

AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
&
BURIAL AUTHORITY

Report for the Press of Meeting held on 20th March 2017

With regard to a Planning Application for the conversion of film studios to a one bedroom apartment at Oakdean Studios, 4, High Street, Blakeney, 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 and councillors regret the loss of yet another business.

An outline application for the erection of two dwellings, including access, scale and layout at Cliff Patch, New Road, Blakeney gave rise to objections from Councillors because the access causes a detriment to highway safety. The dangers of the road have been brought to the Council's attention on numerous occasions, because of speeding vehicles and parking. There is 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 access amenities.

There were no objections or observations in relation to an application to replace a flat roof with a pitched roof over the retained ground floor, the construction of a covered patio and associated works or the demolition of 1st and 2nd floor on the side elevation at Old Barn House, Awre Road, Blakeney.

Listed Building Consent was being sought to replace rainwater goods and install 12 secondary glazing units at Underdean House, Newnham Road, Blakeney. Councillors had no objections to the secondary glazing but felt that on a Listed Building the rainwater goods should be of cast iron or similar and not of UPVC.

Notice has been received regarding the withdrawal of an application to erect a first floor extension to The Coach House, Newnham Road, Blakeney.

An application to discharge condition (03) foul and surface water drainage of Application P0206/16/FUL at Land at 1, Station Villas, Blakeney has been granted.

At a meeting with County Highways a number of outstanding highway matters in the Parish were discussed.
Councillors were pleased to note the arrival of the illuminated speed sign in Blakeney.

A revised set of regulations in relation to the Cemetery in Blakeney, was agreed by the

meeting as was a list of revised charges.

A number of minor works have been identified in the Cemetery and the Contractor will be asked to provide an estimate.

Among these is the clearing of rubbish from the lower side of the newer part of the cemetery. It is disappointing that some people choose to discard, empty plastic bottles, plastic flowers etc on this bank, when the Council provides, at some cost, both a bin for general waste and two bins for green waste near the cemetery gate.

The Council would again like to refer to the recent publication of Council Tax Bill's which indicate that the Awre Parish Council raised its precept by 5.16%. In fact the Council requested the same amount as last year. The figure is distorted by the fact that the government have again reduced funding to local authorities and the Local Council Support Tax (worth £1,000 to Awre last year) has been removed.

The next meeting of the Awre Parish Council will be held on 24.4.2017 at Blakeney Community Centre @ 7.00pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and are able to address the meeting at the beginning.