

AVENING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr J Parsons (Chairman), Cllr A Slater (Vice-Chairman), Cllr T Beardsell, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr D Conway, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr M Williamson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Lisa Harwood, Mrs Anna Woodford, Mr Nicholas Winkfield (APFA), Cllr A E Hicks (County) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk).

Martin Fagan, Community Heartbeat – Community Public Access Defibrillation

Key Points from the presentation:

- It only takes 5 minutes to save a life
- After a heart attack, 20 % of the heart degrades every minute.
- Training is recommended but anyone can use it by following the instructions
- The procedure: Dial 999; the ambulance service is alerted and the caller is told where the nearest defibrillator is stored and the access code to use the equipment.
- Users are covered by Ambulance service insurance
- After use the Ambulance service will download the data and replace the electrodes
- Gave examples where lives have been saved.
- Realistic – doesn't work in every case. Aiming at 50%
- Also awareness in the community
- In the USA there are more defibrillators on street corners than anywhere else in the world.
- The equipment is as vandal proof as possible and is the same model as used by the ambulance service
- Cost per unit is approx. £2,000 which includes a community training session; electricity is minimal; replacement electrodes after every use or 2 years (Gloucestershire replace free of charge); battery every 4 years (but can last for 10 years). Running costs estimated approx. £75 per year per unit.
- Local custodian needed to check equipment every 3 months
- Gives people the confidence to act.

131/13 Public Question Time
Anna Woodford

Mrs Woodford asked if the Council could do anything about work recently carried out on some local stone stiles that is unsightly and difficult to climb over. The Chairman explained the situation that this work had been done by Cotswold Wardens without reference to the Parish Council. The Council is, therefore, looking into the possibility of listing all remaining stone stiles of local importance. The Chairman asked for the names of other local residents who are concerned about this issue to be passed to him and Cllr Mrs Mitchell agreed to contact the landowner to ask for support in listing the stiles and prevent further unsightly installations.

Action:

Mrs Woodford also raised the issue of the wall installed by Highways as part of the flood prevention work near to the School. She said that children liked to climb on the wall but it is a shame that it is now so high that they are unable to climb back onto the road. The Chairman explained that railings will be installed on top of the wall as a health and safety requirement to prevent children climbing on the wall. It was designed to alleviate flooding and it is difficult to please everyone. The children can, however, access the stream at the other end.

132/13 Police
Report About Crime And Anti Social Behaviour

Noted

133/13 Apologies And Reasons For Absence
Cllr Mrs L Reid (Personal)

134/13 Code of Conduct
134.1/13 Declarations Of Interest in Items on the Agenda
Cllr A Slater – Item 139.2/13 Website invoice.

- 134.2/13 Updates to Members Register Interested**
Cllr Parsons updated his Interests.
- 134.3/13 Adoption of CDC's New Code of Conduct**
Action: Deferred to the next meeting.
- 135/13 Matters Arising From The Minutes**
Listing of Stone Stiles and Railings
Action: This project is in hand.
Plaque for Bridge
Action: Also in hand
- 136/13 To Approve And Sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 21 November 2013**
RESOLUTION 48/13
The Minutes were amended as follows:
Item 128.4/13 Appeals A & B Ref: APP/F1610/C/13/2196168 and 2196169
Ruggers Green Wood and Oldfield Wood, West End, Avening, GL8 8NE
Appeal Dismissed and the Appellant has 6 months in which to comply.
Cllr Mrs Parsons attended the hearing.
The Minutes were then unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman
- 137/13 County and District Councillors' Reports**
Cllr Hicks report on GCC's proposed budget plans which are attached. He further reported that GCC have £2.65 million available for a sport and activity grant scheme to be divided between all Divisions over the next 2 years. A large proportion of Cllr Hicks funding will go to Tetbury but he asked that the Parish Council gives consideration to how it could be used locally.
- 138/13 Community Issues & Projects**
138.1/13 Traffic and Highways
High Street Wall Repair
In progress
Flood Prevention Work
Completed
- 138.2/13 Community Issues**
Housing Needs Survey
RESOLUTION 49/13
Proposed by Cllr A Slater and Seconded by Cllr D Conway and unanimous RESOLVED to carry out a Housing Needs Survey in partnership with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. It was further agreed to cover printing and postage costs as estimated.
Action:
- Update on Community Payback Scheme Work**
The Clerk advised that a meeting is being arranged with an Officer from the Probation Service to discuss details of the work required.
Action:
- Noticeboard from Post Office / Shop**
The Clerk was requested to contact the owner of old shop who had previously agreed to the reinstatement of the board.
Action:
- Website Update**
Cllr Slater advised that a new page has been added to the website, usage is up 10% this month and he will include a banner on the front page directing visitors to the news update.
Action:
- Minutes from the Memorial Hall Committee Meeting on 9 December 2013**
Noted
The Chairman advised that the Committee are going ahead with installation of a hearing loop at a cost of £2,500; baffles will be needed to improve the sound. Looking at green energy such as solar panels to help drive down electricity costs. It was noted that no funding request for the fire alarm has been received and if the Council is able to return to the upstairs room for meetings it would be necessary to allocate funds for upgrades to include the fire alarm(estimated at £500).

- 139/13 Finance**
139.1/13 Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 30 November 2013 (Attached)
 Noted
- 139.2/13 Bills For Payment**
RESOLUTION 50/13
 It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve payment of bills itemised on the Finance schedule.
- 139.3/13 Future Funding Requirements for Local Organisations**
Avening Playing Field Association - Nicholas Winkfield advised:
- Much of the play equipment is reaching the end of its life and the Committee would also like to provide a climbing frame.
 - 3 quotes have been obtained and a local contractor from Stroud, who uses wood, is preferred.
 - The Committee wish to replace everything in one go rather than piecemeal and have a target to get up and running within 12 months.
 - £5,000 is already set aside and now looking for leads to apply for funding.
- The Clerk was requested to pass on contact details for GRCC and it was noted that a funding request would follow. Mr Winkfield was advised to speak with Cllr Hicks as a matter of urgency.
- 139.4/13 Donation Request from Cotswold Tree Wardens Group**
 It was decided to decline this request.
- 140/13 Planning**
140.1/13 To Consider Response to New Planning Applications
13/04868/FUL Land Adjacent To Cherington Lane, Grove Park, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SH
 Erection of grainstore and general purpose storage building
 It was reported that the applicant has stated that this application will be withdrawn but no notification has yet been received. (Update Cllr Parsons advised an email has been received from the Agent withdrawing the application)
13/04451/REM Land Parcel South Of Quercus Road, Quercus Road, Tetbury, Gloucestershire,
 Reserved Matters application for the development of 38 Later Living apartments for older persons (pursuant to Outline planning permission ref. 12/01792/OUT)
 Noted.
- 140.2/13 Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting**
 None
- 140.3/13 Decision Notices Received**
 None
- 140.4/13 Planning Correspondence**
 None
- 140.5/13 Tree Works Notifications**
 None
- 141/13 Correspondence Received**
List of Correspondence Received in November 2013
 Noted
GCC – Public Rights of Way
 Noted
CDC – Parish Liaison Meeting, Planning and Finance
 Noted.
- 142/13 The next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 16 January 2014 in Avening Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.**
All Are Welcome

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm