

AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
&
BURIAL AUTHORITY

Report for the Press of Meeting held on 24th April 2017

The following Planning Applications were considered at the meeting:-

Land at rear of 1-5 Old Station Close, Blakeney. Works to remove one Maple tree, cut back overhanging Hazel branches and remove all branches from woodland overhanging gardens. No objections or observations.

Severn View Farm, Gatcombe. Proposed two storey extension to dwelling. No objections or observations.

Guy Hall Farm, Northington Lane, Awre. Prior approval to change the use of an agricultural building to two dwelling houses. No objections or observations.

Ivy Cottage, Millend, Blakeney. Removal of a branch from a Cypress tree. No objection or observations.

Highmead House, Butts Lane, Blakeney. 33% crown reduction of a Eucalyptus tree. No objections or observations.

Mead Coach House, High Street, Blakeney. Erection of a single storey front extension. No objection but Councillors would prefer that the materials used were more in keeping with the existing building.

Prospect Cottage, Brains Green. Erection of a two storey extension and porch with associated alterations. No objections or observations.

Notice has been received regarding an outline application to erect two dwellings at Cliff Patch, New Road, Blakeney, which has been refused permission.

An application to replace a flat roof with a pitched roof over retained ground floor, and the construction of a covered patio area and the demolition of first and second floors on the side elevation at Old Barn House, Awre Road, Blakeney has been granted permission.

Councillors are arranging a meeting with the District Council to discuss the future of Blakeney toilets. It would like to purchase the toilets, if the cost was reasonable. It is hoped that the rear toilet would remain open but the front toilet could be converted to some other use.

There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in serving the local community by contributing to local decision making should contact the Clerk on 515808 or clerk@awre-parish-council.org.uk to discuss the matter further.

The Council discussed the future of the Annual Parish Calendar in some detail. Whilst some parishioners appreciate the calendar the Council has also received negative feedback. It is likely that the cost of producing the calendar this year will rise to £1500 which amounts to a significant portion of the budget, at a time when the Council is being urged to keep its precept increase to a minimum.

There have been difficulties in recent years in obtaining suitable photographs as well as problems with distribution. A lot of the work in preparing and distributing the calendars is dependent on volunteers, which is difficult to sustain.

Due to criticism regarding the accuracy of information published, as sometimes things change after publication, the Council has reduced the amount of information in the calendars, making it less useful as an information source for the community.

It was therefore decided that the Council would cease production.

Steps are being taken to eradicate the Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam on the boundary of Blakeney Cemetery.

The Meeting was reminded about the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held this year at Blakeney Recreation Centre on Tuesday 9/5/17 @ 7.30.pm. Members of the public are invited to attend to receive reports from the Parish Council and other local organisations on their work during the past twelve months.

The Annual General Meeting of the Council will take place on 15.5.17 at Blakeney Recreation Centre @ 7.00.

This will be followed by the next meeting of the Awre Parish Council. Members of the public are invited to attend and are able to address the meeting at the beginning.