

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mulligan– Chair, Cllr Slater, Cllr D Bendall. . Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr Parsons,

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

**VISITORS:-** 2 Members of the public representing Avening W.I.

**133/24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –** Members of the W.I. requested that when the Parish Council upgrades the kitchen at the Memorial Hall that additional storage, a decent cooker with four rings and a fridge and microwave is considered. The W.I are currently unable to store items in one place and to have a useable kitchen with storage at the Memorial Hall would be helpful. Councillor Mulligan said their request would be taken into consideration budget allowing.

**134/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE –** Cllr Hamilton, Cllr King, Cllr Mills, Cllr Hirst – GCC,

### **135/24 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

### **136/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 September 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held 11 September 2024 were signed as a true record.

### **137/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 September 24**

None.

### **138/24 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

#### Community Issues

#### Playing Fields Update

The zip wire has been repaired. The Clerk has not yet received the invoice for Payment. Cllr Mulligan will chase the contractor for the invoice.

Cllr Mulligan reported that the fence needs new posts. The Council agreed Cllr Mulligan purchase new concrete posts and the residents' group be asked to install them.

Cllr Mulligan will also request they repair the grass at the west goal area which has large gouges. It needs some topsoil and grass seed.

The Parish Council thank Cllr Mills and the residential group for the repairs they have carried out. This has saved the Parish money on contractors.

The hedge needs cutting. The Clerk will contact the Contractor to make a cut.

#### Memorial Hall

Cllr Mulligan reported:

He is waiting for an updated rent assessment for the hall.

Two new handles have been fitted to the toilet doors.

The roofer is providing a quote for the rood. He has confirmed that not all the tiles are Cotswold Stone, and the roof was not re-felted when GCC renewed the roof prior to 2008. The roof should have lasted 80 – one hundred years. This has been less than 25 years and need a complete replacement. The builder has also said that he cannot know the true value if any of the tiles until they are removed. Funding streams will be explored when the quote is received.

Cllr Hetterley reported:

He has been trying to work out an average of the electricity usage, but this is proving difficult due to the way the bills have been issued.

The Cler said that she had spoken to Bionic, the energy broker. They have agreed to deal directly with EDF. They are requesting that the missing “inhouse smart meter” is sorted, and they are asking for all accounts to be put on a usage monthly invoice. So, the bills will be invoiced in full every month, making it easier to budget and recharge.

Cllrs Mulligan and Slater requested that two Clocks are purchased for the Hall. One for the main hall and one for the meeting room. It was agreed that the Clerk purchase these.

The Clerk reported that there is a course on community building licencing being held on 6<sup>th</sup> November if the PC are interested. The Clerk has requested information as she is unable to attend.

Cllr Hetterley said he thought the hall needed to purchase a PRS license. The Clerk will check the status of the hall and the cost of the license.

#### Defibrillator

Cllr Slater said he thought the old defibrillator worked on batteries and did not need an electric mains supply. Cllr Mulligan will check to see if it is battery operated.

#### Phone Box Refurbishment

Two residents have approached Councillors offering to refurbish the phone box have not yet provided a quote and scope of work.

A specialist refurbishment company has a two-year waiting list to refurbish phone boxes. Other options will be explored.

### **139/24 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

The Wall on the corner of Nags Head and Old Hill is looking unsafe. Cllr Mulligan has attempted to contact Avening Court without success. The Clerk will report it to Highways for them to take action.

Cllr Slater reported three footpaths that require action.

- An entrance to a field should allow public access. Avening Court have blocked the access.
- A junction of the footpath between the golf club and the afore mentioned field. This requires a better solution than the current stile which has a very steep drop on the village side.
- The entrance to the field/path has a wall mounted stile which is dangerous. Although the ancient stile should be kept there is additional fences inside the field are obstructive.

Cllr Slater will provide the Clerk with What3Words so it can be reported to PROW.

Cllr Mulligan reported that he had delivered a number of letters to the Riparian Owners with a helpful leaflet informing them of their responsibilities.

### **140/24 FINANCE**

- I. Cllr Hetterley reported that the final precept instalment has been received, £11,315 making the total precept receipt £45,260. There is approximately £33,873 in reserves.
- II. There is a finance meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October to discuss the budget for 2025/26. This is just a preliminary discussion, and no final decision will be agreed until January. Then the outcome of the Government budget will be known.

**141/24 VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR** – The Clerk reported that she has still not received any applications. The deadline for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> October. The Councillors will continue to pursue.

people who have verbally expressed an interest to them.

**142/24 POLICE REPORT** – The Clerk reported that the Police will now provide a quarterly report and not monthly.

**143/24 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Appendix 1

Additionally, Cllr Slater said that nominations for “unsung Hero” awards have opened if the Council wish to nominate someone.

**144/24 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – Unavailable

## **145 /24 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

### New Planning Applications

24/02670/FUL 1 Spinners Cottages Longfords Mill Retrospective addition of new shed and pergola. – No Comment

24/02755/FUL Winterfold 23 West End Erection of a two-storey extension and addition of garden wall. – No Comment

24/02980/TCONR – 7 Old Hill – Reduce Cherry Tree – No Comment

24/02949/FUL – 8 Sandford Leaze – Conversion of garage to ancillary living accommodation. Conversion of loft into bedroom. Internal alterations to kitchen and sitting room. Addition of doors to rear elevation. – No Comment.

## **146/24 Planning Correspondence and Decisions**

24/02439/TCONR - Bannut Tree New Inn Lane Yew trees x 5 (G1) - fell to allow repair work to be carried out to the collapsed wall as per structural engineers drawing i.e. bank to be excavated back by 2.5m (including the facing stone) which would mean removing the trees. As the repair work needs to be carried out urgently to reduce the safety hazard of further collapse, the trees need to be felled on 2nd September 2024 – No Objection.

24/02080/FUL Church Farm Point Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8ND

Erection of single storey extension and associated works. - Permitted

24/02081/LBC Church Farm Point Road

Internal and External Alterations, erection of single storey extension and associated works. - Permitted

24/01871/FUL 18 Sandford Leaze Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PB

Erection of single storey rear extension with balcony and associated stairs above, erection of first floor front extension and side extension and associated enlargement of existing rear dormer window. – Permitted.

## **147/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

Community Building Licensing - 6th Nov 10 am – 11.30 Free session

RBL Remembrance Bench £700 + Memorabilia

NALC New website

GAPTC new website – Training Course

Memorial Hall Fire Safety Certificate for Extinguishers and fire blanket

Village Hall Networking

CDC Scam Emails targeting Parish Councils

## **148/24 COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk said that the Remembrance wreath should be ordered and asked what donation the Council would like to make. It was agreed to donate £100. The Clerk will contact Mr Boyle to request the wreath and ask if the Cadets were available to attend the service. Cllr Slater reported that he has been approached by FOAS asking if the Council would be holding celebrations around the Xmas Tree this year. It was agreed that this could be organised. The Clerk will ask HRH Princess Ann if she would supply a tree again this year. Cllr Slater remarked that new lights may be needed. He will check.

Cllr Mulligan suggested having a tree outside the village hall. This will also be investigated. Cllr Mulligan said he had been approached by a mobile bakery. Asking if they could visit the village once a week to sell their baked products from a van. It was agreed that if agreed with the social club it would be ideal to do on a Tuesday outside the Café. Cllr Hetterley will speak to the Social Club committee.

Cllr Slater reported that Jean Chatelain the village archivist intends to stand down. A new archivist is required if anyone is aware of a resident that may take on the role.

### 149/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

#### Actions

138/24	Organise Work Party to repair fence and surface.	Cllr Mills
138/ 24	Ask Contractor to Cut hedge	Clerk
139/24	Report Highways Issues	Clerk
140/24	Make Payments	Clerk
146/24	Planning Response	Clerk
148/24	Arrange Xmas Tree	Clerk

### Appendix 1

**Cotswold District Council:** There was nothing too contentious at the September meeting other than questioning the resilience of CDC infrastructure. A storm caused a leak in the recently renovated roof which took out several IT and electrical services leading to reduced service availability throughout the building. We are assured that the core systems were unaffected and that offsite backups are in place.

Following the full council meeting we attended an event at the Corinium Museum to celebrate 50 years since CDC was founded. We were joined by special guests, including past councillors and officers.

**Unsung Heroes:** The Unsung Heroes Awards is to acknowledge all the work being done across the district by volunteers who give up their time to help others. Residents and businesses have nominated people in their communities who they think have made a difference, from individuals who give up their time to help neighbours, to members of local groups who volunteer to deliver local projects. I was delighted to see that one of our Kingscote residents, Brian McTear, was an award winner in the first ceremony at the Full Council meeting on 25 September (see pictures below). This will be a rolling scheme with winners announced at every Full Council meeting going forward. Please nominate your Unsung Hero here: [www.cotswold.gov.uk/unsungheroes](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/unsungheroes)

**Bins:** There have been ongoing issues with the new bin collection routes, especially in rural areas, and a written response to a question from Mike Evamy (The Cabinet member responsible) states: The waste team is committed to reviewing and improving the reporting processes following the recent round re-organisation. This review will include an evaluation of the entire online process, from residents reporting missed collections to crews addressing the issue, ensuring it is effective and allows residents to accurately report missed containers. The review will also look into the messages residents receive when reporting missed collections. This will include issues like 'gate checks,' where crews may indicate bins were not placed out for collection or were contaminated, which currently prevents residents from logging missed bins. Key stakeholders, including customer services and the digital team, will be involved in the review, and extensive user testing will be conducted to ensure the tool is accessible and easy to use.

**Roads:** There have been several fatalities recently on our roads, mostly involving motor cyclists. With the darker nights and winter weather coming fast, do take care when travelling around the district.

**Gloucestershire County Council:** Cllr Mark Hawthorne recently stepped down as leader of GCC. He was 14 years as leader and a true champion for Gloucestershire both locally and nationally, which had helped the county punch above its weight. Cllr Stephen Davies has been elected as the new Leader.

#### **Other updates and information for Parish Councils:**

Another parking survey

Views on parking in Cotswolds sought for a second time from residents Cotswold residents are invited to give their views for a second time this year on parking in the district as Cotswold District Council launches its second consultation on current parking provision.

The first consultation ran in January 2024 and helped establish baseline data for how the public uses and perceives our parking provision. The second consultation, which begins in September 2024 will consider the changes in parking behaviour in the summer when tourism and summer holidays are at their peak, through to autumn when schools and colleges restart. Since the Parking Strategy was adopted 2016 several factors have influenced transport and parking behaviours, such as the climate agenda, the Coronavirus pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis, and the wider economy. Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure, and Parking said, "We are delivering a second consultation so that we can get a holistic view of parking across the year. We appreciate parking demand fluctuates with the seasons, and a second consultation will provide us with a robust set of data to work with. Your views will enable us to develop a parking strategy that is fit for our car park users. <https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/resources/ve7sq-c3o6s-n19cj-kbeo4-cw9c5>

#### **HOW TO REPORT POTHOLE**

I recommend using this link, especially if you have a smartphone and can take a photograph of the pothole and identify the exact position. It is more efficient than emailing the council as officers get a daily schedule of these alerts.

Gloucestershire County Council, report a pothole:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

FIX MY STREET

Report, view, or discuss local problems like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting.

This reports back to the appropriate Council: [LINK](#)

REPORT IT

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/report-it/>

New forms for reporting graffiti, overflowing bins, dog fouling and street cleaning are now live on the Cotswold District Council Website.

A map pin drop allowing for what3words location submissions can be used.

