

AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
&
BURIAL AUTHORITY

Report for the Press of Meeting held on 16.1.2017

Councillors had no objections or observations in relation to an application for the discharge of condition (03) foul and surface water drainage of Planning Permission P0202/16/17 on Land at 1, Station Villas, High Street, Blakeney.

They had no objections in principle to plans for the erection of a dwelling at Brooklyn, Millend, Blakeney, but had a number of concerns about the plans submitted. There was no landscape plan. The quality of the proposed building is not consistent with the fact that it is in a Conservation Area and adjacent to a number of Listed Buildings. There are highway safety concerns due to the current parking configuration. Millend does not have a footway, so pedestrians and vehicles share the carriageway. The primary concern relates to vehicles emerging/reversing from the parking bays that will have zero visibility to the south due to the gable of the property extending to the back edge of the carriageway.

Notification has been received of the granting of the following applications: Guy Hall Farm, Awre. Resiting of approved farm dwelling on land adjacent to Farm; Kingsland Farm, Newnham Road, Blakeney. Change of use from dwelling to hotel, including alteration and extension and new vehicular access. Renewal of previous consent; Little-a-Dene, Etloe. Side and rear alterations and extension to dwelling; Land opposite Byways and Highfield, Brook Street, Blakeney. Removal of 1 Thuja tree and 3 Cypress trees.

District Councillor Hughes told the meeting that he had received concerns about the state of the Red Hart at Awre. He agreed to follow up on the representations made previously by the Parish Council to the Enforcement Officer.

County Councillor Leppington stated that he had had a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to address the problem of inadequate policing in the Forest. The Commissioner is particularly concerned about the lack of Community Policing. It remains to be seen if any improvements are forthcoming.

The Council agreed to set its Precept request at the same figure as last year. Although when the District Council produces its percentages, it is liable to show up as an increase. This is because up to this financial year the District Council used the Rate Support Grant to subsidise the payments made by Town and Parish Councils. The District Council has received a further reduction in funding from the Government and has decided to withdraw the subsidy.

There are concerns about the poor quality in pothole repairs around the Parish and a number of outstanding drainage problems. A request has also been received to replace the anti-skid surface on the pedestrian crossing in Blakeney. It was decided to arrange a further meeting with Mr Watkins, County Highways to discuss these issues.

The next meeting of the Awre Parish Council will be held on 13.2.2017 at Blakeney Recreation Centre @ 7.00pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and are able to address the meeting at the beginning.