AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AVENING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2015 at 8.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Slater (Chairman), Cllr D Bendall, Cllr J Catterall, Cllr D Conway, Cllr Mrs C Mitchell, Cllr J Parsons, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr M Williamson, Cllr E Worsdell

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr, Mr J Collinson (Projects) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk).

**NON-ATTENDANCE**: None

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| **100/15** | **Public Question Time**  None |
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| **101/15** | **Police - To Receive Monthly Crime And Anti Social Behaviour Report**  None received |
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| **102/15** | **Apologies And Reasons For Absence**  Cllr Tony Hicks (GCC) |
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| **103/15** | **Code of Conduct**  The Chairman drew attention to Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct and the Clerk was requested to circulate the relevant information to new Members. |
| **103.1/15** | **Declarations Of Interest in Items on the Agenda**  None |
| **103.2/15** | **Updates to Members Register Interested (if appropriate)**  None |
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| **104/15**  ***Action:*** | **To Approve And Sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 2015**  Cllr Mrs Parsons queried an item relating to a planning application at Brandhouse Farm that did not appear in the Minutes and the Clerk was requested to investigate.  **RESOLUTION 36/15**  The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman |
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| **105/15** | **To Consider Co-Option to Fill the Vacancy**  **RESOLUTION 37/15**  6 votes in Favour and 2 Abstentions. Mr David Bendall was co-opted to fill the Vacancy and then signed his Acceptance of Office. |
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| **106/15** | **Community Issues & Projects** |
| **106.1/15** | **Traffic and Highways** |
| ***Action:***  ***Action:***  ***Action:*** | **Highways Update**  **Brandhouse Farm**  Members were advised that gates have been installed across the highways on Winters Lane that was the original Nailsworth Road. It was noted that this is the access to Barton End and the Clerk was requested to alert Gloucestershire Highways and enquire about the legal position.  **Repairs in Mays Lane and Star Lane**  It was noted that no reply has yet been received from Gloucestershire Highways to Cllr Slater’s email. It was further noted that more white circles have appeared.  **Passing Places off B4014 to Chavenage**  It was noted that these passing places need to be reinstated.  **Overgrown Hedges and Potholes**  Members were advised that a complaint has been received from Wendy Parsons regarding the general condition of the roads and overgrown hedges. The Clerk was requested to advise Gloucestershire Highways. |
| **106.2/15** | **Community Issues** |
| ***Action:*** | **Management Arrangements for the Memorial Hall**  Following the meeting with Barbara Pond of GRCC regarding the legal structure of the charity that controls the Hall together with the lack of volunteers from residents to run the Hall, it was resolved that the Council needs to take back control of the building. In the circumstances, it was agreed to:  Advise the Charity Commission of the change in contact details and request advice on how to return the Trustees responsibilities to the Parish Council as a body.  Contact Simon Wheatley and Colin Carville to advise them of the Council’s decision and request that the Treasurer makes reports to the Parish Council in the future should he wish to remain involved.  In the meantime, Cllr Conway would contact Mr Carville to request an up to date set of accounts. |
|  | **Updates from Project Manager**  See report attached.  The Projects Manager advised that some of the work has been delayed due to damaged equipment and has over run but will be completed as soon as possible. |
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| **107/15** | **Finance** |
| **107.1/15** | **Bank Reconciliation and Budget Status up to 31 July 2015**  Noted |
| **107.2/15** | **Bills For Payment (as detailed on Schedule)**  **RESOLUTION 38/15**  It was resolved to pay the bills detailed on the attached schedule |
| **107.3/15** | **Victim Support – Request for Grant**  **RESOLUTION 39/15**  It was resolved to donate £30 to Victim Support. |
| **107.4/15** | **To Receive Closure of the Audit for the Year 2014 – 2015 and the External Auditor’s Report**  **RESOLUTION 40/15**  The Auditor’s Certificate and Opinion was noted. |
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| **108/15** | **Planning** |
| **108.1/15** | **To Consider Response to New Planning Applications** |
|  | **15/02091/FUL 25 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT**  Replacement of existing side extension with two storey extension to north-west elevation, erection of porch to south-east elevation, installation of dormer windows and landscaping works  **RESOLUTION 41/15**  The Parish Council Objects to this application on the following grounds:  • Extremely difficult for emergency services to access the site  • The size of the building is out of place compared to neighbouring properties and the size of the site  • The proposed development does not conserve or enhance the Conservation Area |
|  | **15/01878/FUL 25 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT**  Erection of a dwelling  **RESOLUTION 41/15**  The Parish Council Objects to this application on the following grounds:  • Extremely difficult for emergency services to access the site  • The size of the building is out of place compared to neighbouring properties and the size of the site  •The proposed development does not conserve or enhance the Conservation Area |
| **108.2/15** | **To Note Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting** |
|  | None |
| **108.3/15** | **Decision Notices** |
| ***Action:*** | **15/01343/FUL Owl House 19 West End Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NE**  Retrospective planning application to extend the residential curtilage of the dwelling house  **Permitted 29 July 2015**  It was noted that no notification of this application had been received following validation. The Clerk was requested to investigate and also alert GCC PROW Officer that the extension to the curtilage is over Avening Footpath 11. |
| **108.4/15** | **Planning Correspondence**  None |
|  | **Stroud District Local Plan**  Send link to everyone |
| **108.5/15** | **To Receive Tree Works Notifications** |
|  | None |
| **108.6/15** | **To Consider Any Other Urgent Planning Applications or Correspondence Received Since Publication of the Agenda** |
|  | **15/03326/COMPLY** **Land Adjacent 9 Pound Hill Avening Gloucestershire GL8 8LZ**  Erection of a new single dwelling together with new detached garden room and other associated ancillary development – compliance with conditions 5 (materials), 6 (panel), 9 (design), 10 (woodwork) and 11 (landscape)  It was agreed that Members would contact the Clerk before the response date. |
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| **109/15** | **Correspondence** |
|  | **GCC – Armed Forces Covenant**  Noted |
|  | **GRCC – Right to Buy**  Noted |
|  | **Healthwatch Gloucestershire**  Noted |
|  | **Gloucestershire Constabulary – Changes to Police Service**  Noted |
|  | **District Councillor’s Report**  Cllr Parsons reported that   * CDC’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee is looking at the Community Infrastructure   Levy and S106 arrangements   * 2 Planning Inspectors are looking at Policy Procedures. * The retrospective planning application for Avening Mill windows has been rejected by Planning Officers. |
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| **110/15** | **The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday, 17 SEPTEMBER 2015 in Avening Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.**  **All Are Welcome** |

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:37