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AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
and BURIAL AUTHORITY

Meeting held on 6.8.2018 at Blakeney Youth Club

Present: Cllr M Marshall – in the Chair

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

1.APOLOGIES

Cllr Cllr Clarke, Cllr Deighton accepted by the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Bull outlined the details of Planning Application P0852/18/FUL relating to Brownings Farm, Blakeney.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P0852/18/FUL. Brownings Farm, Millend, Blakeney. Erection of a replacement dwelling with annexe accommodation for relative, x2 two bedroom holiday lets, x1 three bedroom let, stables, agricultural storage barn incorporating bee house plus office/farm store and creation of external courtyard with associated works. Demolition of existing dwelling, derelict agricultural barns, stables and garages. Councillors support the application in principle, but have a number of queries for the Planning Officer. A site visit will take place and final comments submitted at the next meeting.

P1055/18/FUL. Salmonstone, Etloe. Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) and 03 (rooflight details) to allow changes to exterior design, first floor internal layout and to omit rooflights from planning permission P1448/17/FUL. No observations or objections.

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16.7.2018, were approved, as circulated, and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

6. REPORT OF THE CLERK ON MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported that he had now received a reply from the Public Rights of Way Officer regarding the request for repairs to the footbridges on Soudley Brook, Blakeney. He thanked

Cllr Boyles for his intervention. The PROW also reported that a number of the paths around Blakeney were being attended to.

The Clerk has been unable to revise the Standing Orders as a revised, model, is awaited from GAPTC.

The Clerk has booked Blakeney Youth Club for Parish Council Meetings on 18/9, 20/11 and 18/12.

7. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hughes urged residents to complete the Electoral Role forms that have been sent out by the District Council.

A recent ‘stop and search’ operation carried out by the District Council and the Police was thought to have been very successful. This was in response to the increase in ‘fly tipping’ in the District.

Cllr Hughes is disappointed that his efforts to stop the District Council from closing down its rodent catching service have failed. He is concerned that vulnerable people will not be able to afford the sizeable costs charged by private companies.

8. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Boyles reported that the Lengthsman Scheme would be operating in the area during August/September and needed to be informed of any issues requiring attention.

The County Council needs updating on details regarding Snow Wardens, Plough Operators, salt supplies, and grit bins that need filling. The bins on Blakeney Hill were mentioned.

The Over Roundabout scheme should be completed within the next two weeks.

9. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0587/18/FUL. The Orchards, Brains Green. Erection of a replacement dwelling and 2 storey double garage with associated works. Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Granted 12.7.18.

P0653/18/FUL. Rose Cottage, Blakeney. Erection of a single storey extension and associated alterations. (Resubmission). Granted 24.7.18.

P0658/18/LBC. Listed building permission for the above. Granted 24.7.18.

P0826/18/LBC. 3, Newnham Road, Blakeney. Listed building consent for the replacement of 4 windows to the front of dwelling. Granted 10/7/18.

P0818/18/FUL. Hillview Cottage, Blakeney Hill. Alterations to existing garage by raising of roof height to create first floor lobby room and store. Granted 12.7.18.

P0746/18/FUL. Greenfields, Awre. Change of use of barn to form two holiday lets. Granted 25/7/18.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2018-08-01 – SJSF Ltd – Blakeney History Society – Previously agreed that £40.00 grant towards set up costs be paid..

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
WW Hale	£261.00	Watering plants and supplying materials.	1
Waterplus	£26.64	Blakeney toilet water supply.	2
The Telecottage	£27.80	Newsletter printing.	3

<p>Authority for payment – Local Govt Act 1972 unless otherwise stated. 1 – Highways Act 1980 s.96. 2 – Public Health Act 1936 s.87. 3 - s142.</p>

12. DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

Cllr Cotton attended the meeting of the Forest Economic Partnership, where the implementation of faster broadband was discussed. It appears that the Gloucestershire ended up at the 'bottom of the pile'. This means that there are a number of problems in the Forest area, which are being looked into.

13. FEEDBACK REGARDING THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE PLAN

Cllr Cotton reported that the Plan sets out the visions for Gloucestershire. Issues highlighted are 'Cyberhubs', a new bridge across the Severn near Lydney, and higher education. Gloucestershire ranks low on provision, on a national scale.

14. FUTURE PROJECTS

A number of possibilities were mentioned, refurbishment of red phone boxes, repairs/replacement of notice boards, increase in number of hanging baskets in Blakeney and Xmas decorations in Blakeney. Chairman will explore possibility of sponsorship for the latter.

15. MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY

Cllr Allen is still working on the revision of the cemetery charges. He will produce a proposal for the next meeting.

Cllr Allen and the Clerk undertook an annual risk assessment of the cemetery. There were a number of loose/damaged gravestones which the Clerk will follow up.

The Lych Gate needs some retreating. It was agreed to ask for a quotation from Mr Hale.

The top path is in need of repair.

With the removal of an amount of undergrowth there is now a steep drop down to the stream. The path along the edge of the stream which again has been exposed by the removal of undergrowth is in a dangerous state. Cllrs agreed to visit to assess these issues.

Cllr Allen is not happy with some of the recent work carried out by the Contractor. He has written to the contractor, who appears to have completed and charged for tasks that he was

not requested to undertake. It was agreed to only pay him for the agreed tasks until Cllr Allen has spoken to him.

16. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Ware produced data from the speed sign in Blakeney for the period 24.4 – 24.5.

32% of vehicles were recorded to be below the speed limit and a further 37% between 30-35. It is worrying that 50 vehicles were recorded at speeds in excess of 60 mph. Monitoring will continue.

The Clerk informed the meeting the he intended to retire by the end of the year.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.