

## Avening Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr A Slater, Cllr G Parsons, Cllr R King, Cllr D Bendall,  
Cllr J Hetterly, Cllr Hamilton,

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Baker (Clerk), Cllr Hirst - GCC, (8pm)

**VISITORS:** Dominick Conway

**120/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Mr Conway asked the Council if they were aware of the new planning legislation introduced by CDC. It was explained to Mr Conway that the Parish Council had added their signature and support to a letter produced by Quenington Parish Council objecting to the new procedures. The Clerk explained that the letter was supported by the majority of the Parishes in the Cotswold District. All feeling that their views are being ignored.  
A response from Joe Harris at CDC was received this week stating that CDC have no intention of changing the new policy.

**121/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr C. Howell- Bereavement, Cllr Forster - Holiday  
The Council would like to express its sincere condolences to Cllr Howell on her bereavement.

### 122/21 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Alter – Agenda Item 8.2

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

Cllr Slater requested the Clerk send him a change of interest form.

### 123/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held 18 August 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### 124/21 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

#### Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council are now the official Trustees of the Memorial Hall.  
Cllr Bendall reported that bookings are starting to increase.  
It was agreed to hold a Memorial Hall Trustee Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- ii. Playing Fields Update Following receiving a satisfactory quote from the supplier of the zip wire, the Council agreed to purchase the play equipment and benches requested for the playground.  
The Clerk said she had received an offer of two oak trees for the Queens Platinum Jubilee from The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire. The Parish Council agreed it would be a nice addition to the Orchard.  
Quercus Arborist have inspected the trees at the playing field and have identified diseased ash trees. There are four that need immediate felling before they become dangerous. Quercus have quoted £1200 to fell the trees. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote. There are other trees that need attention, but this work is not urgent.
- iii. Build Back Better Restart Fund  
Cllr Hirst said that he has been allocated £40,000 over 4 years to cover 15 Parishes to be used to promote activities after Covid. It was asked if the Parish Council could apply for funding towards the hall cost as 2022 marks the Halls centenary. Cllr Hirst agreed that this would be a suitable project.
- iv. 20 MP Speed Limit  
The Clerk received an email from the twenty's plenty group asking the Parish to support the campaigns for a 20mph limit to be put on all residential streets, town, and village centres. The Council felt that this is too

much of a blanket cover and reduced speeds should be on an area-by-area basis. It was agreed that the best option would be for the cost of "Traffic Orders" to be reduced as the cost tens of thousands of pounds, putting the applications for lower speed limits out of Parish Councils budgets. Cllr Hirst said that legal fees involved is what increases the costs, but GCC are working on a more financially viable option.

### **125/21 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

The Highways Report was noted.

### **126/21 POLICE REPORT**

There were three crimes in Avening during August. One Burglary and one criminal damage and one theft. The burglary was at the school. Access was gained to the school shed and items taken and thrown into the stream.

An attempt was made to take the keys of a postal van.

2 Vehicles were keyed in The Sunground.

**127/21 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT-** Cllr Hirst distributed his report(attached) prior to the meeting and invited questions.

### **128/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan was unavailable for this meeting.

### **129/21 FINANCE**

#### **Finance Report up to 30 August 2021**

- i. The finance report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
- ii. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
- iii. Cllr Hetterly reported that the Parish finances were healthy, with £10k in reserves.
- iv. Sue Ryder Grant Application. The Clerk distributed the application form prior to the meeting. Although the application was received outside of the agreed allotted time, the Council agreed to consider it. The Council voted on the decision to donate and o a 4 to 3 vote It was agreed to donate £25.

### **130/21 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

#### **New Planning Applications**

21/02282/FUL Plum Patch Cottage, 7 Star Lane. Construction of a 2-bedroom earth sheltered dwelling.

Approved

21/03419/FUL – 24 Point Road – Replacement windows and doors. - Approved

### **131/21 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Decisions**

21/02682/FUL 27 Sandford Leaze – First floor side/front extension – Permitted

21/00679/FUL – 23 Tetbury Hill – Formation of lean-to roof over garage and erection of porch - Permitted.

21/02257/Comply – 25 High Street – Compliance of condition, render. – Permitted

21/02145/LBC Norn House, Nags Head, Retrospective replacement of roof tiles – Permitted.

21/02306/TCONR – 9 High Street – Fell Cyprus Tree – Permitted.

### **132/21 ANY OTHER NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**

None

### **133/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

NALC Newsletter

NALC Events

NALC Future Communities

SLCC AGM 12 Oct

CPRE Stone Style Project reminder

CDC Covid – Business matters

Public Executive – Climate Change Crisis  
NALC Chief Exec Bulletin  
GCC Covid Update  
Parish Online newsletter  
Preparation for Remembrance 2021  
Joe Harris CDC – planning

### **134/21 COUNILLORS**

- i. Cllr Bendall reported that he had applied for Avening to be used on the New Monopoly Cotswold game. He has sent in the nomination and a precis of the village history.
- ii. Cllr Hamilton reported that the Church fete, although a great success had not been as profitable as previous years.
- iii. Cllr Mulligan asked if it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to send a letter of gratitude to Rev'd Gerald South, thanking him for his contribution to the village during his tenure. This was agreed.
- iv. Cllr Slater said that the Council are paying for mailboxes that Councillors are not using. Some Councillors prefer to use their own private email. The Clerk made them aware that by using personal email for council business that if a FOI is requested by a member of the public their personal emails may be placed in the public domain.

### **135/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCILLORS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**AVENING PARISH COUNCIL**

**Improved rail services could be on the way for Gloucestershire.**

Gloucestershire could benefit from several improvements to rail services, according to recent findings of a Network Rail study.

In addition to supporting planned housing and employment growth in the county, the improvements would also reduce car emissions and contribute towards the council's carbon reduction targets.

The report outlines new infrastructure and rail services that are needed on the route between Bristol and Birmingham.

The recommendations in Network Rail's report include

- A metro-style service between Gloucester and Bristol, which will initially provide two trains per hour as part of the committed MetroWest service improvements and then four trains per hour under Network Rail's proposals.
- An additional Swindon to Gloucester/Cheltenham service.

**Working for a 'Greener Gloucestershire'**

Organisations in Gloucestershire are joining forces in the lead up to COP26, the international climate change conference. The Greener Gloucestershire collaboration will shine a spotlight on the work across the county tackling climate change.

Over the coming weeks, 'Greener Gloucestershire' will promote the positive work of councils, the police NHS, and other partners across the county, whilst raising awareness of how resident's businesses and communities can cut carbon emissions and support the fight against climate change. Find out more about the different projects by heading to the website and follow #GreenerGloucestershire on social media. You can also sign up to receive the new 'Greener Gloucestershire' newsletter, to keep up to date on local activity, as well as to receive hints and tips on you can reduce carbon emissions and to take action to protect the future of our environment.

COP26 takes place in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November. For more information on COP26 visit [ukcop26.org](http://ukcop26.org)

**New Innovation Lab to be launched by Gloucestershire Libraries.**

Gloucestershire Libraries are set to unveil the latest in a growing network of 'Innovation Labs' across the county. New 'lab' space will be opened at Gloucester Library later this month with the latest digital design equipment and technical expertise available to boost skills and support employment.

From Tuesday 28 September Gloucester will be the second library in the county to have dedicated space to offer access to creative technology and training in digital skills, following the launch of the first innovation Lab in Coleford in July 2019.

This creative, community space offers access to advance technology, including virtual reality headsets, 3D modelling and printing and a digital design studio plus an experienced technician to advise, train and inspire.

**\*The Greener Gloucestershire Project Update\***

As part of the Greener Gloucestershire project, Gloucestershire County Council have also launched new [climate change web pages](#), providing information specific to their organisation. This includes county council actions and future plans, plus stacks of information about how you can help fight against climate change from your own home. These pages will be continually updated over the coming months as projects progress.

Following our social media channels for more updates, news, and information, you can find Facebook [@GloucestershireCountyCouncil](#), Twitter [@GlosCC](#) and Instagram [@gloucestershireshirecc](#).

