

Avening Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 7.30 pm Via Zoom.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk)

VISITORS: Rev'd Gerald South & Jennie South

52/21 Chairman's Introduction

53/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

54/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Hirst - GCC, Cllr Morgan – CDC. The District & County Cllrs were unable to attend the meeting due to Purdah regulations.

55/21 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

56/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th March 2021.

- None. The minutes of the Zoom meeting held 17th March 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

57/21 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

- i. Memorial Hall Management Committee recently held a meeting to review what was needed and the actions required going forward. They reviewed finances and the condition of the hall. The committee also intend to review the hall charges along with future marketing to bring in business. There is also the ongoing issue with GCC in conjunction with the trustees to resolve. Cllr Slater clarified that the ongoing negotiations with GCC are with the Parish Council as Trustees of the hall and not the management committee, who are looking after the day-to-day running operations of the hall.
They are waiting for the Covid regulations guidance to change before opening for public bookings.
Cllr Hetterly asked if there was Trustee Liability for the Parish Council. He was ensured that there was adequate cover via both the PC insurance and the Hall insurance.
- ii. Playing Fields Update – Cllr King reported that he will write an article for the villager to inform the village of the committee and that they are starting a consultation to ask what people want from the field across all age groups.
Dr Phoebe Carter organised planting of fruit trees in the orchard, and whips have been planted from the GCC Ash replacement scheme. The dry spell caused some concern, so watering parties were then arranged. The trees are now beginning to establish.
There is a triangle of land by the west gate that is looking a little unloved which could potentially be used as a link to the orchard, by putting in some benches and information panels.
Cllr Slater asked the information panel could have a notice that has been requested by ROSPA asking for a warning not to climb on the basketball net. Cllr King felt it would be too far from the play equipment.
The ROSPA report needs a working party.
The Zipwire is now on Space Hive crowd funder, the chosen method of giving grants by Cotswold District Council. 2.5k is needed for completion. The public have been requested to at least sign on to the page and 'like' the project. It is very doubtful that there will be enough likes and donations for CDC to contribute.
Cllr Slater said that he had complained to Cllr Morgan as the scheme is unnecessarily complex and puts small communities at a disadvantage. Also, when he tried to donate and "like", the company required he register his bank details, which he was unwilling to provide as they were an unknow organisation. There is no information on their IT security. The company also takes a percentage of any donation made. It was felt

that many people will feel the same. Cllr Morgan has agreed to forward his complaint and commented that this form of funding puts small communities at a disadvantage.

Cllr Hetterly remarked that he had pushed the crowd funder held by Calor Gas last year, so he was not expecting people to donate again, if they had donated before, but he would like people to sign up and like the project.

58/21 Traffic and Highways

- i. The Highways report was noted.

Cllr Slater reported that he met with the residents from Westend who had expressed concern regarding the speed of traffic. They provisionally decided the best place to introduce new speed signage. Highways are very amenable to the measures as reducing the speed limit involves a long and costly legal process. Highways were waiting for the start of the new financial year before discussing further. The residents however have already installed unofficial signage.

Cllr Forster said the 3 large potholes have been filled, but the smaller ones are full of water. He said they need to be 7cms in depth for immediate action.

59/21 Police Report

The Police report was unavailable.

60/21 County Councillors Report- Issued prior to the meeting and distributed (attached)

Cllr King commented that he found it interesting that GCC has announced it is supporting a partnership to build the worlds first prototype fusion power reactor by 2040.

61/21 District Councillors Report

Not available

62/21 Finance

Finance Report up to 28 February 2021.

