

Meeting held on 15.8.2016 at Blakeney Recreation Centre.

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

Councillors R Fellows, K Allen, G Bullock, H Pike, K Stevenson.
Clerk D Preece.

Also in attendance for part of the meeting, County Councillor R Leppington, District
Councillor G Hughes and member of the Public, J Stevenson.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs P Deighton and H Clarke. Accepted by the Meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fellows declared a personal interest in Planning Application P1082/16/FUL, under Item 9 on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing raised.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18.7.16

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18.7.16 were approved by the meeting as circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5. REPORT OF CLERK ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THAT MEETING

The Clerk reported that the Street Warden had visited several times, the address of the person believed to be dumping kitchen waste in the stream in Blakeney, without getting a reply. The Clerk had suggested that he write to the person concerned.

The Clerk has reported the damaged road sign in Church Square, Blakeney.

The Clerk has written to the undertakers regarding the revised criteria for burial in Blakeney Cemetery. Mr Kinnerley from Gordon Blake has responded and is not happy about the new arrangements. This was noted.

The Clerk has passed on the Council's comments in relation to the 'Former Grit Storage Area, Newnham Road' to the Planning Inspectorate, for the appeal hearing.

6. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hughes stated that the Planning Application to re-site an agricultural workers dwelling at Guy Hall Farm, Awre had been passed. He put forward the Parish Council's view at the

meeting. Cllr Marshall was unhappy about the Officer's report which appeared to link the application to the Solar Panel Application, which he felt was irrelevant.

Cllr Hughes welcomed feedback about the new re-cycling arrangements. He pointed out that textile and small electrical items need to be tied up in plastic bags.

7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Leppington referred to the meeting between himself, Cllr Marshall and Brian Watkins, County Highways regarding the clearing of sections of Blackpool Brook in Blakeney. He anticipated the Parish Council's donation to these extensive works to be between £4,000 and £5,000. Clerk to remind Mr Watkins to send an invoice, before the work starts. He was asked to clarify if the works included the removal of growth from the wall on the Brook Street side of the stream.

He has received a request from residents along the side of the brook to reduce the height of the trees above the weir, which exclude a lot of light and pose a threat to their properties. The Council supports this but a suggestion was made that the complete removal of the trees on the Brook Street side may prove more effective than reducing the height of all of the trees. 'Cut off' trees would not look very nice.

The 'Lengthsmen' have been active in Blakeney.

A second hedge cutting had taken place, but there were several places where overhanging undergrowth was still causing problems, particularly on Blakeney Hill. Some of these problems were down to the landowners and he agreed to request the Safety Officer to visit and to write to the landowners concerned, to remind them of their responsibilities.

It was agreed to take these and outstanding drainage and road repair issues to a Highways Sub-Committee. Cllr Marshall agreed to try to set this up with B Watkins on 6.9.16. Cllrs Stevenson and Pike to attend.

Cllr Leppington confirmed funding for flashing 30mph sign in Blakeney. Clerk stated that he had received a phone call from a resident stating that the sign was a waste of time. A speed camera was needed.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1082/16/FUL. Forest View, Blakeney Hill. Single storey extension at first floor level to the rear of the property and construction of a retaining wall (Revised scheme of P0352/16/FUL). No observations or objections.

P1115/16/TCA. The Old Police Station, Church Square, Blakeney. Crown lift of 3.5m and 30% thinning of Norway Maple. No observations or objections.

P1116/16/TCA. Ludlow House, Church Square, Blakeney. Felling of a Sycamore. No observations or objections.

9. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0702/16/FUL. 6, All Saints Road, Blakeney. Creation of a raised hard standing and extension of existing access. Granted.

P0690/16/FUL. Rose Cottage, Awre Road, Awre. Conversion of garage into annexe to create additional residential accommodation. Granted.

P0736/16/FUL. Valley View, Blakeney Hill. Two storey side extension to dwelling. Granted.

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P0728/16/FUL. Prospect House, Awre. Single storey side and integral garage extension. Granted.

P0553/16/OUT. Cliff Patch, New Road, Blakeney. Outline application for the erection of two dwellings. Refused.

P0350/16/FUL. Baptist Chapel, High Street, Blakeney. Change of use from chapel to two bedroomed flat and artist studio space. Granted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2016-08-01 Butlers Mead residents – Problem trees – Concern about height of trees on border of Old Station Close. Reduction of light and danger to properties. Clerk to write to Housing Association requesting attention to problem.

2016-08-02 Amey – Contact details for Councillors – Clerk to forward details to Councillors.

2016-08-03 Stroud District Council – Community Infrastructure Levy - Noted.

2016-08-04 Foresters Forest Programme – Survey – Clerk to forward to Councillors.

2016-08-05 Mr & Mrs O’Kane – Complaint about behaviour of a Parish Councillor – It was agreed to form a Disciplinary Panel on 17.8.16, consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Allen to consider letter. Complainant advised of District Council’s Complaints Procedure.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Blakeney Recreation Centre	£18.00	Hire of hall	1
Highbury Garden & Lawn Centre	£370.00	Cemetery maintenance	2
The Telecottage	£27.80	August newsletter	3

Authority for payment – Local Govt Act 1972 unless otherwise stated. 1 – s.134(4). 2 – s.214. 3 – s142.
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12. CONFIRMATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

The Clerk produced a revised Risk Assessment Statement. Confirmation proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Fellows and agreed.

Copy to be placed on website. Clerk to forward details of keys, passwords etc to Chairman.

13. ANNUAL WALKABOUT

Following a successful ‘walkabout’ in the Parish by Councillors, please see the attached report. Cllr Marshall thanked Cllr Bullock for his historical information input.

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Further attempts to be made to find out how to secure the future safety of the ‘Cart wash’ in Millend, Blakeney.

Cllr Bullock stated that it was his intention to repaint the red telephone kiosk in Awre. He requested assistance. Request to be placed in next newsletter.

14. ANY MATTERS RELATING TO BLAKENEY CEMETERY

The Contractor has still not been in touch regarding the repairs to the Lych Gate roof. Clerk to write another letter for Cllr Bullock to deliver by hand.

15. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Fellows requested that the 'Annual Calendar' be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.37pm.