniac remarked there had been some confusion locally as to the right of way over their drive, and although there was a disabled drop kerb opposite their drive, they still had the right of way. They said that with parking being so difficult in the area, they now had a very tight exit when needing to get their camper van of the drive. They are very concerned about the safety of people using the drop kerbs.

Mr & Mrs Stephens said the disability box had been installed when Mrs Stephens was first diagnosed 6 years ago. The installation of the drop kerbs was not requested by them. They asked who decided where to install them.

Mr Collinson said that PC requested Highways install the drop kerbs to link Sunground with the playing field and the village centre. Highways initially committed to install two kerbs. Highways then decided there was enough money in the budget to install more. Unfortunately, they did not confer with the PC further as to the positioning.

Cllr Hirst and Cllr Slater have both paid a visit at the weekends to see the full impact of the parking and share the concerns of the residents as to the positioning of the kerbs. Cllr Slater will contact Highways to request the dangerous drop be relocated. It was noted that Highways have previously stated any costs would have to be paid by the PC, but we will argue against this.

1. Sue Black said she was present to make the Parish Council aware of the Charity she represented ‘People for You’, a local charity that visit isolated people in their homes. It was originally managed by GRCC but was now a separate charity. She asked if the information could be put in the Villager and on the website.
2. Jenny South thanked the Parish Council for its involvement in getting the mobile post office re-sited.

It is now parked in the social club carpark every Tuesday 10.30 – 12.15 co-ordinating nicely with the café.

1. Gerald South reported that he had final report from the door. 23 12- 16-year olds completed the survey. With lots of ideas coming forth. Rev’d South suggested that the Door have a short meeting with members of the Parish Council to outline the ideas and plan a way forward.

**169/19 POLICE MONTHLY CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

6 crimes reported in August. 2 Theft, 1 Criminal Damage and 3 Violence.

2 Theft incidents were a drum trailer stolen from the High Street and some recycling bins stolen.

1 Criminal Damage – Play equipment in the playing field damaged.

3 Violence – Verbal argument, Historic Allegations and a minor alleged assault.

Crime figures can be accessed at police.uk website.

**170/19 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr C Forster – Holiday, Cllr R King - Holiday,

**171/19 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

T Slater – Invoice for Slater 4 Ltd

The members interests can be viewed on the website

**172/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 August 2019**

**173/19 MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 August 2019**

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

**174/19** **Review Agenda Items**

It was agreed to reduce some of the items scheduled under the projects heading. It was felt that some of the long-term projects didn’t need reporting on unless work had been actioned.

**175/19 Action Log**

The action log was noted and updated.

**176/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan was unavailable.

**177/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Hirst distributed his report.

GCC has declared a ‘Climate Emergency’ and will strive to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Javelin Park is now fully operational, burning rubbish from all 6 district authorities.

Gloucestershire Heritage Hub and County Archives has re-opened on September 3rd following a refurbishment.

The merger between Gloucestershire Care Service and the Mental Health Trust has now been approved and in the future will be named ‘One Gloucestershire’. The Clinical Commissioning Group are carrying out consultations on Fit for the Future and Specialist Hospital Services.

**178/19 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

Review of Current Projects: -

1. The Clerk reported that the First Aid Course had been booked for the 6th October. 2 sessions in one day. The ideal attendance is 10 people per session, although they are willing to increase this number slightly.
2. Cllr Bendall confirmed that he has now booked an entertainer for the Children’s Christmas Tea. The entertainer and Father Christmas are now confirmed. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding the Christmas Tree purchase.

It was suggested that Cllr Richard Morgan be invited to turn on the lights. This was agreed. Cllr Slater will formally invite him.

1. The installation of the spouts into the pumps has been delayed due to be installed on the 21st September.
2. The Clerk reported that she had got a comparison quote form an alternative defibrillator, which although cheaper did not include any extras. The Clerk was trying to negotiate a reduction from Cardiac Science. It was suggested that the Clerk as for a quote without the additional battery and Pad cover.
3. Parish Councillor Vacancy – Mr Mulligan expressed an interest and was present to see how the council worked. Mr Mulligan gave a short description of his background.
4. Wales & West Utilities have expressed the possibility of extending the gas main through the village – High Street, Point Road and New Inn Lane are in scope. Contact the chairman if interested in finding out more.

**Comments of Project Mangers Report.**

**Memorial Hall –** Nothing new to report.

**Playing Field**

1. There was yet another incident of vandalism. The Police were informed.
2. The shackles on the basket swing have been replaced.
3. The first phase upgrade of the perimeter path is is now complete.
4. The pruning of the hedge is quoted at £395. The Clerk confirmed that Highways do not have responsibility for cutting the hedges. It was agreed to accept the quote.
5. The playground fence and gates will be installed from 16th October. Remedial work needs to be carried out on the existing south east gatepost. This will cost £164. This expenditure was agreed.
6. Minor works are needed on the playground equipment. £500 was quoted to replace the small fence. It was agreed to repair the fence as a stop gap.
7. Cllr Hetterley proposed purchasing a picnic table. The cost is approx. £300, It was agreed to purchase this in the spring.

**Community Issues**

**179/19** **Traffic and Highways**

1. Gigaclear have caused more disruption digging up the roads and starting work early at weekends.

Cllr Bendall will phone his contact at Gigaclear.

1. The Highways Log was noted.

**Footpaths Right of Way**.

1. Brambles and weeds along the footpath to Nailsworth are very overgrown. This has been reported - the Clerk will contact Highways to see when the are scheduled to be cut back.
2. Cllr Howells ask if Powis Lane was a public Right of Way as the path is very overgrown and blocked by a campervan. A member of the public was challenged whilst walking. It was confirmed that it was a public right of way and should not be blocked.

**180/19 FINANCE**

**Finance Report up to 30 August 2019**

1. The report was noted.
2. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
3. A Finance sub-committee will meet on 7th October to review spending plans and priorities for the rest of the financial year.

**181/19 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

19/03144/FUL Longmans Barn – Conversion to dwelling - The Council will take a further look at the application and contact the Clerk via email with their comments

19/02787/FUL 7 High Street – Rear Dormer Window & erection of single storey rear extension. – No Objections

**182/19 Tree Works**

19/03347/TPO 13 Sandford Leaze, - Fell Whitebeam. Noted.

**183/19 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence**

19/02891/TCONR - Avening County Primary School High Street Avening

Fell Ash Tree. – Approved

19/02851/FUL – Minchinhampton Golf Club – Electrical Cubicle – Approved

19/02447/FUL – Plum Patch Cottage – Erection of Garage - Approved

19/01819/COMPLY - Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane

Compliance with Conditions 8 (fences) of Permission 18/04211/FUL – Approved

**Appeal** – 18/02077/FUL – 25 High Street - Erection of carport building (part retrospective) – Dismissed.

**184/19 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda**

**185/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

CDC - Pecuniary Interests Notification – The Clerk reminded the Council they must inform CDC should their pecuniary interest change

CDC - Communities Activity grants – The Clerk distributed to the Council via email the application form for the grant, to be distributed to interested parties.

GRCC – Creating a greener community event 30th October. The Clerk aske for interested Councillors to contact her if interested in attending.

GAPTC information on Powers to purchase APNR Cameras

Consultation on 5G coverage in rural areas – 11th October deadline

Glos Playing Fields Annual General Meeting 8th October – The Clerk passed this information to Cllr Hetterley.

**186/19 COUNCILLORS –** Cllr Hamilton asked what the procedure was if a tree was being damaged that was though to have a TPO. The Clerk informed Cllr Hamilton to contact CDC, They will be able to inform her if it was protected.

**187/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons Reading Room at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm