

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 July 2024 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mulligan– Chair, Cllr Howell, , Cllr Slater, Cllr D Bendall. Cllr Parsons, Cllr King, Cllr Mills. Cllr J Hetterley

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

VISITORS: Wes Birch, Rosie Birch

98/24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Mr Birch addressed the Council stating the intension to make an offer on the Queen Matilda pub. He explained the intension to continue to run it as a village pub and restaurant. Mr Birch gave some of his background and reassure the Council that he intends to

99/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Hirst – GCC,

100/24 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

101/24MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 June 2024

The minutes of the meeting held 12 June 2024 were signed as a true record.

102/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 June 24

None.

103/24COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

Playing Fields Update

Evidence of dog mess in the playing field. Cllr Mills asked if closing the field to dogs would be considered. Cllr King said that would be a very unpopular action. It was agreed to install further signage and make residents aware that it is an offence to not pick up after dogs.

The Clerk reported she has spoken to the local police team regarding the vandalism in the playground. They agreed to make regular patrols during the school holidays and will attend the school to speak to the children about behaviour.

The zip line is not working correctly. Cllr Mulligan has contacted the installer to make any necessary repairs.

Memorial Hall

Cllr King reported that Mel Young has declined the offer to manage the Memorial Hall. She has concerns regarding the wording of the Charity Scheme. The Clerk will distribute the original scheme and the amended scheme to the Trustees for review.

The Clerk said she still doesn't have access to the Charity Commission website. It needs a commitment from the Trustees to call the CC and request access.

The Clerk has not received a response from EDF regarding the missing smart meter. She will continue to chase.

Cllr Mulligan reported that work on the roof is due to start on 29th July.

A draft rental agreement has been received. Cllr Mulligan and Cllr Slater has reviewed the document and requested changes. Once a response has been received it will be presented to the Trustees for agreement.

104/24DEFIBRILATOR

The Clerk explained that the defibrillator needs to be inspected regularly. Circuit will email reminders. Cllr Mills agreed to change the contact details to his and share the responsibility with Cllr Hamilton.

105/24 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

Cllr Mulligan said that an obstruction incident was reported to the police with very little action. Approx. 10 cars were parked on the pavement from the Queen Matilda towards the golf course. The clerk said she had asked the police team if members of the Parish Council can put notices under the windscreens of offending cars. She was advised that this was an option, but to take care as drivers will often make accusations of damaged windscreen wipers. The Parish Council agreed that this was worth taking the risk. The Clerk will produce notices and distribute to the PC at the next meeting.

Cllr Slater said following the report of potholes at Nagshead/Cherrington. The response from Highways "no fault" found will be escalated to the Highways manager.

Cllr Parsons reported the halfmoon gate at Church Farm is very difficult to get through due to the narrowness of the opening. It is a very old gate. Cllr Mulligan will speak to the owners to enquire if anything can be done to improve access.

Dog gate nailed down at Monkey Bank – Cllr Mulligan will speak to the owners of Brandhouse .

106/24 Draft Village Strategy Plan

Cllr Mills distributed a draft strategy plan prior to the meeting. Cllr Mills said when everyone had the chance to digest the draft, he will speak to the Councillors individually to gain ideas. He will then go out to the community for support and ideas.

107/24 Refurbishment of the Phone Box.

Cllr King said ideas have been put forward for the use of the phone box. One being a library/information point. If the Council agree, then he will pursue the idea. It was agreed that Cllr Mulligan will get a quote to renovate the phone box, the Cllr King will pursue alternative uses for the phone box.

108/24 FINANCE

- I. Cllr Hetterley said that the finances were in a good position,
- II. The New Financial regulations which were distributed prior to the meeting. Further discussion was held, and it was agreed that certain areas needed clarification. Cllr Hetterley will make the changes and distribute the regulations for further discussion at the meeting in September.
- III. Approve bills for payment – The list distributed prior to the meeting was agreed.

109/24 POLICE REPORT – Appendix 1

110/24 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT –

Due to the general election, there is no report this month.

111/24 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Unavailable

112 /24 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

24/01807/CLEUD Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for use of a barn as a dwelling.

Cllr Slater reported that following conversations with the planning officer. It would appear that reports of use as a dwelling to the enforcement team 2020 and a review of cold cases in 2023 did not result in any action. This has allowed the residents to proceed with this application under the certificate of lawful use. Cllr Slater said as District Councillor he will be making a formal complaint against the enforcement department. It was agreed that the Parish Council will object to the application.

24/01818/FUL Land at Grid Reference 388941 197571 Star Lane Erection of an extension to an agricultural building – No Comment

24/01682/COMPLY Willow House 21 Tetbury Hill Compliance with condition 3 (sample render), 4 (roof tile), 5 (design details) and 6 (Traffic Management Plan) of permission

23/01330/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension and associated works – No Comment

113/24 Planning Correspondence and Decisions

24/01117/FUL 35 Tetbury Hill Widening of existing driveway and rebuilding stone boundary wall - Application Permit

24/01031/FUL 12A Star Lane Erection of a residential dwelling - Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 21/03751/FUL Application Permit

24/00466/FUL Old Nags Head Nags Head Lane Demolition of existing shed and erection of replacement shed Application Withdrawn

114/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk explained that because of the election Purdah, there had been very little correspondence to note.

115/24 COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hetterley informed the Council that Play Gloucestershire will be holding another event in the village during the school holidays. The Clerk confirmed that the cost was being covered by the education charity.

Cllr King reported he will be meeting with Pheobe Carter regarding the production of the parish biodiversity policy.

116/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Actions

105/24	Contact Church Farm re ½ Moon Gate	Cllr Mulligan
105/24	Contact Brandhouse re nailed dog gate	Cllr Mulligan
105/24	Report Highways Issues	Clerk
108/24	Make Payments	Clerk
113/24	Planning Response	Clerk

Appendix 1

Police Report -

Chris Pritchard

PC646

Cotswolds NPT

Gloucestershire Constabulary

Crime Comparison Statistics for Avening Parish Council

Period : 01 Apr 2024 – 20 Jun 2024 Compared With 01Apr 23 – 20 Jun 2023

Overall, the recorded crime figures for Avening remain largely unchanged. The exception is the figures relating to Violence against the person with an increase from 4 to 7. Whilst this may initially look concerning, I have reviewed the related crimes and can see that this results from a change in the way crimes are recorded and is inflated by the inclusion of verbal arguments. Therefore, there is no evidence of an actual increase in violent offences.

Proactive work this quarter in the Tetbury policing area (parishes of Tetbury, Tetbury Upton, Avening, Long Newnton, Beverston, Cherington, Ashley, Shipton Moyne, Kingscote, Westonbirt, Leighterton and Didmarton):

- Regular School Patrols at the start and end of the school day across the district.
- Regular visits by the Road Safety Team with Speed checks across the district.
- Male arrested and Vehicle Seized Tetbury – Linked to suspect drug supply
- Regular visits to Tetbury Youth Club
- Support at Bank Holiday Events
- Due to your recent report of damage, we will be carrying out additional patrols in the area of Avening playing field over the summer months
- Address checks in relation to reports of XL Bully type dogs to ensure registration requirements are being met.

Parish = Avening			
HO Band	Crime 1APR24 20Jun24	Crime 1APR23 to 20Jun23	+ / -'
violence	7	4	3
Sexual Offences	1	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Burglary	0	1	-1
Theft	2	2	0
Fraud	0	0	0
Criminal damage	2	1	1
Other notifiable	0	1	-1
Total	12	10	2