

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 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 C Howell. Cllr Forster.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk)

134/20 VISITORS: None

135/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - None

136/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE - Cllr D Bendall (technical issues), Cllr Hirst (work), Cllr Morgan (work)

137/20 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

138/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 September 2020

Minutes

- None. The minutes of the Zoom meeting held September 16th, 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

139/20 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

- Assets with Community Value – an update of Community Assets was discussed. Cllr King said he thought there may be a case for adding certain community buildings to the register. It was suggested that the playgroup building and the social club should be considered. Cllr King will research the process before decision is made. The item will be added to the agenda for the November meeting.
- Zipwire – Cllr Hetterley reported that he had received several quotes for the zipwire with the cheapest being between £9,300 and £9600 including the inspection. A further £6,500 needed to be raised. Cllr Hetterley has approached Tetbury Lions and Renishaw for contributions. In order to apply to CDC for funding the Parish needs to have 25% of the project cost already raised. Cllr Hetterley proposed the Parish Council allocate £2,000 from its reserves towards the fund in order to progress the project further. It was noted that should funds be raised elsewhere this money would not be used. This was agreed.
- Memorial Hall Update – An AGM has been arranged for 28th October 20. At 7.30 pm. Invitations have been sent to the various interested parties. Currently there is no access to the Memorial Hall bank account, and the Clerk is paying bills from the Parish Bank Account. This will be returned when the signatories on the account are changed.
Cllr Slater has opened talks with the Education Department at GCC regarding the lease and service charges currently made. The hall is currently losing money due to the School needing exclusive use to ensure the building is Covid secure.
It was agreed that the Parish Council become the perpetual Trustees of the hall to ensure continuity. The Clerk said that this change needs to be made with the permission of the Charity Commission. This cannot be done until agreed at the hall AGM.
- Low water in the Stream – The Environment Agency (EA) and CDC are compiling a report, which will examine the effect of the major earthworks at Aston Farm, just beyond Cherington Lake, involving a newly cut route in the cleared valley and damming of the springs to form a new lake. The flow only returned to normal in our stream once that lake had filled. If the report indicates that this action is the reason for the problems experienced then it may form the basis for enforcement action

against the estate for the destruction of rare habitats impacting critically endangered species, plus planning and water infringements. Following the damage to our stream and depending on the findings of the report, the PC have unanimously agreed to take legal advice once our options are more obvious. We will aim to obtain financial restitution to enable us to reinstate livestock in the stream that was killed when the water flow was cut off..

140/20 Traffic and Highways

- i. The Highways report was noted.
Brambles at various points around the village.
Gigaclear have been asked to reinstate the daffodils they destroyed.
Cllr Parsons reported that the patched road at Greenway Head has left a large bump in the road. This will be added to the list.

141/20 Finance

Finance Report up to 30 September 2020

- 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 Parish Council was asked to consider the precept for 2021/22 and bring any proposals to the November meeting.

142/20 Police Report

The Police report was unavailable. The Local Policing Area Superintendent has agreed to attend a meeting in the future when she has found her feet.

143/20 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

- 20/02952/FUL – 18 Sandford Leaze - Rear Elevation Flat Roof Dormer- No Objections

Tree Works - None

144/20 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence

Decisions

- 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

145/20 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda

None

146/20 CORRESPONDENCE

GCC Covid Update
6 Step Covid Action Plan
Cobalt Appeal
GAPTC – Caring for the Cotswolds Grants
CPRE – Members Letters
Call for sites to House Travellers
GRCC Community Wellbeing
Cotswold AONB Name Change to Cotswolds National Landscape

147/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Was unavailable to present his report but had distributed it prior to the meeting.

- GCC 6-point plan was unveiled:
 - Increased enforcement.** Continue to work with and support businesses and individuals to follow the guidance but take action where there is a lack of cooperation place, issuing fixed penalty fines, where necessary.
 - Welfare Checks.** Those who we know need help and reassurance to self-isolate will be contacted directly to check that they have access to food, medicines, and other support whilst they stay at home. In cases where we cannot get hold of people by phone, Gloucestershire firefighters will be on standby to carry out home visits.
 - Suspend care home visits.** Director of Public Health, Sarah Scott, will write to all care homes advising them to suspend visiting. We will work with care homes to make sure there are other safe ways, for residents and their loved ones to stay in touch, with exceptions for those who sadly have to say goodbye.
 - Letters to those in shielding** groups to remind and reassure. Whilst there is currently no need to shield, we will be writing to those on the shielded list advising them to reduce their social contacts, reminding people of the support and advice that is available to them and to take other steps to keep themselves safe, such as getting the seasonal flu jab.
 - Covid-19 Gloucestershire Protection Representatives.** Known nationally as Marshalls, the new district officers will be out on the streets across the county – not enforcing but advising, helping, and supporting us all to understand and follow the guidance.
 - Do it for yourselves.** Do it for each other. We must all continue to follow the public health guidance if we want to slow the spread of Covid -19. This includes, washing hands regularly, keeping a safe distance from others, wearing a face covering and not mixing in groups of more than six.
- Gloucestershire County Council's Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) will be moving to winter opening hours from 25 October, but residents will have nearly 9000 booking slots available each week across the County.
 - Pyke Quarry, Horsley will also be going back to its normal pre-Covid opening days from the 25 October as well as winter opening hours, 10am until 4pm. The site has been open seven days a week since mid-August to meet increased demand, but with the seasonal reductions in use it will revert to being closed on a Wednesday.
 - Visitors to all household recycling centres need to pre-book their visit. Social distancing is required on site, and to minimise queues and waiting times the number of booking slots available is limited.
- HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME CONTINUES.
 - Gloucestershire Highways have concluded a major part of the resurfacing programme in our part of the Cotswolds, and there are only a small number of minor schemes yet to be completed. Major work has been completed in Avening, Didmarton, Kemble, Long Newton, Tetbury and Tetbury Upton.

148/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

ClIr Morgan was unavailable but will send a report after the meeting.

149/20 COUNILLORS

ClIr King said that the bus shelter at the bottom of Old Hill was looking good. Thank you to ClIr Mulligan for his hard work renovating it.

ClIr Mulligan said that he had counted over 400 cans and bottles on the Nailsworth to Avening road. The hedges also needed cutting back to make the path more passable. This will be added to the Highways log.

150/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30pm Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm