

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 7.30 pm

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

VISITORS: None

101/22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Margaret Nugent

102/22 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Forster – Holiday Cllr Howell – Illness, District Cllr Morgan – Previous Engagement

103/22 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

104/22 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 June 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held 13 June 2022

The minutes were signed as a true record.

105/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 June 2022.

The Clerk presented quotes for the 20 is plenty lamppost signs. It was agreed to identify suitable locations of the signs before purchase. It was agreed to apply to GCC for wheelie bib 20 is plenty signs.

106/22 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall – Cllr Mulligan met with GCC Haley Fearnley and Headmistress Jane Rushton. Ms Fearnley agreed to investigate the contractor who carried out the substandard renovation of the roof on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council. Ms Fearnley will respond within two weeks.
- ii. The neighbour's wall has been highlighted as a safety issue. Cllr Mulligan will write to the homeowner requesting immediate repair.
- iii. The redecoration is due to start on 19th July. Cllr Mulligan will contact the contractor to request an earlier start due to a hall booking.
- iv. Cllr Mulligan is waiting for a quote for the toilet roof. Once the roof has been repaired the toilets can be refurbished. Cllr Mulligan will circulate the quotes for an online agreement to progress the project ASAP.
- v. Cllr Mulligan is meeting with the electricians to discuss the quote for partial rewiring.
- vi. The electricians attended site to review the wiring. They have recommended changing the meters along with some fuse box upgrade. This was agreed.
- vii. Cllrs Mulligan and Hetterley will meet to progress the County Council grant application requesting £5k towards the Memorial Hall refurbishment project.
- viii. The Clerk will investigate if the Parish Council or Memorial Hall Committee received a donation from the WI towards a hearing loop. This would be a historic donation.

Playing Fields Update

- I. The main cost of replacing the main gate to the playing field is approx. £350. This expenditure was agreed.
- II. Cllr King requested authorisation to purchase Chin-Up fitness equipment at the approx. cost of £1,000 including installation. This was agreed.
- III. Play Gloucestershire will be using the playing field 12th and 19th August – The Clerk will speak to the contractor to ask him not to mow on those days.

Play Gloucestershire need access through the middle gate. They have requested toilet access for the staff. They will be given the code for the Memorial Hall.

Cost of Living Crisis

Cllr King investigated the installation of a community fridge. Following conversation with Tetbury Town Council it appears to be more complicated than initially thought. Tetbury Town Council were able to establish a Community Fridge by receiving two donated fridges and a grant for a storage shed. They also receive most of their food from local businesses which guarantees supply. Cllr King will continue to investigate the possibilities.

107/22 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

- I. The updated Traffic report to Highways was distributed.
- II. It was requested that the Clerk contact Highways to deal with the following:
The clearing and digging out of the stream. Cllr Slater said he is still updating the Environment Agency as to the level and flow of water.
- III. Following the ploughing of a popular footpath, walkers are now forced to walk along the road on Star Lane. This is proving hazardous. Particularly on the bend to the right by the Pill Box. The Clerk will ask Highways to install signs warning of walkers and children in the road.
- IV. The Clerk will ask for an update to the misaligned white lines on the Nailsworth Road.

108/22 FINANCE

- I. The Council agreed the finance report distributed prior to the meeting.
- II. The Payments were approved.
- III. It was agreed to hold a finance meeting in September.

109/22 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

22/02044/LBC and 22/02043/FUL 18 Woodstock Lane- Erection single storey extension, internal alterations and relocation of rooflight and new frame- Support. A report from Highways is requested to ensure safety is prioritised regarding the movement and storage of building materials.

Decision Notices

22/01675/FUL - 12 Spinners Cottages Longfords Mill. - Replace existing ground floor rear door and windows with double door and folding door unit - Permitted

22/01612/FUL -The Queen Matilda Tavern - Installation of replacement windows -Permitted

22/01548/FUL - 20 Sandford Leaze - Erection of first floor extension and porch (amendment to previously approved scheme - 21/02403/FUL)- Permitted

22/01020/FUL - 1 Hampton Hill - Replacement of all windows and front door – Permitted

Cllr King reported that following a conversation with the planning officer he has discovered that planning applications have been stalled due to a ruling from Natural England that no planning decision can be given on projects that could potentially increase the visitors to the beach wood. They have decided that the beach wood at Cranham must be protected by a 15.4 km boundary. Any planning application within this boundary must have a Risk and Impact assessment.

110/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Report unavailable

111/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Report unavailable

112/22 CORRESPONDENCE

SLCC Membership Bulletin

NALC Exec –

CDC Town Parish Forum

Glos Wildlife Trust – Connect with nature
 NALC - How to review neighbourhood planning
 PSE Online – Public service day
 Jardine Graham, - Free survey for solar panels
 Public Sector Executive – Cyber security virtual event
 NALC – Levelling Up Bill
 NALC – Giving local councils more of a say on housing
 GAPTC AGM – 23 July
 Cirencester Co- Housing building project
 Public Service Exec – Integrated Care System

113/22 COUNILLORS

- I. Cllr King said the Ukrainian evening was very successful and requested Cllr Mulligan thanked the village in his Chairmans report in the Villager Newsletter.
- II. Cllr Parson asked why Highways were not cutting the verges. She was informed that only junctions were being cut and that Highways justified the policy as being greener. Cllr Parsons remarked that more wildlife was being run over as a result of drivers not having a clear view when wildlife was crossing the roads.
- III. Cllr Hamilton asked the Council to sponsor the cost of the bouncy castle for the Church fete. The Council agreed to the payment up to £100
- IV. Cllr Bendall reported he had presented Mr Jim Hill a bottle of whiskey for his 90th birthday on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Hill has run the local brass band since he was very young. Cllr Mulligan agreed to reimburse Mr Bendall from the Chairmans Fund.
- V. Cllr Mulligan requested that the Parish Council did not meet during August. This was agreed

114/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

