

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mulligan– Chair, Cllr R King, Cllr Howell, Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Slater, Cllr Parsons

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: GCC Cllr Hirst, Remote attendance due to Covid - Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

VISITORS: Mr T Cox, Mr J Lane

158/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Mr Lane expressed his concern regarding planning application 23/03649/FUL & 23/03650/LBC. The reduction of the parking area outside of this property will have a knock-on affect to the area. There is very little parking in the area. There is an ancient wall that will be affected by the development.

159/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr D Bendall

160/23 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater & Cllr Hetterley agenda item

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None.

161/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th November 2023

The minutes of the meeting held 8th November 2023 were signed as a true record.

162/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th November 2023

163/23 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

Playing Fields Update

Still waiting for quotes for the new path.

Memorial Hall Following an inspection for legionnaires testing, it was noted that the taps in the toilets were not providing hot water. Cllr Mulligan said that a plumber was attending site on 16th to establish the cause. It was agreed that the taps be changed to “press down”, so the children could not leave them running. There were no issues found with the kitchens.

The negotiations with the Athelstone Trust continue. There will be another meeting in the new year.

The Gigaclear router has now been repaired, although Cllr Slater has not been able to change the password. This will be done over the Christmas period.

Cllr Hamilton reported that the light on the exterior of the hall has been left on numerous occasions. Cllr Mulligan will ask the Electrician to check the lighting.

The Clerk reported that the energy contract has been renewed. The smart meters are due to be installed December 27th

Mr Scurfield has resigned as Chair of the Trustees. Cllr Mulligan will request Mr Scurfield remain as a Trustee.

A meeting of the Memorial Hall Trustees will be held in the New Year.

164/23 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

Traffic Survey on Tetbury Hill The meeting with the Mr Gray, Highways Manager has been postponed until the new year. Following a brief conversation, Mr Gray said he didn't think there was a way of solving the problem without a road traffic order. He will review the information in the new year.

The Clerk has received a complaint regarding the leaves on the Nailsworth to Avening road. The footpath is indistinguishable from the road due to the leaves. The Clerk has spoken to Highways who say they do not currently have a gang able to clear but encouraged the residents to report the issue on Fix My Street website.

165/23 BIO-DIVERSITY POLICY

Cllr King said he had reviewed the bio-diversity guidelines, and a draft policy has been produced which is currently with Pheobe Carter for review. The draft policy will be distributed to the Parish Council prior to the January meeting.

166/23 DEFIBRILATOR

The Clerk reported that she had approached a supplier and was waiting for them to get back to her with a quote for a new defibrillator to be installed on the exterior Memorial Hall wall. Cllr Mulligan will arrange an electrician to install the electrical connection in preparation.

167/23 FINANCE

- I. Cllr Hetterley presented the Parish Councils financial position going forward. This showed the Council finances remain in a healthy. The Balance shows £83K this included the ringfenced items for ongoing projects.
- II. The Payments were approved. An additional Payment for £11.00 for Cllr Hetterley was added to the schedule. This was to cover expenses for the painting of the Nags Head phone box.
- III. The Clerk distributed the grant applications for 2024/25 prior to the meeting in November. Cllr Mulligan remarked that he did not support the application from the Bowls Club. It was unanimously agreed to award the following grants:-
 Villager £1,200.
 Church Yard - £1250,
 Youth Club £1200 to be paid for room hire.
 Playgroup £2,000.
 CAB £160.
 Cllr Hetterley suggested that that a contingency for grants of £1390 be added should there be any emergency requests.
- IV. Draft Budget for 2024/25 for consideration. The Parish Council reviewed the draft budget for 2024/25. The proposed precept of £45260 was an overall increase of 6.5%. This works out at 3.56% increase on band D properties, which is the CDC published figure. Cllr Mulligan proposed accepting this figure. This was seconded by Cllr Hamilton and unanimously approved.
- V. The Clerk received a quote for the emails to move to Microsoft Exchange. Total of £1,399 for 10 mailboxes. There will also be an annual charge for the mailboxes. This expenditure was agreed. The Clerk will contact Kemp IT and arrange for the work to be carried out.

168/23 POLICE REPORT

Following the initial police report submitted by PCSO Edmund Maina, the Clerk reported that she had asked for more information. PCSO Maina was reluctant to give this but did provide additional data. 8th November – 7th December 4 road safety offence, 1 criminal damage and 2 public safety. The Clerk asked if the road related was speeding related as she had received complaints regarding the speed of traffic through the village. PCSO Maina said they were not speed related but advised the Clerk to set up a community speed watch. It was agreed the Clerk request more information on this and bring to the next meeting.

169/23 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT -Attached. (Appendix 1)

170/23 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Attached (Appendix 2)

171/23 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

23/03402/FUL 59 High Street Partial demolition of garage and conversion to independent dwelling with associated works – Object- Overdevelopment of the site and inappropriate to the area.

23/03602/COMPLY 25 Point Road Compliance with condition 3 (Replacement Flagstones) of permission 23/00167/LBC - Installation of air source heat pump to front elevation. - Support

23/03649/FUL/ 23/03650/LBC 51 Nags Head Lane Reroofing and extending existing garage to form kitchen and extending to form new stairwell. Relocating car parking and vehicular access. Object, concerns as to the reduction in parking and the damage to an ancient wall.

23/03871/TCONR Opposite 48 High Street Remove the self-seeded Ash and Sycamore saplings on roadside bank. Reduce Laurel bush by half. Cut back the brambles and sever ivy on trees - Support

23/03804/TCONR Holy Cross Church Ash (T1) - Fell as it has extensive die-back and its branches overhang headstones. Rowan(T2) - Fell as it is leaning badly and the majority of the crown is dead. - Support

Decisions Notices

23/02344/COMPLY - 18 Woodstock Lane Compliance with conditions 3 (render sample panel), 4 (render type), 5 (material samples) and 6 (window and door details) of permission 22/02043/FUL and conditions 2 (sample panel), 3 (render type), 5 (materials) and 6 (windows and doors) of consent 22/02044/LBC - Erection of single storey extension, internal alterations, relocation of roof-light and replacement of roof-light frames - Permitted

23/02801/CLEUD48 High Street Certificate of Lawful Existing Use of Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the retention of a Change of Use from Business (Use Class E) to a Residential dwelling (Use Class C3) - Application Refused

23/03073/TCONR - Creich Cottage Hampton Hill Tree is not under TPO. 3.5m high. Remove tree to increase parking space on drive - No objection

23/03302/COMPLY - Rudgeway Barn Avening Compliance with conditions 5 (landscaping scheme prior to first use) and 12 (external lighting plan) of permission 21/02281/FUL - Conversion of agricultural barn into dwelling - Permitted

23/03058/COMPLY - Chippings High Street Compliance with condition 3 (Render panel) of permission 23/00340/FUL - Erection of a side extension, addition of cladding, alterations to annex, and erection of oak framed carport - Permitted

172/23 CORRESPONDENCE

Free Guided walks – Cotswold Wardens

EMAIL Emma Bury – Traffic Speed on High Street

GAPTC Decarbonisation initiatives

NALC Events CPRE = AONB saved from Truck stop close to Cirencester

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin

Glos Wildlife trust - A year of treescapes

Parish Online newsletter

Affordable House advertising

What's on in Glos libraries

GRCC Village Hall Survey

Glos Councils connected

Andrew Lelliot – Follow up Tetbury Hill Survey

Claire Anderson _ Footpath to Nailsworth

173/23 COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mulligan wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

174/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Actions

166/23	Arrange Defib relocation + Quote	Cllrs Slater & Hamilton, Clerk	
168/23	Collate Community Speed watch Information	Clerk	
148/23	Chase contractor for path quote	Cllr Mulligan	
150 /23	Make Payments	Clerk	
154/23	Planning Response	Clerk	
156/23	Distribute Biodiversity Plan Template	Cllr King	