

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008 AT 7.30PM**

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr T Slater, Cllr M Williamson, Cllr Mrs A Beszant, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr Mrs E Oliver

Also in attendance: Deborah Cook (Clerk), Jon Glover (Chair of APFA)

The meeting started at 7.40pm

### **125/07 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Jon Glover asked Council about ways to reduce dog fouling in the playing fields following an email that both he and the Council had received from a village resident. The Clerk advised she had been in contact with CDC Environmental Wardens and was waiting for a reply having asked them to come and visit the village to carry out a campaign. Jon Glover was advised to write to CDC on behalf of the playing fields committee. Handing out/posting flyers to residents houses was discussed to coincide with the dog warden's visit.

The possible removal of the dog waste bin by the main entrance to the playing fields was discussed. A Sandford Leaze resident has asked for it to be removed following incidents where dog waste bags had been thrown into Sandford Leaze residents' gardens. In view of the complaint about dog fouling council felt it better to leave the dog bin at present – but that it may be possible to look at a different bin with a chute instead of the current one. This would be looked at later in the year as Council still had three bins to site.

Jon Glover also raised the issues of the streetlighting on Rectory Lane. 3 lights had been turned off to see if it would alleviate anti-social behaviour in the area. Members of the public were unhappy with the situation feeling it was a public safety issue for those having to walk home from work at night along the unlit patch. Council had then requested the lights turned to part night operation after discussing the matter with the County Council. The lights appear to have been turned on all night, rather than part night operation.

Jon Glover asked Council for a trial period with the lights off. He reminded Council of the summer gatherings of youths and troubles this has caused for the residents and recently the playing fields association.

Council decided that they would use the drop-in session to ask residents views and put the matter back on the agenda for final decision next month.

It was **RESOLVED** to vary the agenda order to discuss agenda point 8.9.1 (grant applications)

### **126/07 Grant Applications**

**To consider grant application in the sum of £1404 from Avening Playing Fields Association for the purposes of moving the flying fox equipment and landscaping the area.**

The project was discussed with Jon Glover, Chair of APFA. APFA had erected the flying fox and then been informed that they needed planning permission to do so (they had used the same site as the previous flying fox was on). CDC then advised that it was too close to the boundary of the neighbouring property and should be moved. The application was to cover the costs of moving the structure and landscaping the area.

Council asked if Mr Glover had considered funding from other sources. In this particular project this had not been done because the project was retrospective. The plans for the new play equipment would necessitate applications to other grant funding bodies and this was being explored. Council suggested that Mr Glover approach the PCC as they have an educational fund that could grant money. Council deferred the matter until next meeting when they hope Mr Glover would have confirmation from the PCC as to whether they would provide any funding towards the project.

Jon Glover left the meeting.

Cllr Mrs G Parsons suggested that the village enter Calor Village of the Year 2008. It was agreed that she would set up a working party to complete the application forms.

**127/07 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (business)

**128/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Parsons declared an interest in all planning matters because of his position as District Councillor sitting on the planning committee at CDC.

Cllr Mrs G Parsons declared an interest in planning matters concerning Winterfold 23 West End and Orchard House 21 West End

**129/07 DECLARATION OF CASUAL VACANCY**

Cotswold District Council advised that they had not received any requests for a poll and Council could now go ahead and co-opt to fill the vacancy.

**130/07 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**131/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None other than those already on the agenda.

**132/07 PLANNING**

**08/00861/FUL Winterfold, 23 West End, Avening, GL8 8NE**

Proposal: Amendments to approved application 07/01233/FUL erection of single replacement dwelling.

Cllr Mrs G Parsons declared an interest, left the discussion and did not vote. Members had no objections.

**08/00798/FUL Orchard House, 21 West End, Avening**

Proposal: extension to roof and new gable

Members had no objections to the plans generally but did object to the round window feeling that it was not in keeping with the area.

**08/00808/LBC Brooke House, Hampton Hill, Avening**

Proposal: Reduction in Height of Boundary Wall by 600mm (adjacent to stream)

Members objected to the boundary wall being lowered. The wall had been there a long time. It was one of the original boundaries of the village and one of the stately homes in the village.

**08/00804/LBC Brooke House, Hampton Hill, Avening**

Proposal: Reinstatement/repair of Greenhouse1 and demolition of Greenhouse 2

Members had no objections

**08/0806/LBC Brooke House, Hampton Hill, Avening**

Proposal: Re-roof annexe area using reconstituted stone or blue slate in lieu of Cotswold stone slate.

Members objected on the basis this was a grade II listed building and reroofing with anything other than Cotswold Stone slate is not appropriate or in keeping with the character of the property or village.

It was noted that the Avening Social Club application (08/00491/FUL CT3979/H) was still ongoing with CDC. CDC planning regulatory committee would make a site visit.

It was noted that the application for Avening Mill had been withdrawn.

Decision Notices Received

**08/00268/FUL Woodhouse Farm, Avening GL8 8NH**

Proposal: Two storey extension, porch, one and half storey utility wing  
CDC Decision Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008 permits

**08/00245/FUL Minchinhampton Golf Club, Minchinhampton**

Proposal: New secure storage building for machinery and soil to replace dilapidated buildings

CDC Decision Notice dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 permits

**07/03624/FUL 75 Sunground, Avening**

Proposal: erection of two storey side extension

CDC Decision Notice dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 permits

**133/07 FINANCE**

**133.1/07 Budget Status and Balance at Bank**

The current balance at bank was £2,538.25 with £12,786.22 now in the deposit account with projected expenditure and year end balance as set out on the monthly budget sheet.

**133.2/07 Bills for Payment**

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

▪ Clerk's Salary less NI/Tax plus Expenses	£488.86
▪ NI/Tax on Clerk's salary	£35.26
▪ Avening Memorial Hall (youth club rent)	£570
▪ Avening Memorial Hall (parish council rent)	£80
▪ Citizens Advice Bureau (grant)	£50

**133.3/07 Review of Signatories on Bank Accounts**

It was **RESOLVED** to remove Chris Redpath's name as a signatory. At this stage no other signatories would be added.

**133.4/07 Chairmans Financial Review Form 2007/08 – Governance Section**

This matter was deferred until the May meeting

**133.5/07 To review budget heads for 2008/09**

Council discussed revised budget heads from those agreed last October. Some costs were now known and others had increased so the budget heads were revised accordingly. Councillors would consider the final amounts available for community groups to apply for at May's meeting and approve all budget changes then.

**133.6/07 Financial Risk Assessment for 2008/09: insurance**

This matter was deferred until the May meeting pending receipt of one of the quotes.

**133.7/07 To consider costs to trim hedge at playing field and brambles on High Street**

It was decided to ask for a revised estimate from the contractor for the hedge alone. The brambled area on High Street was in private ownership. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the HM Land Registry fee of £12 to obtain copies of the title to the land and find the name of the owner.

**133.8/07 To consider costs to repair parish council noticeboard at village hall**

Cllrs T Slater and J Catterall would take a look at the noticeboard to see if a repair could be done.

**134/07 PARISH PLAN/COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**134.1/07 Dog Waste Bins**

It was **RESOLVED** that Dog waste bins would be sited at the Westend sign and at the entrance to the pathway into the playing fields at Sunground. The final bin could be placed outside of the Playgroup by the recycling point. The Clerk would check with the playgroup whether the dog fouling problem had improved and whether they wanted a bin sited outside the playgroup.

**134.2/07 Avening Walks Brochure**

A draft and ideas would be ready shortly for the Clerk to take to CDC.

**134.3/07 Crime and Antisocial Behaviour:**

Cllr M Williamson reported that the questionnaires had been printed but the accompanying letter had not been. This would not be ready for the drop in session at the weekend.

Plans for the drop in session were finalised for the Saturday and there would be a shorter drop in session to be arranged for a week day after school for people collecting their children.

It had been noted that there were increased patrols by police in the village. The Clerk read over PCSO Sue Fellows' report stating that there had been two operations running to combat antisocial behaviour in Avening and Tetbury from 27/3/08 to 31/3/08.

**134.4/07 Ash Path maintenance and dedication to County Council**

Further paperwork had been found and passed to the Solicitor to see if it answered their queries re the ownership of one part of the pathway.

**134.5/07 Traffic and Highways**

Council considered the 2 x proposed VAS signs at the school end of the village and on the entrance to the village at Tetbury Hill.

Tetbury Hill – the position of the site would be better to be changed to before the bend entering the village.

School/Nailsworth Road – the position of the site would be better closer to the school, perhaps in the bus layby. It should work in both directions. Ideally it should be the smaller version of the sign.

**134.7/07 Village Spring Clean 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

Approximately 4 or 5 people turned out for the event. 5 bags of rubbish were collected. The Council wished to thank those who had given up their time to take part. It was noted that there had been evidence of drug taking at the playing fields.

**135/07 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION:**

- GAPTC – course list for 2008
- Community Emergency Awareness Sessions 28<sup>th</sup> May 7-9pm

The correspondence was noted by council.

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**Starting with the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.45pm**

**In Avening Memorial Hall**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm