

## Avening Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 April 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 G Parsons, Cllr Forster. Cllr S. Hirst.

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

**VISITORS:** None

**51/22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –** No members of the public present.

**52/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE –** Cllr Morgan (CDC) (Family Emergency)

#### **53/22 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

#### **54/22 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 March 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held 16 March 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record with a minor amendment – Cllr Bendall was minuted as present and absent. Present was deleted.

#### **55/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 March 2022.**

#### **56/22 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

##### Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall – Bookings for parties are increasing. The Clerk agreed to find prices of village hall bookings in Uley.
- ii. Playing Fields Update  
Cllr hetterley said CDC organised a photo shoot to publicise the fund raising as a grant had been received towards the zip wire.
- iii. The slide has been installed and is being well used.
- iv. A thank you to Ian McDonald , who kindly fixed the vandalised bench.
- v. Cllr Mulligan reported the refurbishment of the goal posts was nearing completion.
- vi. Cllr King said he had received contact details of the company who installed Tetbury outdoor gym. He will follow it up.
- vii. Most of the tree whips donated by GCC have been planted. There are a few remaining.
- viii. It was agreed that Quercus be contacted to remove the Ash trees in the playing filed as the Canal Trust had prioritised other work and were unable take the trees down in a timely manner.
- ix. Cllr Mulligan was still waiting for a call from Western Power to agree the timings of the electrical installation in the park.

#### **57/22 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

- i. The updated Traffic report to Highways was distributed.
- ii. Cllr Parsons reported that there were lots of potholes at Greenway Head and Star Lane
- iii. Cllr Mulligan said the white lines and cats eyes on the way to Nailsworth were ion the schedule to be made more central.
- iv. The drain clearing lorry had been seen in the area.
- v. Cllr Howell has received complaints regarding the parking on both sides of the road at school pick up. It was agreed that the school should speak to parents first before any further action was taken. Cllr Howell will contact the school
- vi. The Queens Jubilee – The Parish Council were not aware of any celebrations at this stage.
- vii. Date of Annual Meeting (AGM) The 11<sup>th</sup> May was agreed followed by the usual Parish meeting.

- viii. Date for the Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed to hold the meeting in the Café on the 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. It was felt that this is the venue most villagers attend.
- ix. Memorial Hall Commemoration Arrangements – It was agreed to co-ordinate this with the Remembrance Day service on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **41/22 POLICE REPORT**

The Police report was unavailable

#### **42/22 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Hirst distributed his report (attached)

#### **43/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan sent his apologies, but distributed his report prior to the meeting (attached)

#### **44/22 FINANCE**

##### **Finance Report up to date**

- 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 Hetterley said that the budget going into the new financial year showed a balance of £80k a large proportion of this is ringfenced for village projects including the playing field and the memorial hall.
- iv. The Council agreed to engage the internal auditor Judy Smith, who is an experienced bookkeeper from Cirencester and has carried out the internal audit on behalf of the Village for a number of years.
- v. **Application for grants** – two applications have been received.  
Printing costs for the villager Magazine - £1200 – Agreed  
Churchyard Maintenance - £1250 Agreed  
These grants will be paid on receipt of the precept at the end of the month.
- vi. Cllr Hamilton reported that the youth club would restart with the Door supplying the staff. It was agreed that the PC would cover the cost of the hall hire.

#### **45/22 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

##### **New Planning Applications**

22/01020/FUL 1 Hampton Hill – Replacement of all doors and windows. – Approved

#### **46/22 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Decisions**

22/00803/AGFO – Farm Buildings, Mays Lane. – Prior notification for the construction of an agriculture storage building. – Approved

22/00417/COMPLY – Longfords Mill – Compliance with condition 13(water course protection plan) re 19/00276/FUL. – Approved

#### **47/22 ANY OTHER NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**

22/01210/FUL – 9 Spinners Cottage. Longford Mill – Replacement of ground floor kitchen window and lintel with aluminium bifold doors – Approved

22/00516/FUL – 18 Star Lane, Proposed extension of existing garage to form double garage and ancillary accommodation – Approved

22/01007/AGFO – Star Farm, Star Lane – Erection of agriculture storage building. Approved

#### **48/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that Ben Rambaut of Quenington Parish Council had met with Rob Weaver, some planners and a lawyer, Parish councillors and Sir Geoffrey Clifton- Brown to discuss the planning issue that the district have encountered. It is hoped that this will lead to a more democratic process. Mr Rambaut and the Parish Councillors present have been asked to put forward some proposals to make the process clearer and more inclusive of the

Parish Council. And CDC will do likewise. The Clerk said that Cllr Rambault has been focused on getting the opinions of the Parish Council taken into account regarding local planning issues.

Other Correspondence

Info@ Talk – Engaging on Climate Change

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin x 5

Parish Online Newsletter

Sport & Play Consultants- Guiding Councils Through Play

VAT Refund Confirmation

NLAC Events – Levelling up communities

**49/22 COUNILLORS**

None

**50/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the AGM held on Wednesday 11 May at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Meeting at 7.30 In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

**Ward Report – Cotswold District Council – April 2022**

**Grumbolds Ash with Avening**

**CLLr Richard Morgan – [richard.morgan@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:richard.morgan@cotswold.gov.uk)**

**Budget 2022/23**

Council tax increased by £5 (max allowed)

Green Bin licences increased to £47 each. An additional income of £264,000 will be generated from charges on a full cost recovery basis.

On top of last year's 30% increase, a further 5% increase in car park fees and charges, including scrapping Free after 3. It is estimated income will increase by £300,000, although there is no meaningful data to validate this, as obviously no tickets were bought.

Free after 3 parking ended in Cotswold District on 4 April

£360,000 investment to improve the council-owned gyms in the Cotswolds. Money to be spent in Cirencester, Bourton-on-the-water, and Chipping Campden leisure centres.

**Refresh of investment strategy**

On 4 April 2022, the CDC Cabinet voted to adopt the Capital Programme Investment Strategy, to borrow £75 million for investments to deliver green infrastructure that will have a positive impact on the climate emergency declaration.

<https://meetings.cotswold.gov.uk/documents/s4996/Cotswold%20draft%202022%20investment%20strategy%20cover%20report.pdf>

Investment is profiled as £35 million in 2022/23, £20 million in 2023/24 and £20 million in 2024/25.

**Community Governance Review**

A proposal has been put forward by Westonbirt-with-Lasborough Parish Council to redraw the boundary line between them and Shipton Moyne/Tetbury Upton. However, there is considerable opposition to the proposal with only 1 or 2 households agreeing with the change. The next step of the process is for a report to go to May Full Council to decide on the proposal.

**New Farm Shop**

A new farm shop has opened its doors in Grumbolds Ash! The shop is located at Bennetts Farm, just outside Leighterton at the postcode GL8 8UP.

**Forthcoming Meetings, Decisions and Events**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Tuesday 26th April 2022 4.00 pm

Audit Committee – Thursday 28th April 2022 4.00 pm

Cabinet – Monday 9th May 2022 6pm

Planning – Wednesday 11 May 2022 10am

Full council (AGM) – Wednesday 25 May 2022 2.00 pm

**Town and Parish Forums**

Two further Town and Parish Forums were held in March, this time focussing on the local plan. The next event will be held for Clerks on the 26th of April at the Westwoods Centre in Northleach. Further details will be sent to Clerks directly. If anyone has any suggestions for future events, please email [ana.prelici@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:ana.prelici@cotswold.gov.uk)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILMONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2022AVENING PARISH COUNCILBUDGETS

The County Council part of the Council Tax was pegged at a 2.99% increase, 1% of that being ring fenced for Adult Social Care Hopefully considered to be an acceptable increase given the emerging inflation figures. This was probably the most positive funding-settlement from central government for a generation. This enables Adult Social Care and Children's Services Budgets to have realistic increases in funding giving the demographic pressures on both those services of around 10% growth per annum. Government was also true to its word and fully funded the additional costs due to Covid.

We are also investing more money into highways maintenance, fixing potholes and highway safety schemes, including a £30,000 a year Highways Local Fund at the discretion of your local county councillor.

A new four- year Capital programme has also been confirmed of £100 million into road resurfacing schemes, £145 million into new schools and refurbishment across the county and further investment in cycle routes and drainage schemes.

More excellent news locally, that the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be retained within GCC and not hived off to the Police. This adds significant protection to both Nailsworth and Tetbury Fire Stations.

HIGHWAYS.

Can I please thank everyone for their continued patience when it comes to local roadworks. Temporary Traffic Lights can be very frustrating, but, ultimately, are necessary as we continue the major task of rebuilding and enhancing our local infrastructure – whether it be our roads, electric, water or gas supplies, upgrading of broadband or cycle routes. Locally I am delighted that the County Council has completed the resurfacing of the road to Nailsworth and the major roads in the Tetbury area.

GRANTS

I'm pleased to have been able to secure grants recently from Gloucestershire County Council under the 'Build Back Better' grant schemes. I have access to small amounts of grant money for local, community projects. Please get in touch if you think that I can help – I'm particularly keen to support activities for our young people.

FLOOD INFORMATION

The County Council website has recently been updated with a "Flood Guide". A "button" at the top of the home page on the GCC website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk) will take you through to comprehensive information about what to do if you are threatened by flood waters.

TOUR OF BRITAIN.

In September the "Tour of Britain" cycle race comes to Gloucestershire. We have both a Start and Finish stage in the Men's race as well as part of the Women's race coming through also.