

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr D Bendall (In The Chair) Cllr R King, Cllr Howell, Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr G Parsons.

Cllr Mulligan attended at the end of the meeting.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

VISITORS: None

17/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

18/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE –, Cllr Slater, Cllr Mulligan, Chief Constable Simon Ellison.

19/23 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr King Agenda Item 14. Tree Pruning.

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None.

20/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th January 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held 18th January were signed as a true record with a correction to the spelling of Clare Bebbington's name.

21/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th January 2023

None

22/23 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall – Cllr Bendall reported that there was a steady increase in the flow of the bookings.
- ii. The Clerk reported that the Build Back Better grant had been approved and the £5,000 payment was due in the next 30 days.
- iii. Cllr Hetterley is in the process of submitting a grant application to the Queen's Jubilee Fund. We hold one quote for repairs to the memorial hall roof which is now outdated. Cllr Mulligan has been trying to engage other contractors to quote but have been unable to get a commitment from them. The Clerk and Cllr Parsons submitted contractors names who may be in the position to quote quickly. If this is not available, it was agreed that Cllr Hetterley submit the information in hand.

Playing Fields Update

- I. There has been some vandalism to the new gates. Someone has removed the catches. New catches will need to be installed.
- II. There have been positive comments regarding the new equipment.

Public Showing of the Ukrainian Film

No progress has been made to date. Cllr King requested it was on the agenda for the next meeting.

Hedgehog Highway

Cllr Bendall reported that the school were currently too busy with other projects to consider the hedgehog initiative at this time. It was agreed if the opportunity arises in autumn 2023 the project be reconsidered.

23/23 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

- i. Highways have confirmed that they are beginning to refill the grit pins in the Parish. The Clerk explained that to avoid the same issues next year, the Council need to identify a place where the grit can be ordered and stored. Ordering will take place in the summer and it the Parish Councils

responsibility to refill the grit bins from the store. Cllr Parsons. Suggested asking Mr Savage as he is the Snow Plough contractor. The Clerk agreed to contact him.

- ii. The reflective post near Norn House at Nags Head has been knocked over. The Clerk will report to Highways.
- iii. Cllr Parsons reported large potholes at Green Way Head. And the stile at Oldfield Cover in Ruggers Wood is broken. The Clerk will report to Highways and PROW.
- iv. Wiltshire Highways have been in the area filling in potholes locally as part of a new Gloucestershire Highways initiative. This Council agreed that this was a good idea. The Clerk will ask for more information on the project.

24/23 FINANCE

- I. The Council agreed the finance report distributed prior to the meeting.
- II. The Payments were approved.
- III. Cllr Hetterley reported the Parish finances were in good shape for the coming year.
- IV. It was agreed that the Clerk put a notice in the Villager requesting Grant Applications for consideration at the meeting in April.
- V. Section 137 Grant allowance has risen from £8.86 to £9.93

25/23 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

The Clerk reported that following a complaint regarding a tree on the boundary of Sandford Barn and Steps Lane. PROW have denied responsibility, stating that the tree is the responsibility of the subsoil owner, i.e. the owner of Sandford Barn. The Clerk passed the information to the resident who responded with a legal document, dating back to the early 1940's confirming the Parish Council took responsibility of the boundary. It was agreed that the tree should be inspected, and Cllr King agreed to speak to a tree surgeon and also read the document provided to try to establish responsibility.

New Planning Applications

23/00145/FUL/FUL Rodways Place Point Road Avening Replacement and extension of existing freestanding perimeter fence – No Comment

23/00076/CLEUD Oldfield Wood West End Avening Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of an ancillary forestry building. – Object to the erection of ancillary buildings

23/00167/LBC25 Point Road Avening Installation of air source heat pump to front elevation – No Objection.

Decision Notices

23/00018/TCONR 15 Tetbury Hill

(1) 4 overgrown Beech stems at the end of the Beech hedge. Fell to near ground level.

(2) Laurel group behind. Reduce down to fence height.

(5) Whitebeam on the lawn. Reduce all over by up to 4.0m – No Objection

26/23 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Report unavailable.

27/23 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Report unavailable.

28/23 CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you for the sympathy card from HRH Ann

Follow up Re Complaint re: Tree behind Sandford Barn

Section 137 increase £9.93

Hedgehog Highway.

Playground Inspection Notification

NALC Events

CDC Responses to local plan issues

Election Briefing sessions 1 at 5.30 16th and 1 at 1pm 17th February.

Letter from secretary of state Coronation.

Strategic Support regarding responsibility towards trees, inspection, and maintenance

NALC Chief Execs Bulletin

CDC - Update on progress of Local Plan

29/23 COUNILLORS

- I. Cllr Hetterley reported that he had contacted various groups regarding plans for the Coronation. A meeting is planned for early March. It was agreed that the Parish Council would sponsor free use of the hall. A bouncy castle was also suggested, but it was felt it may be too problematic to follow health and safety regulations.
Cllr Hetterley also reported that it has been brought to his attention that the phone box at Nags Head needs repainting.
- II. Cllr King reported the Clare Bebbington and Maryna Andrushko are meeting with the school to try to establish links between the children of Avening and of Andriivka.
- III. Cllr Hamilton reported that the notice board near the Old Shop is being removed. This holds the directions to the defibrillator.
- IV. Cllr Bendall said he was interested in the information distributed by the Clerk regarding the Solar Panel Cooperative. When the hall roof is repaired it may be worth investigating further.
- V. Cllr Bendall said that they had received correspondence from the head of the school academy who the primary school is hoping to join. They are stating that there may be an issue signing a new lease. Cllr Mulligan stated that once GCC give 12 months' notice, the Academy will be expected to enter into a new lease. This has been dragging on for some time and must be resolved ASAP.

30/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

