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AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
and BURIAL AUTHORITY

Meeting held 18.09.2017 at Blakeney Recreation Centre.

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

Councillors R Fellows, H Clarke, G Bullock, K Allen, R Cotton, A Blake, T Ware.
Clerk D Preece. Also in attendance for part of the meeting;- County Councillor R Boyles,
District Councillor G Hughes.

The Chairman welcomed T Ware, who was co-opted onto the Council, having signed the
necessary declarations.

1.APOLOGIES

Cllr Deighton, accepted by the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody present.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21.8.2017, 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

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of Lydney Town Council regarding the provision of hanging baskets in Blakeney and been referred to their contractor. He is trying to make contact.

He has sent a list of damaged/overgrown footpath signs to the Public Rights of Way Officer, Mr Jeff Wheeler, who is dealing with them.

He sent a list of unfinished/unsatisfactory highway issues to Cllr Boyles, who passed them on to the cabinet lead for highways on the County Council. It appears that Mr Watkins has been out to inspect the said works.

Mr Dean has sent in some information regarding the Local History group that he is intending to set up in the Parish. This has been passed to Mr Watters for inclusion in the 'Parish Pump' and Parish Newsletter.

6. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Boyles reported that he will meet with Mr Watkins to discuss the quality of the highway works mentioned above.

The County Council are looking into the process involved in taking action against landowners who are not maintaining their borders on to highways.

He has been asked to look into the problem of water running across the road outside the British Legion in Blakeney.

A plan is being submitted to Offsted in relation to Children's Services in the County.

'Growth hubs' have been installed in Libraries for businesses to tap into, in order to grow the local economy.

Elmbridge Court roundabout should be finished in 4 days time, on time and on budget.

The County Council is addressing the problem of stability in relation to Lydbrook Bridge.

He reminded the meeting of the 'Youth Activities Fund' which is inviting funding bids from local youth organisations.

Several Forest schools are operating with fewer and fewer pupils, which raises concerns about the viability of these schools.

7. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Hughes presented a map to Councillors with the proposed District Council ward boundary alterations. The number of District Councillors overall will be significantly reduced and the Awre ward will be expanded, but have two representatives. Councillors have until 6.11.17 to make any comments.

He also produced booklets and a summary of the proposals to close Lydney and The Dilke hospitals and replace them with one new purpose built hospital to cover the Forest Of Dean. With regard to the future of Blakeney Toilets he agreed to set up a meeting with the District Council and delegates from the Parish Council to discuss the matter.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1398/17/FUL. Sunningdale, Etloe, Blakeney. Erection of a two storey side extension to provide facilities for disabled person. Demolition of existing garage. No observations or objections.

9. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0074/17/LBC. Underdean House, Newnham Road, Blakeney. Listed Building Permission for the replacement of water goods and secondary glazing. Granted.

P0589/17/LBC. Colsty Cottage, Hitchens, Blakeney. Listed Building Permission for replacement windows. Granted.

P1236/17/TCA. 21,Butlers Mead, Blakeney. Removal of 1 x Cypress tree and 1 x Hazel tree. Granted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2017-09-01 – FODDC – Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting. Cllrs Marshall & Cotton to attend.

2017-09-02 – Local Government Boundary Commission – Consultation – Already discussed.

2017-09-03 – All Saints Church – Donation request – Deferred to October meeting.

2017-09-04 – Glos. County Council – Public Footpath Diversion – No comments.

2017-09-05 – Oil Club – Blakeney heating oil club – Leaflets to Village Hall.

2017-09-06 - FODDC – Precept payment - Noted.

2017-09-07 – N Wilton – Tree Services - Noted.

2017-09-08 – C Snook – Grass cutting/Ground services - Noted.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Blakeney & District Rec. Centre	£18.00	Hall hire 18/9/17	1
Rise & Shine Window Cleaning	£40.00	Bus shelter cleaning	2
D Williams	£341.25	Toilet Security/cleaning	3
Highbury Garden & Lawn Services	£440.00	Cemetery maintenance	4
D Preece	£1099.62	Clerk's wages	5
D Preece	£130.60	Clerk's expenses	5
HMRC	£275.00	Clerk,s tax	5
PATA	£12.50	Payroll services	5

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

1 – s134. 2 – LG(MP)Act 1953 s4(1). 3 – Public Health Act 1936 s.87. 4 – s214. . 5 – s.112.

12. MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY

Cllr Allen stated that the plans to treat the Japanese Knotwood on the bank of the stream adjacent to Blakeney Cemetery, have been held up by the Environment Agency and may now not take place until next year.

The Clerk has contacted a monument stone mason in order to obtain an estimate for stabilising the cross near the Lych Gate.

Cllrs Allen and Fellows are working on the new maintenance contract. Clerk to supply expenditure details.

13. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Marshall to order bulbs for Cllr Bullock to plant throughout the Parish, as previously agreed.

Cllr Marshall has reported the dangerous parking on Soudley Road, Blakeney.

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