

## Avening Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 7.30 pm Via Zoom.

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Baker (Clerk), Cllr Hirst - GCC, Cllr Morgan – CDC

**VISITORS:** None

**69/21 CHAIRMANS INTRODUCTION** – Cllr Mulligan reported that he had now taken over the role of Chairman and thanked Cllr Slater for his work as Chair.

**70/21 SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE** – Cllr Mulligan and Cllr Bendall signed the acceptance of office for Chairman, and Vice Chairman.

**71/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No public present

**72/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr C. Forster, Cllr S Hamilton- Holiday

### **73/21 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater – agenda item 10.3

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

### **74/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 May 2021.**

- None. The minutes of the Zoom meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.
- None. The minutes of the Zoom AGM held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **75/21 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

#### Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall Management will be holding a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Cllr Mulligan reported that the lease was being reviewed by a solicitor. He has been informed that the lease is an ecclesiastical lease which the solicitor wishes to investigate further. Cllr Bendall said there is increasing interest in hall hire, but reopening will need to be delayed further in line with restrictions.
- ii. Playing Fields Update – Cllr King reported that the consultation with the community has showed that the zip wire project is well supported, but different age groups have other age-appropriate requests. 6 ash trees have been identified as suffering Ash-Dieback. These trees need to be removed before they become a hazard. Cllr Hirst said he would investigate if County Council would be able to remove them. The Clerk said she has been contacted by GCC asking if more whips would be required for November planting. Cllr King requested another r 150 whips to in-fill the gaps in the previous planting. It has been requested that an additional gate be installed as children are able to run into the road. This was agreed. The springs on the other gates also need attention/repair. This was highlighted in the Rospa report.

Cllr Hetterley reported that the fundraising was just £48 short, which he was sure would be achieved. The school were very helpful emailing parents requesting support. CDC also pledged £2,000 putting the target in sight.

Cllr Hetterley said an alternative quote has been received but expressed concern that using it would break the Spacehive rules for funding. He had contacted Spacehive and CDC for clarification. Cllr Mulligan said it was such a significant difference that the alternative needed to be explored fully, ensuring all the safety requirements would be met. Any funding remaining could be used to purchase additional playground equipment.

Cllr Slater said when choosing a contractor, the lead time would be vital. Ideally the zipwire needs to be installed in time for the school summer holidays.

Cllr Hetterly asked the council for a commitment to fund a new bench for the playground. Approximately £300. This was agreed.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Hetterley for his commitment to the zipwire project.

## **76/21 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Slater reported that he is meeting with highways to discuss the positioning of signage at Westend.

Cllr Mulligan said that the road closure times on the Nailsworth to Avening road had not been adhered to by the workmen. They had arrived and started work earlier than the signs stated causing more chaos in the area.

Cllr Mulligans also remarked that road closure signs did not say where exactly the closure started and finished, resulting in residents detouring unnecessarily. It would be helpful if the area of closure could be sign posted on such a long and busy road.

Following the removal of ash trees at Sunground, the footpath needs attention.

The Clerk said she had received a report of a bridleway being ploughed up and no suitable alternative route put in place. This has been reported to Highways with photos as reference.

## **77/21 POLICE REPORT**

The Police report was unavailable. Cllr Morgan will contact the Crime Commissioner to ask why the Council no longer receives the report.

## **78/21 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT-** Cllr Hirst reported that £3.7 million investment for 12 newer, greener fire engines over the next 3 years.

The Council will benefit from 2.6 million of Government funding for adult and community learning in the county.

The Southwest has passed the first assessment for the plans to host the UK's first prototype fusion energy plant.

The preferred option for M5 junction 10 upgrades has been announced. It will have slip roads both north & south.

The Cotswold Show has been postponed until 14 – 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## **79/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan expressed his concern regarding the changes to the planning process. It has agreed by CDC that the Chairperson makes the decision what planning applications go to full planning and what goes to delegation. Cllr Morgan felt that this was not democratic and asked for the Parish Councils support. The Clerk said she had received a letter from the Clerk at Quenington Parish Council, requesting the PC add their name to a letter objecting to the planning process. The Parish Council agreed to add their support. The Clerk will inform Quenington to add Avening PC to the letter of objection.

## **80/21 FINANCE**

### **Finance Report up to 28 February 2021.**

- i. The Statement of the Financial Year end 2021 was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed.
- ii. The finance report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
- iii. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.

## **81/21 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

- i. Consider Annual Governance – The Parish Council reviewed the annual governance
- ii. Approve Annual Governance – The Council unanimously approved the statement and was signed by the Chairman.

## **82/21 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT**

- i. Consider Annual Accounting Statement – The Parish Council reviewed the annual accounting statement.
- ii. Approve the Accounting Statement – It was resolved to approve the accounting statement and was signed by the Chairman.

**83/21 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS****New Planning Applications**

21/02145/LBC – Norn House, Nags Head Lane – Retrospective application for replacement windows. - The Parish Council have no objections

21/02014/Comply – Herons Mead, West End – Compliance of Conditions 3 – Details of Steps.

4 – Repointing Walls, 5 – Wall & Roof Materials. - The Parish Council have no objections

**84/21 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE****Decisions**

21/01723/Nonmat – West End Cottage 0 Enlarge Opening and install folding doors – Permitted

21/01384/TCONR – Pollard Weeping Willow – Permitted.

21/00640/Comply – Barn at Owl House – Compliance of condition 4 -External Lighting, 5 - Bat Roosting Features. – Permitted

**85/21 ANY OTHER NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**

21/02281/FUL – Land West of Avening House – Conversion of barn to dwelling. The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed plan. The Parish Council feel that it has been a development by stealth. It is in an inappropriate position for a dwelling and unnecessarily expanding the development area. It has also not been empty long enough to meet the current legislation for change.

**86/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence – May / June 2021

Ash Dieback replanting

NALC National Exec Bulletin

GCC Covid Update

GCC Councils connected

Online training forum – Free mindfulness course.

GAPTC –

Ben Rambaut – Quenington PC – Letter of complaint regarding planning.

Email from anonymous resident regarding vandalism in the playground.

Testing locations

Rural Housing – Online session 8<sup>th</sup> July

Public Sector Executive – Understanding skill sets for the future

Keep Britain Tidy - British Spring Clean

CPRE Annual Review

GRCC Community & Well Being

**87/21 COUNILLORS**

- i. Cllr Slater said he wanted to make the council aware that had been approached by a resident who believes that someone has been poisoning squirrels. The council agreed there was little that could be done without evidence.
- ii. It was suggested that CCTV cameras were installed at the playpark. This may deter the vandals and people not cleaning up after their dogs. This will be investigated further.
- iii. Cllr Mulligan asked the Council to consider options to celebrate the Jubilee in 2022. This also coincides with the 100-year anniversary of the hall. Cllr Slater said that individual organisations are also considering options to celebrate.

**88/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.