

AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
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Report for the Press of Meeting held on 20th April 2015

There were no objections or observations with regard to a Planning Application to discharge conditions (04) vehicle access and (05) hard and soft landscaping at Martins Field, Awre. However the Council were pleased to have received notification that the vehicular access across the Village Green would be 'green grass paver' rather than tarmac, which would have been problematic for the Parish Council.

An application for the discharge of condition (04) relating to Planning Application P2353/11/OUT at Guys Hall Farm has been withdrawn.

Residents from Awre attended the meeting in force to express their concerns about an application for a large solar panel site near Awre village. As the application has not yet come to the Parish Council it was not possible for Councillors to comment on it at this stage.

Inspector Steve Chester introduced himself as the new Inspector for the Forest.

Although recorded crime is dropping he is concerned that this is not a true picture and merely reflects a growing reluctance to report.

He said he was prepared to support the Parish Council's campaign to obtain a reduction in the speed limit at the A48 junction with Viney Hill Road.

County Councillor Leppington welcomed the County Council's decision to resurrect the Forest Road Safety Committee.

He also welcomed the commencement of the 'Lengtsman Scheme' in the area which will be dependent on the Parishes reporting highways problems, which will be prioritised for action.

He has achieved a commitment from the County Council to undertake a traffic survey in New Road, Blakeney in response to concerns from local residents about traffic speeds.

The County Council have accepted riparian owners rights for their part of the brook in Blakeney and are seeking 'costings' for the removal of silt.

The Council heard that it now has a responsibility by law to offer a pension scheme for

its employees.

A number of projects have been identified for expenditure, including refurbishment of the red telephone boxes adopted by the Council, repair to benches, Lych Gate repairs and a computer upgrade.

The Council is pursuing plans with its solicitor to register the village Green at Awre.

The next meeting of the Awre Parish Council will be held on 11.5.2015 at Blakeney Recreation Centre, following the Annual General Meeting @ 7.00pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and are able to address the meeting at the beginning. Newly elected Councillors will be sworn in at the AGM and Chairman and Vice Chairman elected.