

## Avening Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr A Slater, Cllr C. Howell, Cllr R King, Cllr D Bendall,  
Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Forster. Cllr G Parsons, Cllr Morgan (CDC)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

**VISITORS:** Richard Young – Vice Chair School Governor.

**01/22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –** Richard Young asked the Parish Council to consider installing an air ventilation system in the main hall. The school has been provided with two domestic Dyson units. One of which is used in the Chamberlain room. Mr Young said that the hall would be a safer and more usable space by the community if the units were installed. It would take 4/5 domestic units for the size of the hall. Industrial units may be a better choice. Cllr King asked if opening the windows may be a solution to create the necessary air changes. Mr Young said that this can be monitored by purchasing CO2 monitors. Cllr Bendall was asked to research the equipment and report to the Hall Trustees at the Memorial Hall AGM.

**02/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE –** Cllr Stephen Hirst

#### **03/22 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

**04/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 October 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held 17 November 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### **05/22 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

##### Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall – Cllr Bendall reported that he had received bookings for children's parties. The WI and Silver Band were now regular bookings, and the Cinema Club was starting next week.
- ii. Playing Fields Update  
Cllr Hetterley will carry out the play equipment inspection. It has been noted that the swing ropes are showing some wear and tear. Cllr Mulligan will ask the contractor installing the new equipment to repair/replace them.  
There has been a delay in the installation of the play equipment. The contractor agreed to install it ASAP. Cllr King said he has some prices for gym equipment, but further quotes before the Parish Council can decide.
- iii. Cllr Mulligan met with the representative of the contractor for the new affordable housing. The ownership of the tree's, needing removal was agreed. It was also agreed that the contractor will also remove the diseased Ash trees owned by the Parish Council. The Council will then be cross charged for this work.
- iv. Jubilee Oak Trees  
Two trees have been delivered. Kindly donated by The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire. It was agreed to plant on in the Playing Field and offer the other to the school.
- v. impact of BT Change to Digital Voice.  
The Clerk was contacted by a resident concerned about the impact of this change, expressing concern that a power cut will leave residents unable to charge their phones and not be able to contact emergency services. The Council discussed the possibilities, and it was felt that a communal charging pack was not an option. Residents would need to purchase their own.
- vi. Communal Renewable Energy Solution.  
Following contact from a resident asking if the Council could consider a communal renewable energy solution. The Council discussed the topic. It was agreed that the poor flow of the stream

and being in a valley did not make it an easy option and until technology improves and costs reduce, it was not something the Council could consider.

vii. **Blocked Footpath**

The Clerk reported that a complaint has been received regarding a blocked footpath. A visitor tried to walk the footpath that had been previously walked in 2008, near Start Farm. The Council looked at the path on a map. Cllr Slater said it had been blocked for some time and he would update the footpath map.

**06/22 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

The Highways Report was noted. Cllr Mulligan said his meeting with Highways had been postponed, but he would bring show the Highways officer the issues.

**07/22 POLICE REPORT**

The Police report was unavailable.

**08/22 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT-** Cllr Hirst sent his apologies.

**09/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan presented his report. He explained that the District Councils intention to cross charge all Parish Councils for parish and district elections. There is also a proposal to charge Parish Councils for the emptying of dog waste bins.

The Parish Council asked Cllr Morgan if he was aware of any Parish making a stand against this additional levy? Cllr Morgan said he was not aware of any. The Clerk was instructed to email the Parishes in the district to ask the question.

**10/22 FINANCE**

**Finance Report up to 31 October 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. The proposed budget for 2022/23 was distributed. The Parish Council are aware that there will be pressure on the finances in the coming year but following the district councils plan to charge for elections and the need to remove a number of Ash trees at the Playing field, it was estimated the council should request £41,000 precept. This was proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Slater. The Council unanimously agreed but acknowledged that the increase in inflation and the pressures this put on lower income families was cause for concern. Although the precept percentage sounded high, it only made up a small amount of the total council tax bill.

**11/22 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

**New Planning Applications**

21/04556/FUL - 1 Powis Lane – Proposed Side Extension. – No Objections

22/00056/TPO -The Coach House, High Street – Reduce Beech Tree, Reduce Horse Chestnut -No Objections.

20/03727/FUL - Alterations to outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation to existing private dwelling house. – No Objections

**12/22 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

**Decisions**

21/04146/TCONR 1 Pike House Mews, High Street – T1 Willow, reduce to 10m to maintain health of tree. T2 Laurel Bush – Cut back. – Permitted

21/03628/COMPLY - Brook House Hampton Hill. Compliance of condition 2 (window detail) re permissions

20/00887/FUL and 20/00888/LBC - Alteration to existing window/door openings, internal alterations, and repairs to garden walls (part retrospective) - Permitted

Compliance of condition 2 (design and details of windows and doors) of planning permissions  
20/00887/FUL & 20/00888/LBC - Alteration to existing window/door openings and repairs to garden walls  
(part retrospective) – Permitted

21/03535/FUL – Barn to the East of Owl House – 19 West End -Change of use from agricultural land to  
residential and erection of carport. – Application Refused.

### **13/22 ANY OTHER NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**

20/03727/FUL - Norn House, Nags Head - Alterations to outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation to  
existing private dwelling house. – No Objections

### **14/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

NALC Update – Open Letter from Chief Exec

CDC Cotswold Roundup re by election

Election Charges Update

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin

GRCC Newsbites

GCC Councils Connected

CDC Meeting dates

GPFA Annual Report

CDC Recharge Estimates

Janice Hooper – Speed Signs on Hampton Hill

GCC Covid Update

CDC – Cotswold Roundup - How to tackle Floods this winter

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin

SLCC Coming year

NALC Events

CDC - Parish Council Engagement Meeting – Election Costs

### **15/22 COUNILLORS**

- i. Cllr Mulligan reported that he was still trying to get an estimate for the hall roof.
- ii. Cllr Hetterley requested that the Queens Jubilee was added as an agenda item for the next meeting. Various organisations are making plans, it would be ideal to co-ordinate these activities. It was suggested that a meeting was organised to discuss the plans. It was agreed that this should be held during on a Café morning where most organisations are represented.
- iii. Cllr Parsons reported fly tipping of garden waste between Star Farm and the electric station.
- iv. The Clerk was requested to send a letter to Princess Anne thanking her for the donation of a tree.

### **16/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

