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AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
and BURIAL AUTHORITY

Meeting held 16.10.2017 at Awre Village Hall.

Present: Cllr R Fellows – in the Chair

Councillors G Bullock, K Allen, R Cotton.

Clerk D Preece. Also in attendance for part of the meeting;- County Councillor R Boyles, J Wheeler(Public Rights of Way Officer), C Clarke and P Clarke.

1.APOLOGIES

Cllrs Clarke, Marshall, Deighton and Ware, accepted by the meeting. District Cllr G Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cotton declared an interest in one of the donation requests (CAB). Agenda item 14.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Clarke reported that a street light, defunct for the past 10 years had now been restored, adjacent to his property in Northington Lane, Awre. The LED light is very bright and is opposite his bedroom window. He contacted the County Council who have agreed to remove the light, which is not classed as ‘essential’ in its location, as long as there are no objections from neighbours or the Parish Council. He produced a document signed by his neighbours and the Parish Council agreed that it would raise no objections.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18.9.2017, 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 the only matters arising would be dealt with in later agenda items.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3.10.17

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 3.10.17 were approved, as circulated, and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER – J WHEELER

It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed by the meeting that this item be brought forward.

Mr Wheeler introduced himself to the Council, stating that he has been in office for around twelve months and is working his way through a large backlog of work. He covers the area from May Hill to Chepstow and has only one sub contractor. He is looking forward to his department being brought back from Amey, into the County Council, possibly in April 2018.

He has completed some of the tasks that the Clerk highlighted in the Parish and is supportive of the Parish Council running a campaign to promote the use of the Public Rights of way in the Parish.

He explained that he has been able to recruit some 'Footpath Volunteers' in some other parishes, and that he can supply tools to such people.

He confirmed that he had a 'scheduled list' of paths in the parish which get cut twice per year.

He answered one or two queries that Councillors had about specific footpath problems in the Parish and stated that he looked forward to a close working relationship with the Council.

It is interesting to note that where Public Rights of Way cross private land, it is the responsibility of the landowner to keep them clear.

8. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Boyles reported that the Amey highway contract is due to finish in 18 months and its closure will be phased to ensure minimum disruption. The area of work will be split into three sections; 1) Highway network, 2) Structure, i.e. big projects and 3) Design. The latter will be taken back into the County Council and tenders will be issued for the other two parts of the contract.

He requested feedback on the new 'Elmbridge Roundabout' which appears to be working quite efficiently.

He was asked to chase up the 'School Safety Zone' design in Blakeney, the cutting back of overhanging hedges on Blakeney Hill.

There was positive feedback regarding the drainage work in the Parish that he followed up on the Council's behalf.

9. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Hughes sent his apologies.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1420/17/FUL. Underhill Cottage, New Road, Blakeney. New vehicular access and driveway. Councillors were unable to make informed comment and need more detail of the elevation from the road and site sections, to fully understand the proposed levels and retaining features/structure. Concern expressed about the effectiveness of the visibility splay.

P0087/17/DISCON. 2, Pollards Lane, Blakeney. Discharge of condition 03(Landscaping), 04(foul and surface water) and 08(ground levels) of Planning Application P1067/17/FUL. No objections or observations.

11. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0512/17/FUL. Oakland Park, Newnham. Erection of a biomass boiler room and storage silo(part retrospective). Granted.

P1067/17/FUL. 2, Pollards lane, Blakeney. Erection of replacement dwelling, part demolition and retention of existing dwelling to form workshop. Granted.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2017-10-01 – FODDC – Community Transport – Forest Routes Evaluation - Circulated.

2017-10-02 – Glos. County Council – Fostering Service notice – Noted/Circulated.

2017-10-03 – T. Morris – Letter requesting clarification in Parish Pump that he does not wish reimbursement for painting the seat by the flower tubs in Blakeney – Clerk to arrange.

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Highbury Garden & Lawn Services	£564.00	Cemetery Mtce	1
The Telecottage	£27.80	Newsletter	2
Nature Conservation Services	£542.76	Japanese Knotweed treatment-Cemetery	1

Authority for payment – Local Govt Act 1972 unless otherwise stated.
1 – s.214.. 2 – s.142.

14. REQUESTS FOR ANNUAL DONATIONS

Annual donation requests were considered by the Council and agreed as per the attached list, proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Fellows and agreed by the meeting.

15. UPDATE OF LIST OF COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

16. REVIEW OF TASKS IDENTIFIED FROM PARISH WALKABOUT

Most of the tasks identified have been carried out or are in hand.

The Clerk was asked to remind Mr Fisher regarding the undergrowth under the large trees at Nibley.

Councillors were requested to keep a look out for vehicles parked on the green at Nibley.

17. INSTALLATION OF HANGING BASKETS IN BLAKENEY

The Clerk has obtained a quote from Plantscape, a company who supply, plant and maintain baskets for lamp posts and ground baskets(at either end of Blakeney). The price was thought to be acceptable.

Watering is a problem however. The said baskets come complete with a reservoir for a 7 day supply of water.

Enquiries regarding a company that owns a bowser and pump and could provide a weekly service throughout the summer months have so far proved fruitless.

It was resolved that the Clerk and Councillors continue to make enquiries.

The Clerk has approached Mr Watkins, County Highways for permission to install the planters.

18. MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY

The Clerk obtained a quote of £768.00 to repair the damaged memorial in the Cemetery. This was felt to be too much, so the Clerk contacted M E Damsell, local Monumental Masons who have inspected the monument and believe it to be beyond repair. They have offered to remove the cross and make it safe by laying it on the ground.

As attempts to contact any family members failed and as a warning notice has been on the cross for several months it was agreed to accept Mr Damsell's kind offer.

Cllrs Allen & Fellows are working on a specification for the renewal of the cemetery maintenance contract next year.

Cllr Allen has received a quote of £350.00 from the cemetery contractors to remove stone posts, rubbish and undergrowth at the top end of the cemetery, to repair the fence and level off the land to make it fit for future burials. Proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Fellows and agreed. He will also ask them to remove the moss from the side path.

19. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Cotton raised the issue of dog fouling in the Hitchens, Blakeney. Also a problem on Blakeney Hill Road and Millend. Clerk to contact the Street Warden.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.

Donation Request	Amount granted	Date	Donation Request	Amount granted	Date
Blakeney Youth Club	£250.00	17.10.2016	Blakeney Youth Club	£250.00	16.10.2017
St. Andrews Church, Awre	£450.00	17.10.2016	St Andrews Church, Awre	£450.00	ditto
All Saints Church, Blakeney	£162.00	17.10.2016	All Saints Church, Blakeney	£162.50	ditto
Cobalt	£25.00	17.10.2016	Cobalt	£50.00	ditto
Victim Support	£25.00	17.10.2016			
Young Gloucestershire	£25.00	17.10.2016			
Glos. Chest Fund	£25.00	17.10.2016			
Blakeney Duck Race	£50.00		Blakeney Duck Race	£50.00	Later
Great Western Air Ambulance	£25.00	17.10.2016			
Forest Sensory Services	£25.00	17.10.2016			
			CAB	£50.00	16.10.2017
TOTAL AMOUNT	£1062.00			£1012.50	