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AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
and BURIAL AUTHORITY

Meeting held 16.4.2018 at Blakeney Recreation Centre

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

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

1.APOLOGIES

Cllr Deighton, accepted by the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Davis requested that District Councillor G Hughes, refer his Planning Application to the District Council's Planning Committee.

Mrs Terry felt that local residents had not been given prior notice regarding the installation of metal posts for 'hanging baskets' on the Council's land adjacent to the stream in Blakeney. The Chairman explained that the Council's preference to put the 'hanging baskets' on 10 existing lamp posts had been thwarted by the County Council. This was felt to be a viable alternative. Articles appeared in two newsletters and in previous minutes and on the Council's website. He requested that the Clerk write to Mrs Terry to apologise for any misunderstanding.

Mrs Graham stated that her request to have 'hanging baskets' throughout the village had been ignored and that they would not be seen in the proposed location. The Chairman re-iterated the reason for the change of location. If the scheme proved to be popular then it could be extended to other locations in the village, next year.

Cllr Allen stated that a lot of hard work had gone into arranging the installation of the 'hanging baskets'. It was therefore disheartening that when steps were being taken to enhance the village, some people could only complain.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19.3.2018, 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 an e mail had been received from Councillor C Mcfarling, FODDC thanking the Parish Council for accepting temporary ownership of the weir in the stream in Blakeney, in order to facilitate the installation of the eel/lamprey ladder. He is looking to secure a more permanent arrangement to include the District and the County Council.

Mr Watkins, County Highways has informed the Council that all of the grit bins in the Parish will be refilled during the summer.

In reply to the Clerk's e mail regarding outstanding highway issues in the Parish the meeting was not pleased with Mr Watkins evasive response, especially his comments regarding the funding for the School safety Zone. County Councillor Boyles suggested another meeting with Mr Watkins.

Cllr Bullock reported that the ditching works in Awre had been done satisfactorily.

The cutting back of the overhanging hedges in Cinderford Road has been passed to the contractors Amey.

The scheme to promote the use of footpaths has taken place, posters put up, and maps available at Blakeney Post Office.

The planted out 'hanging baskets' in Blakeney are due to be installed next month, and the two flower tubs for the entrance to Awre Village Hall are on order.

The upgrading of the 30 mph flashing speed sign in Blakeney, to collect traffic data, is on order.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hughes reported that had met with Mr R James regarding the surrender of the Blakeney toilets agreement. A document has been passed to the Legal Department at the District Council for perusal. When it is cleared he will arrange a meeting between the Parish and District Councils.

The District Council voted to keep the Five Acres Leisure Centre, but in what guise is not yet known.

There have been changes in the Housing Advice Drop-in session times. Details on notice boards.

7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Boyles reported that he was angry that it had taken twelve months to obtain a decision from the County Council, that the lamp standards in Blakeney were not designed to take any additional load other than that of the light fittings.

The LED street lighting installation across the County is continuing despite some concern about the area covered by the new lights. As far as brightness is concerned, lights will be dimmed by 30% after midnight.

The village name signs on both sides of Blakeney need refurbishing, and he promised to action this.

The County Council has re-organised its Youth Funding programme. County Councillors have now been allocated funding for their areas. He has today visited Blakeney Youth Centre and is hopeful that he will be able to assist them in replacing their outdoor play area surface.

The Road Rescue Programme, filling some 250 potholes per day will conclude on 14.5.18, when the 'Lengthsmen' will resume their normal duties.

The County Council Archive is running a landscape photo competition. Details on GCC website.

Contrary to expressed concerns the Air Balloon public house will not be demolished as the proposed new road will bypass it.

He was asked if anyone was monitoring the overhanging hedges on the A48. He felt this should be referred to Mr Watkins.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0361/18/FUL. New house at rear of 1, Station Villas, High Street, Blakeney. Variation of condition 02 (Approved Plans) of Planning Permission P0361/13/FUL. No observations/objections.

P0459/18/TCA. 14, Butlers Mead, Blakeney. Fell 1 x Pine tree. No objections, but Councillors would prefer that the tree be replaced with a more suitable smaller tree, such as a cherry, as trees in Butlers Mead are an essential part of the original landscaping scheme for the road.

P0279/18/LBC. Hickmans Court, Chicknalls Lane, Blakeney. Listed building consent for the installation of replacement windows. Councillors have no objections in principle to the replacement of the windows with a more traditional type, but having read the Conservation Advisers report, agree with his comments regarding the suitability of the proposed replacements.

P1420/17/FUL. Underhill Cottage, New Road, Blakeney. New vehicular access and driveway. Construction of retaining wall. Change of use of residential cartilage. No objections or observations.

9. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0006/18/FUL. Chapel House, Brains Green. Erection of a two storey rear and side extension. Granted.

P0107/18/FUL. 1, Brook Villas, Bridge Street, Blakeney. Construction of a rear conservatory. Granted.

P0108/18/LBC. Listed building consent for the above. Granted.

P0419/18TCA. Ludlow House, Church Square, Blakeney. Removal of one stem of an Ash tree. Granted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2018-04-01 – Information Commissioners Office – Renewal of Data Protection Registration – In light of pending permanent closure, it was agreed not to renew.

2018-04-02 – Two Rivers Housing – Community Projects – Pass to village Hall Committee.

2018-04-03 – PATA – New Conditions & Terms – Clerk to reply.
 2018-04-04 – FODDC – Forest Economic Partnership Showcase – Noted.
 2018-04-05 – FODDC – WiFi Funding – Noted.
 2018-04-06 – CPRE – Annual Report & AGM notice – Noted.
 2018-04-07 – FODDC – Neighbourhood Plan Support Programme – Pass to Cllr Cotton.
 2018-04-08 – Blakeney & District Rec. Centre – Camera installations – Noted.
 2018-04-09 – Radio Gloucestershire – Contact & story request – Pass to Blakeney School.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Blakeney & District Rec. Centre	£18.00	Hall hire	1
The Telecottage	£27.80	Newsletter printing	2
Highbury Garden Services	£360.00	Cemetery maintenance	2
Westcotec	£660.00	Speed sign data collection	4

Authority for payment – Local Govt Act 1972 unless otherwise stated.
 1 – s134. 2 – s142. 3 – s214. 4 – HighwaysAct 1980 s.96.

12. GROWTH ENCROACHING ON PAVEMENTS IN THE PARISH

Cllr Ware has checked the pavement from the A48 to Blakeney Hill Road, on Cinderford Road, in Blakeney. In places the width of the path has been reduced to 50% due to lack of ongoing maintenance.

Cllr Ware agreed to provide a list of other pavements in a similar state in the Parish, for the Clerk to contact County Councillor Boyles to see how this work could be placed on the workload of the ‘Lengthsmen’.

13. DATA PROTECTION BILL

This Bill has now completed its Committee stage in Parliament.

GAPTC information states that negotiations are still going on as to implications for small Parish Councils.

Their instructions are not to appoint a Data Protection Officer at present, but to remove any unnecessary data that Councils do not need to retain and to do an audit of what information the Council has and the purpose of keeping same.

The Clerk has already removed information relating to no longer serving Councillors.

It was also agreed that there was no need to keep Planning Applications after they had been commented on and a decision made to grant/refuse. This information is maintained on the District Council’s website.

The Clerk will transfer the information that he has gathered onto the template supplied by GAPTC and is attending a GAPTC training course on 26.4.18.

Cllr Cotton has already attended a course and Cllr Ware is familiar with the Bill and the future requirements and offered support for the Clerk in ensuring that the Council comply. s.

14. MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY

Cllr Allen received a report from the contractor stating that no Japanese Knotweed regeneration has been detected.

Despite a further promise of immediate action Damsells have not removed the loose memorial stone. Cllr Marshall agreed to ask Mr Hale to do the work. Agreed by the meeting.

15. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Bullock stated that new daffodil bulbs were required in Awre.

The Clerk stated that it had been reported to him that a parent was illegally parking her car adjacent to the no parking sign on the grass alongside the car park in Butlers Mead, Blakeney. He reported it to the Head Teacher who put a message out to parents. It appears to have now ceased. It was also reported to the Street Warden

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.00 pm.