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AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
and BURIAL AUTHORITY

Meeting held 16.7.2018 at Awre Village Hall

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

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

1.APOLOGIES

Cllr Ware, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Deighton accepted by the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs M Marshall and R Fellows declared an interest in Planning Application P0870/18/FUL.
Corner Cottage, Brains Green.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody present.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18.6.2018, 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 he had still not received a reply from the Public Rights of Way Officer
regarding the request for repairs to the footbridges on Soudley Brook, Blakeney. Cllr Boyles
agreed to chase this up.

The Clerk reported that Blakeney Youth Centre had now become available as a venue for
Parish Council Meetings on a Tuesday night. The Clerk was asked to book this on the basis
of eight meetings per year taking place there and four per year at Awre.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hughes reported that the FOD Mental Health Carers Group was this years choice for
support by the District Council.

The District Council are looking into ways to reduce the number of empty properties in the
District.

A consultation is taking place to ensure that train services to Chepstow and Lydney are not
reduced when the franchise changes hands.

The Council is looking at ways to incentivise the contributors to the voluntary sector.

The Clerk was asked to contact Ruth Ward, Dementia Friendly Community Enabler, to invite her to come to one of the Council's meetings to explain the work of the Dementia Action Alliance.

7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Boyles visited Blakeney Hill with Cllr Fellows and Mr Watkins, County Highways. Mr Watkins agreed to sort out the problem of overhanging hedges.

The County Fire Chief has resigned over a corruption issue.

Cllr Boyles stressed the need for safety measures to avoid bush fires, if the dry spell continues.

Townsend House and Trevone House, elderly residential facilities, are to close as they are considered to be outdated and underused.

There are plans to encourage biodiversity on certain verges throughout the County.

Brian Watkins has agreed to a 'one off' clearance of Japanese Knotweed at a property in Millend, Blakeney, bordering the stream.

Weed spraying on the pavements in Blakeney will take place in August.

New Road, Blakeney resurfacing is on in the Capital Programme for this year, but no date has yet been set.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0587/18/FUL. The Orchards, Brains Green. Erection of a replacement dwelling and two storey double garage with associated works. Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Revised plans. Councillors are unhappy that this has been decided by the District Council, before the Parish had a chance to contribute. As it is a controversial issue and in view of the fact that the Parish made significant comments on the original application the Clerk was asked to express the Council's concerns to Clive Reynolds, Development Officer, FODDC.

P0860/18/FUL. Bledisloe Farm, Chicknalls Lane, Blakeney. Removal of Condition 03 (Occupancy) of Planning Permission P0054/13/FUL to allow holiday let to be used as residential dwelling. Councillors felt unable to comment without knowing if the conversion had taken place and if it was occupied. Clerk was asked to request an extension to the consultation period.

P0870/18/FUL. Corner Cottage, Brains Green. Variation of condition 01 (approved plans) of Planning Permission P0143/08/FUL (approved plans condition added through P0598/18/NONMAT) to carry out internal alterations. No objections/observations.

P0908/18/FUL. Holborn House, Brains Green. Conversion and extension of existing summer room to provide holiday let with associated works. No objections/observations.

P0983/18/LBC. Hickmans Court, Chicknalls Lane, Blakeney. Listed building consent for the replacement of x14 wooden windows, x3 doors, x1 window lintel and restoration of front porch with associated works. No objections/observations.

9. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0476/18/FUL. Rosetree Cottage, Blakeney Hill Road. Erection of a two storey extension with associated works. Demolition of existing single storey extension. Granted 27.6.18.

P0663/18/PQ3PA. The Milking Parlour, Etloe House, Etloe. Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house. Granted 26.6.18.

P0650/18/FUL. Back of School, Blakeney Hill Road. Erection of 2 storey extension with associated works. Granted 29.6.18.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2018-07-01 – FODDC – Press release re Repair Cafe - Noted.

2018-07-02 – Sue Ryder – Request for assistance – Poster on Notice board and request for donation deferred to October meeting.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Getmapping plc	£120.00	Parish online	1
Highbury Garden Services	£700.00	Cemetery Mtce.	2

Authority for payment – Local Govt Act 1972 unless otherwise stated.
1 – LGA 1984 3.8(4). 2 - s214.

12. DATA PROTECTION BILL

The Clerk explained that he had sorted out the hard copy filing and in conjunction with the Records Office had sent some filing to them and disposed of other items, no longer required.

The electronic records need to be sorted and he was advised to seek the help of Imagitec.

There is still the need to update the Standing Orders, produce a Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy Document.

13. HIGHWAYS GROUP – RESPONSE TO MR WATKINS

Councillor Fellows agreed to adapt the template, supplied by Mr Watkins, to the requirements of the Council. A further meeting needs to be arranged.

14. FUTURE PROJECTS

A number of possibilities were mentioned, but it was agreed to defer further discussion to the next meeting, for which the Clerk was asked to produce the latest statement of the Council's finances and financial commitments for the rest of the financial year.

15. ASSISTANCE TO BLAKENEY YOUTH CLUB IN REPLACING OUTDOOR PLAY AREA SURFACE.

It was agreed that the original suggestion, that the Council pay the VAT for the proposed scheme would not be possible.

It was therefore suggested that the Parish Council consider an enhanced grant at its October allocation of donations, in order to assist the Youth Centre, with a project which will benefit the whole village.

16. MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY

The cemetery charges are due for revision. Cllr Allen agreed to look at these and also to check the details of the contract to make sure that the contractor is not doing more than we require him to do.

He reported that an area of Japanese Knotweed appears to have disappeared. It was agreed that this should now be left. There is another area which needs attention and he will ask the contractor to look at both.

There is still a problem with spoil being dumped which needs to be addressed.

The annual inspection of gravestones and risk assessment is due. Clerk to arrange a date with Cllr Allen.

17. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Cotton requested that an item on 'Digital Connectivity' be placed on the next agenda. He will also give feedback on the 2015 Gloucestershire Plan.

Cllr Marshall will look into the renovation of the red phone box in Awre.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.05 pm.