- i. The finance report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
- ii. Cllr Hetterly reported that the approx. 30k in the budget, with 16k ringfenced and just under 15k in reserves. Which is a healthy budget. The precept has gone from 28.5k to 33.5k. 5k was budgeted for the memorial hall roof but the increase in the precept has given a little more money. A few items need to be amended in the budget. The Clerk reported that the recent playing field insurance renewal had large premium increase. She has contacted the broker who informed her that it is the cheapest available.
- iii. Approve Bills for Payment - Schedule was circulated, and payments were approved.
- iv. Grant Applications –
Avening Church Yard Maintenance - £1200 – Agreed Unanimously
The Villager Magazine - £1250 – Agreed Unanimously
Cllr Mulligan asked how much the Cherington PC contribute towards the publication? Cllr Hamilton said that 2020 Cherington Parochial Church Council donated, but the Parish Council declined to contribute. She was unsure if they will donate this financial year (it was later confirmed that Cherington PC were contributing this year).

63/21 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

- 21/01384/TCONR 1 Spinners Cottages. Longford Mill. Pollard Weeping Willow. – No objections

64/21 Planning Decision Notices & Correspondence

Decisions

- 21/00510/FUL – 11A High Street. Change of use of commercial floor space at live/work unit to residential use - permitted.

- The Clerk received an email from the enforcement officer, apologising for the delay in investigating the councils concerns regarding the Savages Yard at Woodstock Lane. The officer will arrange to attend site to get a clearer picture of the set up.

65/21 Any other New Applications since publication of this agenda

- 21/00679/FUL – 23 Tetbury Hill – formation of a lean-to roof over garage and erection of porch – No Objections

66/21 Correspondence

Correspondence – April / May 2021

GAPTC – Prince Philip

Royal Protocol

GCC Covid Update

GAPTC – Return t face to face meetings

CDC - Publishing Register of interest

Keep Britain Tidy - British Spring Clean

CPRE Annual Review

GRCC Community & Well Being

Parish Online Newsletter

NALC Online events

Space Hive

NALC National Exec Bulletin

ROSPA Inspection

67/21 COUNILLORS

- Cllr Hamilton reported that the Church Fete has been scheduled for September 12th and will go ahead. Playgroup are on board.
The event will be used to host the Parish Meeting and present the Villager of the Year awards.
- Cllr Slater reported that he had increased pressure on the EA regarding the effect on the environment following the construction of the pond and dam at Aston Farm.

68/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 7.30pm In the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

County Council Report for May 2021.

- All County Councillors are in a state of Purdah and therefore their activity is restricted until after the Election on the 6th of May.
- Gloucestershire families that are in receipt of free school meals were able to claim holiday activity support vouchers for the duration of the holidays. The programme will run for a total of six weeks across the current financial year. One week ran at Easter, four weeks during the summer holidays and one at Christmas.
- Gloucestershire Care Homes received more than £500,000 of additional funding to support controlling the spread of Coronavirus. This is part of a total of £6.6m the council has so far distributed to prevent the spread of infection to some of our most vulnerable Gloucestershire residents.
- The Adult Social Care Infection Fund will support staff to travel safely and provide accommodation for those who choose to stay separately from their families to protect the residents they work with, as well as reducing the need for staff movements between sites.
- Working with partners, the GEM project (Going the Extra Mile) aims to help vulnerable or disadvantaged groups deliver life-changing support for over 1,600 people in Gloucestershire. Since October 2016 the programme has supported 1,668 people, of which 429 have moved into paid employment and 148 into education and training. This means every three days someone has secured a job through working with the GEM Project. Participants report an uplift in their mental health as a result of being on the programme indicating a:
25% improvement in their resilience and self esteem
17% improvement in their physical and mental health.
- The County Council will provide a total of £100m countywide school improvement programme to make sure young people have the best possible education.
- There will be an extra £1.8 million invested in the county in the 21-22 financial year, including a £1m Gloucestershire Restart Fund to allow a range of activities to help the county get back to normal as quickly as possible, £220,000 extra for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund to provide 500 new charging points in the county. It is estimated that there are currently in the region of 50 to 60 public charging points in the county and these extra ones will aim to encourage greater take up of electric vehicles.
- Gloucestershire County Council will be supporting a partnership to build the world's first prototype fusion power reactor by 2040.