

Meeting held 16.5.2016 at Blakeney recreation Centre.

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

Councillors R Fellows, K Stevenson, G Bullock, H Clarke.
Clerk D Preece. Also in attendance for part of the meeting; County Councillor R Leppington.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr P Deighton, Cllr H Pike and Cllr K Allen. Accepted by the Meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody present.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18.4.16

The minutes of the meeting held on 18.4.16 were approved by the meeting as circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting, subject to the following correction. On page 1416, Item 6, the last line should read ‘Cllr Hughes wished to be informed ...’.

5. REPORT OF CLERK ON MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Leppington reported that he had referred some of the Parish’s highway issues to the ‘Lengthsman’ Scheme, which will be operating in the area soon.

He suggests that the query about funding for repairs on the A48 be referred to the newly elected Police Commissioner.

Other matters to be taken up with Brian Watkins direct.

The Clerk received confirmation that Amey would be investigating the matter of the buttress at Stocking House, Blakeney Hill. The owner has sent copies of his correspondence on the matter.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 4.5.16

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 4.5.16 were approved by the meeting, as circulated, and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

7. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hughes was not present.

8. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Leppington stated that he was pleased that the Parish Council had appointed a Highways Committee.

He was pleased that the Government had done a 'U turn' on the Academisation of small schools. He will keep an eye on further developments.

He has been putting pressure on the District Council to be open about Councillors membership of the Freemasons.

A report is awaited regarding why the planning fee had to be returned to the Applicants in regard to the Solar Farm at Awre. He feels that someone should be held responsible.

He will contact again Mr Watkins, Highways, regarding the clearing of the silt in the Brook in Blakeney.

Cllr Stevenson reported that a meeting had taken place between herself, Cllr Pike, Brett Stevenson (Blakeney School), Police Inspector Chester, David Caldicott (Road Safety) and Brian Watkins (Highways) regarding the road safety issue in Blakeney. The meeting is asking for more than a School Safety Zone. Brian Watkins agreed to explore the options and pricing. The Police would support extending the 30 mph limit in the village. It was felt that fund raising in the community, if necessary, would be able to facilitate getting better measures than just a School Safety Zone.

9. PLANNING APPLICATION

P0553/16/OUT. Cliff Patch, New Road, Blakeney. Outline application for the erection of two dwellings. Councillors have no objections in principle, but note that it is outside the settlement boundary. It is also noted that the access was created before planning permission was applied for. The access is considered to be dangerous as there is zero visibility on to a busy road.

10. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0136/16/FUL. Land at Hall Farm, Awre. Application to remove trees. Refused.

P0206/16/FUL. Land at rear of Station Villas, High Street, Blakeney. Variation of condition to increase footprint and raise roof level. Agreed.

P0165/16/FUL. Wench Ford Picnic site, New Road, Blakeney. Proposed end opening shipping container for use as café. Agreed. Cladding details supplied.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2016-05-01 GAPTC – AGM notice – Noted.

The Council also received a letter from Norris & Fisher, insurance Brokers asking if the Parish Council would like a quotation for insurance. The Council is sticking with the three agreement with its existing insurers.

A letter has been received from ‘Centenary Fields’ inviting an application to secure ‘recreational spaces in perpetuity’. To be discussed further at next meeting.
An e mail has been received from P Smith regarding over grown hedgerow on Blakeney Hill Road. To be referred to Highways.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were proposed by Cllr Fellows, seconded by Cllr Marshall and agreed for payment.

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Blakeney Recreation Centre	£18.00	Hire of hall	1
Highbury Garden & Lawn Centre	£300.00	Cemetery Mtce	2
Came & Co	£828.22	Annual Insurance Premium	3

Authority for payment – Local Govt Act 1972 unless otherwise stated. 1 – s.134(4). 2 – s.214. 3 – s.111.

13. SUPPORT FOR ‘FORESTERS FOREST’ PROJECT

The Clerk to forward papers to Cllrs Fellows and Bullock to consider. For further discussion at next meeting.

14. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON BLAKENEY & DISTRICT RECREATION CENTRE COMMITTEE

Deferred to next meeting.

15. ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY

A tile has slipped from the Lych Gate roof. Clerk to inform the contractor.

16. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

There was an agreement that recent verge cutting had been tidily done despite one or two complaints. The contractors have removed a number of the wild flowers in places.

Clerk was requested to ensure that the 717 bus timetable (Blakeney to Cinderford) be included in the next ‘Parish Pump’.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.42pm.