

## Avening Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 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.

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

**VISITORS:** Mrs Jennie South

**136/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Mrs South asked the Parish Council to financially support the engagement of Play Gloucestershire (PG). It is a charitable organisation who provide play programmes for school age children. Mrs South explained that due to the remoteness of the village, anyone without a car finds the school holidays isolating. PG run single days and weeklong schemes. The cost is £500 per day. Once the PC show some support PG will check for vacant slots in their calendar for 2022. The PC voted on the proposal. And it was agreed on a 5 to 3 majority to commit to £1,000. If Mrs South can raise the remaining funds.

**137/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr G Parsons - Holiday

### **138/21 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

On advice from GAPTC Cllr Bendall and Cllr Mulligan, will update their declaration of interest forms as they are on the Memorial Hall management committee.

### **139/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 September 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held 15 September 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **140/21 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

#### Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall – Cllr Mulligan reported that he is beginning to collate a list of ownership of items stored in the hall. The table storage is currently a problem as it negates the hall being used for other activities. Cllr Mulligan also proposed that a professional survey of the roof is carried out to establish the true condition and the quality of tiles used when the roof was last overhauled. This will incur a fee. The PC agreed to the expenditure.  
The Hall now has free superfast broadband supplied by Gigaclear.

- ii. Playing Fields Update

Two new benches have been purchased.

Cllr Mulligan has received a quote for a slide and a roundabout at a cost of £6,800 + VAT. The PC agreed to this expenditure.

There have been reports again of dog fouling again. Residents are wary of reporting offenders to CDC. It was agreed if they report in confidence to the PC, the council will report on their behalf.

### **141/21 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

The Highways Report was noted.

Cllr Slater reported that the Environment agency were now carrying out a study with Wessex Water to investigate if water taken at source is the cause of the low flow in the stream.

### **142/21 POLICE REPORT**

There was one crime reported in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> September. An incident of violence – no further information was available.

**143/21 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT-** Cllr Hirst distributed his report(attached) prior to the meeting and invited questions. Cllr Hirst made the PC aware of Jubilee projects for 2022. The Clerk said that two Oaks have been requested for the Jubilee

#### **144/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Morgan reported that business at CDC was very quiet, with only one item on the agenda this month. He urged residents to complete the Budget Consultation.

#### **145/21 FINANCE**

##### **Finance Report up to 30 September 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 Clerk reported that she had not received a response from Sue Ryder Charity following their application last month for a Grant. The Clerk will attempt to contact them again.

#### **146/21 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

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

21/03386/LBC - Brook House, Hampton Hill – Alterations to existing access- PC Oppose

21/03367/FUL – Brook House, Hampton Hill – Erection of four bay detached garage block, alterations to existing access & entrance gates. – PC Oppose

21/03535/FUL – Barn to East of Owl House, 19 West End. – Change of use of land from agriculture to residential and erection of carport. – Statutory notice – No response required.

21/03695/FUL 5 Lawrence Road. – Proposed parking bay – PC Support

21/035504/TCONR – 29A High Street. Willow - remove 4 stems and pollard, Sycamore – reduce crown to 3 meters above ground level, 2 x Leylandii & Elder – Fell, Cherry Plum – reduce crown – PC Support

#### **147/21 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Decisions**

21/02403/FUL – 20 Sandford Leaze – Insertion of front dormer window & erection of porch - Approved.

21/03044/FUL – Proposed extension of existing garage to form double garage a double garage and ancillary accommodation. Refused

21/03047/TCONR Bannut Tree, New Inn. Spruce & Holly – Fell, Yew – Reduce to 4 meters, Yew - reduce to 8 meters. – No Objection.

#### **148/21 ANY OTHER NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**

21/03751/FUL - Court Farm Star Lane - Erection of a residential dwelling - PC Oppose

#### **149/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

NALC Newsletter

NALC Events

GAPTC advice on Trustees/Management

Resident – Unacceptable Stream levels

SLCC Newsletter

Eco Green Communities Newsletter

Public Executive Newsletter – Decarbonisation

PSN Jubilee Beacons 2 June

Playing Field Association AGM 16 November

Flood Meeting – Moreton in the Marsh 14.00 – 16.00 & Cirencester 10.30 – 12.30 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Sir Geoffrey – Live stream on Facebook.

CDC Budget Consultation.

Gloucestershire Food Survey –

Ash Dieback – Tree planting

CDC Covid – Business matters  
NALC Chief Exec Bulletin  
GCC Covid Update

**150/21 COUNILLORS**

- i. Cllr Hetterley said that the Film Club were looking for someone to take over the organisation. This is considered a valued asset for the community. He asked the PC to consider taking the lead on this.

**151/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCILLORS REPORT OCTOBER 2021  
AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

**Improved rail services could be on the way for Gloucestershire.**

Gloucestershire could benefit from several improvements to rail services, according to recent findings of a Network Rail study.

In addition to supporting planned housing and employment growth in the county, the improvements would also reduce car emissions and contribute towards the council's carbon reduction targets.

The report outlines new infrastructure and rail services that are needed on the route between Bristol and Birmingham.

The recommendations in Network Rail's report include

- A metro-style service between Gloucester and Bristol, which will initially provide two trains per hour as part of the committed MetroWest service improvements and then four trains per hour under Network Rail's proposals.
- An additional Swindon to Gloucester/Cheltenham service.

**Solar-powered Fire Engine trialled by Gloucester Fire and Rescue.**

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is taking steps to tackle climate change by installing a solar panel on one of its fire engines.

It is believed to be among the first Fire and Rescue Services in the country to undertake this type of trial on a fire engine, which aims to support the efforts being made in Gloucestershire to become carbon neutral.

**Green Initiative Traffic Signals Go Green.**

Working with our partner organisations, Gloucestershire Highways have upgraded a large proportion of the networks traffic signal equipment. LED lighting is making the traffic signal network greener. The LED lights are made of 100% recyclable materials making them more sustainable. With an average life span of approximately 50,000hours it means that replacements may not be needed for more than twenty years. There are also fewer faults which means less manufacturing and shipping, which also helps reduce the products carbon footprint.

**Working for a 'Greener Gloucestershire'**

Organisations in Gloucestershire are joining forces in the lead up to COP26, the international climate change conference. The Greener Gloucestershire collaboration will shine a spotlight on the work across the county tackling climate change.

Over the coming weeks, 'Greener Gloucestershire' will promote the positive work of councils, the police NHS and other partners across the county, whilst raising awareness of how resident's businesses and communities can cut carbon emissions and support the fight against climate change. Find out more about the different projects by heading to the website and follow #GreenerGloucestershire on social media. You can also sign up to receive the new 'Greener Gloucestershire' newsletter, to keep up to date on local activity, as well as to receive hints and tips on you can reduce carbon emissions and to take action to protect the future of our environment.

COP26 takes place in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November. For more information on COP26 visit [ukcop26.org](http://ukcop26.org)

**Do you know someone who goes into a care home for work.**

From 11 November, all care home workers and anyone entering a care home (other than family friends and essential care givers) will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID – 19, unless they are exempt under the regulations.

The new rule means that anyone entering a care home for work purposes should have booked and received their first dose of the vaccination by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**\*The Greener Gloucestershire Project Update\***

As part of the Greener Gloucestershire project, Gloucestershire County Council have also launched new climate change web pages, providing information specific to their organisation. This includes county council actions and future plans, plus stacks of information about how you can help fight against climate change from your own home. These pages will be continually updated over the coming months as projects progress. Following our social media channels for more updates, news and information, you can find Facebook @GloucestershireCountyCouncil, Twitter @GlosCC and Instagram @gloucestershirecc.