

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER 2006 AT 7.30PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr T Slater, Cllr Ms C Mitchell, Cllr C Redpath, Cllr J Catterall

100/06 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Henry Reid attended to discuss the planning application for the installation of a dish antenna at the transmitting station at Tetbury Hill, Avening. He was submitting his own objections to the application by Arqiva for a further dish antenna. The mast and associated dishes were becoming a visual eyesore. The current application is fixed to the mast by an arm and increases the visual impact. The top 8 foot of the mast is redundant and should be removed. The mast should be painted green up to a certain height as this reduced the visual impact. The wall should also be built up to reduce the visual impact. Mr Reid had requested a public hearing at CDC.

The Council thanked Mr Reid for his time in looking into the whole issue.

101/06 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Faulkner (personal)

Cllr Ms K Kay (personal)

102/06 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2006

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9th November 2006.

103/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Mrs G Parsons declared an interest in agenda item 8.1 installation of dish antenna at transmitting station, Tetbury Hill.

104/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

It was **RESOLVED** to vary the agenda to deal with items 7 and 8

105/06 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Cllr J Parsons advised that CDC have advised that it was not necessary to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jon Green because the vacancy came about within 6 months of a parish election. The initial Notice of Vacancy (from CDC) had been displayed as required. No member of the public had come forward asking to fill the vacancy. It was **RESOLVED** not to make specific attempts to fill the vacancy.

106/06 PLANNING

106.1/06 New Planning Applications

06/02726/FUL **Rectory Cottage, Rectory Lane, Avening** - erection of first floor extension. Members objected on the grounds that the proposed extension (due to its overbearing size) would be harmful to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The subservience between the extension and original building would be lost. There was little difference between this and the previous application. There were concerns over the level of spoil to be dug out and removed from site.

06/02940/FUL **Transmitting Station, Tetbury Hill, Avening** installation of 1 x 0.3m dish antenna on existing tower

Members objected to the application on the grounds of the need for the proposed development, environmental considerations - namely the visual impact of the site and the effect on the adjacent conservation area, additional landscaping is necessary (increase the height of the wall and more sympathetic planting scheme on site) and redundant structures should be removed. Members also objected on the basis of the health aspect - no indications have been given as to the levels of exposure.

Action: Clerk to look to make an application to have the mast audited by Ofcom

06/02901/FUL **Rusaven, 8 Mill Lane, Avening** - erection of single storey side extension. Members had no objections to the application.

106.2/06 Decision Notices Received

CT.5746/F	06/02376/FUL	Installation of 1 x 0.3m dish antenna on the existing tower with a gas bottle enclosure, exhaust and duct at Transmitting station, Tetbury Hill, Avening - 13 November 2006 - permission granted
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APP/F1610/A/ 06/2016330	Planning Inspectorate	Replacement of existing bungalow and outbuilding with new house, parking barn and new access – Winterfold 23 West End Avening , Appeal Decision from Planning Inspectorate: appeal dismissed
CT2744/K	06/02509/FUL	Two storey side extension at The Beeches, High Street , Avening – 16 th November 2006 – permission granted

106.3/06 Review of Planning Permissions/Applications

Transmitting Station, Tetbury Hill, Avening – The Clerk had spoken with Arqiva (twice) and was assured that Arqiva were looking into the landscaping request, specifically the wall and the planting. But they were no further forward than previously.

Quietways enforcement matter– nothing further had been heard from Cotswold District Council

Action: Clerk to speak to CDC to see current position on Quietways

106.4/06 Tree Works

Church Farm 06/02461/TRECON CT.CONTR 2174 – CDC Decision -no objections

106.5/06 Natural Features

- Woodstock Lane – stream clearance – The Councillors who took part in the stream clearance on 18th November were thanked for their efforts.

107/06 PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Barbara Pond, Village Halls Adviser from GRCC attended the meeting and was welcomed.

Cllr J Parsons had met with Diana Boulton re the Hall to identify matters that the school would look to improve if they had the opportunity. The school were interested in leasing the hall from the parish council they would then have access to more funding to improve the facilities.

The legal position of the management committee and the parish council as custodian trustees should be considered as it may be necessary to wind up the management committee formally – this would need to be clarified before grant funding could be applied for (as the correct body legally must apply for funding).

The building should be surveyed in order to identify any work and approximate costings of work in order to know how much funding would be needed. Using the ProHelp organisation was a possibility, but also the council should look to see if there was anyone locally who would help out.

The council should also check the risk assessments on the building.

Consultation with the village about the future of the hall was necessary for funding purposes and also likely as a term contained within the deeds for the hall. Ms Pond may have a copy of some documents and would check and send to the Clerk.

Ms Pond was thanked for her attendance.

The main concerns from the school at the current time were the repair of the heating and toilet facilities (there had been some recent leaks). It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should address the heating problem as soon as possible and a budget of £500 would be allocated.

Action: Clerk to locate deeds

Cllr Mrs G Parsons left the meeting at 9.10pm

108/06 FINANCE

108.1/06 Budget Status and Balance at Bank

The Clerk advised that the current balance at bank was £5,500.71 with £15,000 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

108.2/06 Bills for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following bills for payment :

▪ Clerk's Salary plus Expenses	£537.55
▪ NI/Tax on Clerk's salary	£nil
▪ Cotswold District Council (Local Plan)	£35
▪ HGM Ltd	£nil
▪ The Royal Agricultural College	£200

108.3/06 Signatories on Bank Account

It was **RESOLVED** to add Cllr J Catterall and Cllr T Slater as signatories to the bank account. It was also **RESOLVED** to remove Cllr J Green as a signatory on the bank account.

108.4/06 Local Plan

It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure in the sum of £35 to purchase a copy of the new local plan.

108.5/06 Grant request from APFA

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant request from APFA in the sum of £477 for the repair of the flying fox.

108.6/06 Grant request from Avening Playgroup for 2007/08

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

108.7/06 Grass Cutting

The Clerk should obtain a quote from the current contractor for additional cutting at the playing fields and regular cutting at Ash Path.

It was RESOLVED to put the meeting into closed session for agenda point 9.7 and 9.8 under The Public (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 in accordance with legal requirements.

108.10/06 Budget Proposals for 2007/08

This item was deferred until the next meeting

108.11/06 Precept for 2007/08

This item was deferred until the next meeting

109/06 AVENING PLAYING FIELDS

Item 10.2 relating to muddy gateways at the playing fields was deferred until the next meeting.

110/06 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

110.1/06 Siting of Restored Wooden Avening Sign

This item was deferred until the next meeting

110.2/06 Hedge Laying Project in Partnership with Rural Skills Centre, Royal Agricultural College

The course/tutor was booked for Saturday 16th December. All matters were in hand.

111/06 Blue Sky

Items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 were deferred until the next meeting.

112/06 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- Register of Electors 2007 - deferred
- Cotswold@play 11th January 2007 - deferred
- Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Consultation – deferred

The date of the next Avening Parish Council will be on
Thursday, 8th February 2006 at 7.45 p.m.
in Avening Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm