

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7.30 pm Via Zoom

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

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk)

123/20 VISITORS: None

124/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - None

125/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE --None

126/20 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

127/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 August 2020

Minutes

- The minutes of the Zoom meeting held August 19th, 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

128/20 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

- i. A meeting was held to discuss the future of the Memorial Hall. It was agreed to hold a socially distanced AGM with the intention of forming a new committee. It was agreed to hold the meeting during the half term week to keep the hall Covid secure for the school.
It was agreed that the current lease of the hall to GCC needed to be reviewed and updated. Cllr Slater has contacted GCC to discuss the lease, and the account manager was receptive to a review.
The commercial kitchen which is solely for the use of the school is incurring high electricity bills. The Clerk will attempt to access the accounts for the hall, to establish the running costs.
Cllr Slater will investigate if any grants are available to cover the Covid shutdown. Cllr Morgan said he was currently making enquiries to CDC on behalf of another Parish, but he felt the window to apply was now closed.
The contract for inspecting the fire extinguishers was questioned. The inspection is overdue due to Covid. Cllr Bendall will check with the school if they have a contract for inspection.
- ii. Cllr Slater has received nominations for villager of the year and votes have been cast. The winners are Clare Bebbington for setting up and organising the Covid support group and producing the newsletter. The Youth category was won by Benedict Garlick, for his fundraising activities towards his trip to Borneo. Junior Category winner is Beatrice Hatt, for her efforts in keeping the village spirit up and providing home made goods during Covid. All nominees and winners will be recognised in the Villager.
- iii. Cllr Slater said he had been contacted by Jennie South asking if the Parish Council would support the planting of winter hanging baskets at an approximate cost of £175. The Parish Council agreed the summer planting was very popular, but that they did not think a winter planting was a good use of Council funds at this time.
- iv. The Clerk reported that the Princess Ann has agreed to donate a Christmas tree to the parish.
- v. Dr Phoebe Carter has been successful in applying for a grant from Future Trees for the community orchard planned on the playing field. Phoebe has asked if the Parish Council would add the proposed new footpaths created to its mowing list. It was agreed that if the paths were wide enough it would be easily added to the schedule.
- vi. Cllr Mulligan reported that a resident has offered to cut the playing field for free. This generous offer was considered, but it was felt that it would result in problems with public liability insurance.

- vii. Cllr Slater said that there was still a problem with the stream losing its level. It was noted that a new channel had been cut into the rocks at Cherrington Lake and possibly the cause of the water loss as the stone is very porous. It has been reported to the Environment Agency, and a letter sent to the estate manager about the works and subsequent burning of the wet wood.
- viii. Cllr Hetterly reported that he had contacted 5 contractors for quotes for the zip wire project. The cheapest to date was £9,300 including safety matting. A resident asked for the position of the wire to be considered. Cllr Hetterly has requested quotes for two positions.

129/20 Traffic and Highways

- i. The Highways report was noted.
Highways are highly active in the area, and some of the signage regarding road closures are inaccurate. This has been reported.

130/20 Finance

Finance Report up to 31st August 2020

- i. The finance report was circulated.
- ii. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
- iii. The Clerk confirmed that the £500 grant from Calor for the zip wire project has been received and deposited into the account ring fencing the donation.
- iv. NALC have issued notification of a National pay increase for Clerks backdated to April 1st, 2020. This will be an increase for the current Clerk of £0.56p per hour. The back dated pay increase due to the Clerk is £92.88. This was agreed and will be added to the payment schedule.
- v. NALC National payment for home office use has also increased to £6.00 per week.

131/20 Police Report

The Police report was unavailable. The Clerk invited the new Local Policing Area Superintendent to attend the meeting but had not received a response.

PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

- 20/02952/Ful – 18 Sanford Leaze – Rear Elevation Flat Roof Dormer- No Objections
- 20/01824/FUL – Longtree Barn – Conversion of Barn into one dwelling – No Objections
- 19/00725/OUT – Tetbury Hill House - Construction of 2 new dwellings (outstanding matters) – No comments

132/20 Tree Works - None

133/20 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence

Decisions

- 20/02512/FUL/20/02513/LBC – Norn House, 12 Nags Head Lane – Removal of existing utility room extension and replace with utility room and cloakroom. - Approved
- 20/02511/LBC Norn House, 12 nags Head - Removal of wall separating kitchen and breakfast room. – Refused
- 20/02392/TCONR - Old Post Office, Point Road – Fell previously coppiced Horn Beam. - Permitted
- 20/002696/TCONR – Filed Cottage, 9 Mays Lane - Reduce Horse Chestnut. - Permitted
- 20/02679/TCONR 1 Pound Hill – Fell Cypress and Soboria trees to allow more light. - Permitted

134/20 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda

20/02999/FUL - Tallet Barn – Amendment Erection of 1st Floor Extension – No comment

135/20 CORRESPONDENCE

NALC Bulletin

CDC Covid update

GCC Covid Update

CPRE Newsletter

CDC Climate Action Plan Workshop 10th October

Changes to Local Policing

CPRE – Tree Planting Funding Extended 2021

Confirmation of Christmas Tree Donation – Gatcombe Estate

GCC – Glos Day 21st September

GAPTC – NALC Pay scale 20/21

WAG Compliance Reminder

Weekly Covid Testing Centres

Cotswold AONB Name Change to Cotswolds National Landscape

136/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hirst reported Covid 19 cases were expected to rise during the coming months. GCC were preparing for a spike mid-October. Although cases were rising in Gloucestershire, deaths from the infection were remaining stable.

Ash Die back was causing concern in the county. An estimated 27,000- 32,000 trees in the county will require attention over the coming years.

A wide scale tree planting programme is being developed as part of the County Council's climate change strategy.

137/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Morgan reported that council had been very quiet over the summer, but a major meeting was scheduled covering the community and environment strategy.

Stroud, Cheltenham, and Cotswolds are being considered for a unitary authority. Cllr Morgan is interested in the concerns of the parishes. The detail will be in the white paper not yet published.

Cllr King said that he was happy to participate in a group of like-minded Parishes who share their frustrations with the planning policies.

137/20 COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hamilton reported that she had received complaints regarding overgrown vegetation on footpaths and pavements. The Clerk will flag this in her report for the Villager.

Cllr King said that the village should consider the community response should the Covid outbreak take hold again resulting in a second lockdown. This was agreed and a meeting will be set up.

Cllr Forster reported that the infection was increasing in his place of work and that a nationwide spike was expected.

Cllr Bendall reported that he had been selected for the NHS Imperial College testing scheme, of which he is happy to participate in.

Cllr Mulligan reported that the Dog Fouling signs have been removed from the playground. Cllr Slater will request new signs from CDC.

138/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7.30pm Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm