

## Avening Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 November 2023 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr R King – Chair, Cllr D Bendall Cllr Howell, Cllr J Hetterley, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Slater, Cllr Parsons

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

**VISITORS:** None

**143/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No Public Present

**144/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Mulligan

**145/23 CODE OF CONDUCT**

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slater acknowledged his wife submitted a grant application on behalf of the Choir.

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None.

**146/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October were signed as a true record.

**147/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Cllr Slater reported that an electrician would attend site next week to establish if the defibrillator could be moved. Cllr Hamilton will contact Community Heartbeat to ask if the Defibrillator could be placed outside.

Cllr Hetterley suggested that if it wasn't possible to re-site the Defib outside then to move it to the other phone box then purchase a new defibrillator for the exterior wall of the Memorial Hall.

**148/23 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

Community Issues

Playing Fields Update

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mulligan is still trying to get a quote for the new path in the field. Cllr Hetterley said that he needed the quote to be able to apply for the Council grant. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> November.

The catch on the gate has been replaced but needs smoothing off.

The Clerk presented quotes for a notice board in the playing field but has not yet found an open board without a lock. She will continue to make enquiries.

Memorial Hall The broad band hub was currently not working. The Clerk will contact Gigaclear to make a repair.

The Youth Club have caused some damage to the hall. Marks on the walls, damaged blind and a broken heater and guard. It was agreed that some wear and tear was inevitable.

There are various small jobs that need to be carried out. Cllr Bendall will contact Ian Mcdonal to ask if he would be willing to do them. The Clerk will inform the school.

EDF will attend site on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November to carry out a site inspection for the installation of smart meters. Cllr Slater will be available to show them where the meters are located. The Clerk will inform the school. EDF have been made aware that the engineer must sign in at the school before going on site. The meters are booked to be installed on 27<sup>th</sup> December. Mr Scurfield has agreed to attend site on the 27<sup>th</sup> to allow entry for the engineer.

The Clerk has been informed by the energy broker that the energy supply is due to go out of contract which will result in a high increase in the energy cost. The Broker has suggested entering a new contract which will be void if the school sign the lease and wish to take over the energy supply management. It was agreed the Clerk renew the contract with EDF to ensure that the smart meter installation proceeds.

The Fire door lock has been delivered and needs installing. Cllr Mulligan indicated he was able to do this work.

### **149/23 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

Traffic Survey on Tetbury Hill The Clerk collated the results of the traffic survey that a resident of Tetbury Hill had instigated. There were thirteen responses to the questionnaire.

The results show that the majority of the thirteen respondents would like to see parking and speed restrictions.

Grit Bins The Clerk has received a request from Avening Park for a grit bin at West End. They are concerned that during icy periods the horses as well as cars and pedestrians slip on the ice. Cllr Hirst said that there may be funding for a grit bin, but the Parish Council must decide if West End is the most suitable place. The Clerk will discuss it with Highways.

### **150/23 FINANCE**

- I. Cllr Hetterley presented the Parish Councils financial position going forward. This showed the Council finances remain in a healthy position, with some underspending on the budget.
- II. The Payments were approved.
- III. The Clerk distributed the grant applications for 2024/25 prior to the meeting. The Clerk distributed a observations by the finance committee. The Parish Council will consider the grants and a final decision will be made at the December meeting.
- IV. The Clerk distributed a draft budget for 2024/25 for consideration. The Parish Council will review this and make a final decision at the December meeting.
- V. The Clerk reported that NALC had issued the Clerks pay award for 2023/24. This is an increase of £1.23 per hour. This is to be backdated to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. The Parish Council agreed to this increase with payment of the backdated increase of £279.83.
- VI. Emergency Grant – The Community Choir have requested a £600 grant to enable them to have professional tuition. This request was discussed, but the Parish Council could not agree. Cllr King proposed paying £600. This was seconded by Cllr Hetterley. Cllrs Hetterley, King and Bendall voted in favour, Cllr Parsons and Hamilton abstained and Cllr Howell voted against. Cllr Slater did not vote. It was therefore agreed to pay the emergency grant to the Choir.

### **151/23 POLICE REPORT**

The Police report 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October Three crimes. 1 Criminal damage, 2 Violence.(1 Assault with injury and 1 public disorder.)

**152/23 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT** -Attached. In addition, the new surgery at Tetbury as been granted planning permission along with permission for 16 new affordable homes.

**153/23 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – Cllr Hirst reported that Gloucestershire County Council Road gritting machinery is being updated.

### **154/23 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

#### New Planning Applications

23/03328/LBC- Beehive House Nags Head Lane. - Replacement Windows. - Agreed

23/03302/COMPLY- Rudgeway Barn Avening, - Compliance with conditions 5 (landscaping scheme prior to first use) and 12 (external lighting plan) of permission 21/02281/FUL - Conversion of agricultural barn into dwelling. - Agreed

23/03252/FUL- Bannut Tree New Inn Lane Fenestration alterations including addition of windows, dormer windows and rooflight - Agreed

#### Decisions Notices

23/02807/CLOPUD Beehive House Nags Head Lane - Certificate of lawful proposed use or development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for replacement of windows- Permitted

23/02645/FUL – Quietways, West End - Erection of a two-storey side extension- Permitted

23/00845/COMPLY Land Parcel At The Sunground Compliance with conditions 3 (Sample materials), 4 (Sample walling panel), 5 (Sample panel - retaining walls), 7 (Sample render panel), 10 (Details) and 11 (External finishes) of permission 21/02887/FUL - Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 20 (tree protection plan) of permission 19/04221/FUL - Permitted

**155/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

Glos Wildlife Trust AGM 16<sup>th</sup> Nov  
 Public Sector Executive – Cyber security  
 NALC Newsletter  
 Stroud Times– Time of Remembrance Service  
 Donna Morgan – Xmas Tree  
 GAPTC – Model Bio Diversity Policy  
 CPRE Carol Concert  
 GAPTC Litter Legislation  
 GWT Newsletter  
 GRC Newsletter

**156/23 COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk confirmed that HRH Princess Ann has agreed to provide a Christmas Tree to the village.

The Clerk said that there is a legal requirement for the Parish Council to Have a Bio-Diversity policy and to act upon it, Cllr King agreed to review the requirements and report on it at the meeting in December.

Cllr Bendall said that he was considering standing down as school governor. This will be added to the agenda for the December meeting.

**157/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

## Actions

147/23	Arrange Defib relocation	Cllrs Slater & Hamilton	
148/23	Report Broad Band Fault	Clerk	
148/23	Arrange Energy Contract	Clerk	
148/23	Chase contractor for path quote	Cllr Mulligan	
148/23	Arrange Repairs in Hall	Cllr Bendall	
149/23	Consult Highways regarding new Grit Bin	Clerk	
149/23	Consult Highways regarding Tetbury Hill Survey	Clerk	
150 /23	Make Payments	Clerk	
154/23	Planning Response	Clerk	
156/23	Review Bio Diversity Plan Template	Cllr King	