

**AWRE PARISH COUNCIL  
and BURIAL AUTHORITY**

Meeting held 20.03.2017 at Awre Village Hall.

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

Councillors R Fellows, A Blake, K Allen.

Clerk D Preece. Also in attendance for part of the meeting;- County Councillor R Leppington.

## **1.APOLOGIES**

Cllr H Clarke, Cllr H Pike, Cllr Deighton and Cllr AG Bullock accepted by the meeting.

Cllr Stevenson sent apologies and her resignation, accepted by meeting.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nobody present.

## **4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13.2.2017 were approved, as circulated, and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

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

A meeting took place with Mr Watkins, County Highways on 20.2.17. In attendance were Cllrs Bullock (Chair), Pike, and Marshall and County Cllr R Leppington. See notes attached.

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

Cllr Hughes was not in attendance.

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

Cllr Leppington was aware that the Parish Council had received a Council Tax Demand in relation to Blakeney toilets. He stated that he had helped Littledean Parish Council, successfully, in a previous appeal against such charges.

It was agreed by the meeting, that the Clerk make further enquiries before the Parish Council agrees to pay.

He stated that he had been involved in the proposal to get the County Council to put a further £6m in the Highways budget.

Shortages in Government spending had necessitated tax increases.

The Clerk enquired about the information that he had sent to him, on request, regarding jobs, within the Parish for the Lengthsmen. Cllr Leppington stated that these had to be agreed by Mr Watkins.

He is pleased that the Visual Speed Limit sign has now been erected in Blakeney. He regretted that there had not been a community response in relation to the plans regarding a 'School Safety Scheme'. Blakeney is the only village with a school, in his 'patch', that does not have such a scheme, and it has probably the most dangerous road.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P0217/17/FUL. Oakdean Studios, 4, High Street, Blakeney. Conversion of existing film studios to one bed apartment.

Councillors feel that it is a commercial property and do not understand why the owner does not appear to need to apply for permission for change of use. There is no parking provision at a difficult and busy junction. Councillors also regret the loss of another business in the village.

P1793/16/OUT. Cliff Patch, New Road, Blakeney. Outline Application for the erection of two dwellings, including access, scale and layout.

Councillors object because the access causes a detriment to highway safety. The dangers of this road have been brought to the Council's attention on numerous occasions, because of speeding vehicles and parking. There is also no footway on the side of the road where the dwellings are proposed, which means that pedestrians need to cross the road in order to walk to amenities.

P0367/17/FUL. Old Barn House, Awre Road, Blakeney. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof over retained ground floor, construction of covered patio and associated works. Demolition of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on side elevation.

No objections or observations.

P0074/17/LBC. Underdean House, Newnham Road, Blakeney. Listed Building Consent for replacement rain water goods and 12 secondary glazing units.

No objections to secondary glazing. As a Listed Building water goods should be of cast iron or similar and not of UPVC.

## **9. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P0100/16/DISCON. Land at 1, Station Villas, Blakeney. Discharge of condition (03) foul and surface water drainage of P0206/16/FUL. Granted.

P1658/16/FUL. The Coach House, Newnham Road, Blakeney. First floor extension to dwelling. Withdrawn.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING**

03-17-01 – PREVENT – Community Leaflet handout - Noted.

03-17-02 – K Stevenson – Notice of resignation. Clerk to acknowledge acceptance by APC and thank Cllr Stevenson. Clerk to advertise vacancy.

03-17-03 – Rise & Shine Window Cleaning – Bus Shelter cleaning – Clerk to investigate if monthly cleaning at £5 per shelter would be possible.

03-17-04 – Rev. Rob James – Church Bells – Reason for increased sound - Noted.

03-17-05 – A McDermot – Concern re heavy farm vehicles – Chairman reported that he had also had a complaint regarding same vehicles. He had spoken to the owner, who apologised. The complainant agreed that there had been an improvement.

03-17-06 – J Capps – Footpath repairs, Severn Way footpath – Chairman agreed to visit the Contractor regarding their offer to finance footpath repairs.

03-17-07 – U Cross – Dangerous tree on highway. Clerk to report to County Highways.

## **11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Authority</b>
FODDC	£60.00	Waste Licences- B'ney Cemetery	1
M Marshall	£11.99	Toilet supplies	2
FODDC	£438.38	Toilet rate demand	2 *
GAPTC	£442.28	Annual membership	3
D & A Electricals	£350.00	Blakeney toilet electrics	2
Community Heartbeat	£28.00	Defib pads	4
D Preece	£1099.62	Clerk's wages	5
HMRC(Post Office)	£275.00	Clerk's tax	5
PATA	£12.50	Payroll services	5
D Preece	£153.53	Clerk's expenses	5
D Williams	£327.60	Toilet security/cleaning	2

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

1 – s.214. 2 - Public Health Act 1936 s.87. 3 – s.143. 4 –Public Health Act 1936 s.234. 5 – s.112.

\*It was agreed by the meeting to withhold this payment pending further investigations into the Council's liability for such a payment.

## **12. REVIEW OF CEMETERY CHARGES AND RULES**

Cllr Allen produced a revised edition of the rules, which, with one or two minor amendments were accepted by the meeting. Increases in charges, in line with inflation, were agreed by the meeting. See document attached.

## **13. FUTURE OF ANNUAL CALENDAR**

Cllr Fellows was still awaiting realistic costings for future calendars, so it was agreed to defer further discussion to the next meeting.

#### **14. FUTURE OF BLAKENEY TOILETS**

Councillors are concerned about the increasing costs to the toilets;- repeated blockages, repeated vandalism, recent repairs to bring up to safety standards and now the threat of having to pay Council Tax. There is also a possibility that the Council will lose the services of its 'Cleaning and Security Contractor' later in the year.

The toilets rely on a lot of voluntary support.

The District Council has still not responded to the Council's request to be considered as potential purchasers.

Further discussion deferred until more information is available.

#### **15. MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY**

Cllr Allen met with the Contractor. It was agreed that works needed to be undertaken on the lower path and the edge of the cemetery bordering on the stream, to clear undergrowth and rubbish. The side and lower path's also need moss treatment. Cllr Allen will also ask them to repair the kerb on the upper path. It was agreed that Cllr Allen request an estimate for the necessary works. He will arrange a 'litter' sign for the lower bank. There is a cross on a grave near to the gate that is loose. Cllr Allen and Clerk to assess.

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

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be at Blakeney Community Centre on 24.4.17.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.07 pm.