

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr A Slater, Cllr C. Howell, Cllr R King, Cllr D Bendall, Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr Forster. Cllr S. Hirst.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

VISITORS: 3 Members of the public. PCSO Kim Collins

68/22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

- I. PCSO Collins explained to the Parish Council how the crime reports cover all crimes reported, even if it turns out to not be a crime.
A burglary has been reported in the area. PCSO Collins asked for the public to be reminded that in the warmer weather open windows are an ideal opportunity for thieves to strike. The Council was asked if they thought it appropriate to set up an information point. It was suggested that the Café on a Tuesday morning was an ideal spot.
Cllr Bendall also suggested the police attend the Church Fete in September. PCSO Collins said she would consider it.
- II. A member of the public made a representation to the Council regarding the planning application at Longtree Barn. He explained that a survey was being conducted regarding the great crested newts. Nature Space Partnership are conducting the Survey.
- III. A representation was made by two members of the public regarding the planning application behind 12A Start Lane.

69/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – None

70/22 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

71/22 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 April 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held 20 April 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

72/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 April 2022.

None.

73/22 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall – Bookings for parties are still increasing. The electricians will attend site on 11 June to evaluate the electrics. It will cost approx. £450
- ii. Playing Fields Update
The low rotator has been delivered and will be installed shortly.
The Rospa report has been received which has highlighted various issues. The Playing Field Committee will meet to prioritise and arrange necessary repairs.
Cllr Mulligan reported the refurbished goal posts will be ready for installation soon.
The benches have been vandalised again. The Clerk will find out the laws on installing CCTV.
- iii. Quercus will attend site and remove any dangerous trees. They will be logged and left on site.

74/22 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

- i. The updated Traffic report to Highways was distributed.

75/22 ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

The annual meeting will be held at 10 am on the 24th of May in the Café. It was agreed to hold the meeting in the main room. Cllr Mulligan will present his report and open the floor to questions from the public.

76/22 FINANCE

- I. The Council agreed the finance report distributed prior to the meeting.
- II. The Payments were approved.

77/22 POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes this month
 1 Malicious Communication
 1 Burglary
 2 Theft
 1 Criminal Damage.

78/22 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hirst said that it was a noticeably quiet period and he had nothing new to report.

79/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Report unavailable

80/22 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

21/03751/FUL – Lane to rear of 12A Star Lane -Erection of dwelling. – Support
 22/0096/FUL – Longtree Barn, Tetbury Road. Conversion of Dutch Barn, - Objection
 22/00516/FUL – 59 High Street – Partial demolition and replacement of garage - Support

Decision Notices

22/00516/FUL – 18 Star Lane – Extension of existing garage and accommodation over - Permitted

81/22 CORRESPONDENCE

Allotment enquiry
 Gloucestershire wildlife Trust – Pond watch
 NALC – Chief Exec – Earth watch, Prosperity fund,
 KK & P - CDC – Playing Pitch Strategy
 Historical Research – Passed to Jean Chatelain
 CDC – CIL Reporting
 Parish Online – Newsletter
 NALC – House of Lords enquiry into land use, Rural Coalition and Insight Forum
 NALC – Climate Change Forum – 25th May
 NALC – Calls for sustainable land use, Make a change
 GRCC Access to Cash & Post office Survey

82/22 COUNILLORS

Cllr Forster distributed an updated version of instructions for the defibrillator. The Council agreed that they were easier to understand and agreed that they be published in The Villager as well as installed in the phone box housing the defib. Cllr Parsons asked if the Council intended to install a defib at Sunground. It was agreed to proceed with this.

Cllr Bendall reported that the school was considering options to become an academy. Cllr Bendall was asked to get more information on the process.

Cllr Howells reported that she had contacted the school regarding the school crossing. The headmistress said that she had asked for volunteers to be trained as marshalls but had received no response. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to enquire about parking restrictions on the road near the school gardens.

Cllr Howells asked what the requirements were for social housing. The Clerk said that social housing needed to be bid on and it was allocated by need, but affordable housing build under section 106 was allocated by local connection.

Cllr Hetterley reported that Jennie South had received confirmation that Play Gloucestershire had allocated two play dates to Avening. August 12th & 19th. He asked for the Clerk to contact Jennie South authorising that she acts as client on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Hetterley asked if the Council were installing hanging baskets on the Memorial Hall this year. The Clerk will contact Paul Nelson to enquire to costs and where the baskets were stored.

Cllr King asked if the PC could consider how to help people suffering poverty in the village. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

83/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 June at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.