

Meeting held on 19.9.2016 at Blakeney Recreation Centre.

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

Councillors R Fellows, K Allen, G Bullock, H Clarke, P Deighton, A Blake.  
Clerk D Preece.

Also in attendance for part of the meeting, County Councillor R Leppington.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr H Pike. Accepted by the Meeting.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nobody present.

## **4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1.9.16**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1.9.16 were approved by the meeting as circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

## **5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15.8.16**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15.9.16 were approved by the meeting as circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

## **6. REPORT OF CLERK ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THAT MEETING**

The Clerk reported that Rooftop Housing has replied to the letter sent to them regarding concerns about the height of trees on the border to Old Station Close. They have addressed the issues in their annual review and requested contractors remove/ reduce height on, some of the trees. A letter of concern has also been received from Blakeney School, a copy of which has been forwarded to Rooftop.

No further correspondence has been received from Mr & Mrs O Kane regarding their complaint.

Repairs to the roof of the Lychgate, Blakeney Cemetery have been completed following the delivery by hand, by Cllr Bullock, of a reminder letter.

The Clerk contacted Planning regarding the state of the Red Hart, Awre. Martin Hillier confirmed that the Conservation Officer had visited and that the matter was now being pursued by the new Enforcement Officer, Ryno van Hoven.

## **7. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hughes was not present.

## **8. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Leppington agreed, in the absence of Cllr Hughes to include District Council matters in his report.

The person who was dumping kitchen waste in Blackpool Brook has attended a meeting at the District Council offices, where she was warned about her behaviour. She agreed not to repeat such behaviour.

Funding has been agreed by the County Council for a vehicle activated speed sign in Blakeney.

He regretted that he had still not heard from the community in Blakeney regarding further speed restrictions. His feeling is that the offer of a 'School Safety Zone', by the County Council should have been accepted, as it could have been installed by now. What the community were requesting is seen to be unrealistic in the current economic climate.

With regard to the trees bordering Blackpool Brook, in High Street, Blakeney, it has been agreed to remove the trees on the Brook Street side, and to leave the trees on the High Street side, in order to shield residents from traffic noise and fumes. Councillors agreed that this was a sensible solution to the problem.

It was felt by the meeting that the recent drainage works in Blackpool Brook were very successful. The contractors were praised for the quality of their work.

He has been informed by the Forestry Commission that the latest estimate of 'boar' in the Forest is 1600. They are attempting a cull of 700. In the light of further extensive damage caused by these creatures he is advocating stronger action to get on top of the matter.

The District Council is preparing its five year land supply report to go to HM Planning Inspector, in order to protect residents against unwelcome development.

He has received concerns about 'drug dealing' in Blakeney. No Councillor was able to substantiate this.

Mr Watkins, County Highways will follow up on a drainage problem in Church Square, Blakeney.

Councillor Allen requested repairs to a manhole cover outside Dean Mowers, Blakeney High Street.

With regard to the spate of accidents on the stretch of the A48 beyond Kites Nest Farm, the traffic lights have been installed as a safety measure, whilst the County Council explores the possibility of making a trial cut in the road surface in order to curb excess water and prevent further accidents.

Cllr Blake expressed concern about a gully that had developed at the edge of the same stretch of road, approximately 150 yards before the Two Bridges turn off. Both a bin lorry and a police car have recently got stuck in it.

Chairman Cllr Marshall stated that a group of Councillors met with Mr Watkins, County Highways, to discuss drainage and other highway issues. It was hoped to meet again in 2/3 months. It was agreed that the Clerk attend and minute future meetings.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P1156/16/FUL. Chapel House, Brains Green. Proposed two storey rear and side extension with associated works.

## 10. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1082/16/FUL. Forest View, Blakeney Hill. Single storey extension to first floor level to rear of property & construction of a retaining wall (Revised Scheme). Granted.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2016-09-01 M Henrich – Burning of rubbish in Millend, Blakeney – Referred to Environmental Health.

2016-09-02 All Saints Church, Blakeney – Donation request – Deferred to October meeting.

2016-09-03 Blakeney School – Trees at Old Station Yard – Forwarded to Rooftop Housing.

## 12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Blakeney Duck Race	£50.00	Donation	1
Highbury Garden & Lawn Centre	£300.00	Cemetery maintenance	2
Glos County Council	£5000.00	Drainage work, Blackpool Brook	3
D Preece	£1099.62	Clerk's wages	4
D Preece	£192.71	Clerk's expenses	5
Post Office(HMRC)	£275.00	Clerk's tax	4
PATA	£12.50	Payroll services	4
D Williams(Mynett)	£327.60	Toilet cleaning/security	6
Blakeney & District Rec. Centre	£18.00	Room hire	1

Authority for payment – Local Govt Act 1972 unless otherwise stated.

1 – s.134(4). 2 – s.214. 3 – s137. 4 – s.112(2). 5 – LG(FP)A 1963 s.5. 6 – Public Health Act 1936 s.87.

## 13. CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017 CALENDAR

It was agreed that Cllr Fellows approach a local source to purchase appropriate photographs and then proceed towards printing with assistance from B Watters. Distribution to be discussed at next meeting.

It was suggested that an article be placed in the first 'Parish Pump' after Christmas, inviting photographs for the 2018 calendar.

## **14. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

The Internal Audit report for 1.4.16-30.6.16 was proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Deighton and agreed by the meeting.

## **15. ANY MATTERS RELATING TO BLAKENEY CEMETERY**

Councillors are pleased with the work of the contractor.  
Cllr Deighton and Clerk will undertake Annual Risk Assessment.

## **16. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Bullock will obtain some daffodil bulbs for planting throughout the parish.

Clerk is exploring the wherewithal to switch to electronic banking.

Clerk has begun the automatic enrolment declaration with the Pensions Regulator.

Clerk pointed out that he had received a complaint about parking on the 'blind' bend in the Cinderford Road, by the Old Baptist Chapel, Blakeney. This was raised at the meeting with B Watkins.

Cllr Bullock stated that nobody had responded to the appeal, placed in the last edition of the 'Parish Pump', for help with the renovation of the red phone box in Awre. To be repeated in next edition.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm.