

**DRAFT
AWRE PARISH COUNCIL
and BURIAL AUTHORITY**

Meeting held on 18.9.2018 at Blakeney Youth Club

Present: Cllr R Fellows – in the Chair

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

1.APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody present.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6.8.18, 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 Public Rights of Way Officer, having inspected the footbridge across the stream at the Blakeney Recreation Ground has agreed to replace same.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21.8.18

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21.8.18, as circulated, were approved by the meeting as a true record of the meeting.

7. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Hughes reported that chosen charity of the Chairman of the District Council for this year is the Mental Health Carers Group.

He was contacted by Cllr Marshall regarding a trailer parked on the pavement on the corner of Cinderford Road, Blakeney. The Clerk and some Cllrs received complaints that it was causing an obstruction and blocking visibility at the junction. Police and County Councillor

were also contacted and the Parish Council wrote a letter to the owner, who subsequently removed the trailer.

Councillor Hughes has looked at the letter received from Mr Clive Reynolds, Planning Department, in response to the Parish Council's concerns about the way a recent planning application was handled and he agreed that the language used was a little strong. It was agreed by the meeting that the matter not be taken further at this time.

8. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Lottery Funding for repairs to Lydbrook Bridge has been refused, so other solutions for making the bridge usable as a footbridge are being explored.

Lots of road repairs have been taking place. The new college at Cinderford is now open and is a striking building.

The Gloucestershire Economic Joint Committee opted for a policy to protect green spaces in the County.

The County Council wishes to know which grit bins in the Parish still need refilling.

The scheme to fill potholes has been revised so that in future all holes in a 'vicinity' will be filled at the same time.

The County needs to know which B and C classified roads in the Parish are considered to be a priority for repair next year. The Highways Group agreed to consider this.

There has been some progress in hedge cutting on Blakeney Hill.

Cllr Boyle agreed to look into the road closures proposed at Awre, to see if the work contains the drainage problems previously identified.

Although Gloucestershire is not on the list as a County containing suspected paedophile 'rings' a great deal of work is being done by Police and Social Services to protect children from predatory adults.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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 decided to defer comment to the next meeting in order to receive a detailed drainage plan and a Highways report.

P1388/18/FUL. Wych Hazel Cottage, Blakeney Hill. Erection of a single storey rear and side extension and construction of patio area to the front with associated works. A previous application was refused on the grounds of it being a new property, outside the settlement boundary. Councillors cannot see that anything has changed, so are unable to support the application.

P1167/18/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 scheme). Councillors have the same objections in terms of size and scale of the building and it being out of character with the existing settlement.

10. DECISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0870/18/FUL. Corner Cottage, Brains Green. Variation of condition 01(Approved plans) of permission P0143/08/FUL to carry out internal alterations. Granted 21.8.18.

P1214/18/TCA. 1, Awre Road, Blakeney. Removal of one conifer tree. Granted 30.8.18.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

2018-09-01 – Parkinson’s UK – Charity walk – Noted.

2018-09-02 – Blakeney Duck race – Acknowledgement of donation – Noted.

2018-09-03 – FOD Citizens Advice – Notice of merger – Noted.

2018-09-04 – Blakeney History Society – Request for publicity space – Limited amount agreed.

2018-09-05 – GAPTC Training Courses – Noted.

2018-09-06 - Forest Sensory Services- Dinner invitation – Noted.

2018-09-07 – ACTion Glos. – Homelessness funding – Noted.

2018-09-08 – West Glos. Neighbourhood Watch – AGM – Noted.

2018-09-09 – FODDC- Information re Publica – Deferred for discussion with Cllr Hughes.

2018-09-10 – FODDC- Notice of payment of Precept – Noted.

2018-09-11 – Royal Mail – Scam mail prevention – Poster for notice board.

2018-09-12 – All Saints Church, Blakeney – Donation request – Deferred to October Meeting.

2018-09-13 – Cemetery Rationalisation Services – Noted.

2018-09-14 – Cllr P Deighton – Letter of resignation – Accepted by Meeting – Clerk to contact District Council to obtain permission to refill vacancy.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Amount	For	Authority
Rise & Shine	£60.00	Bus shelter cleaning.	1
Blakeney History Society	£40.00	Donation.	2
Blakeney Duck Race	£50.00	Donation.	2
Highbury Garden Services	£280.00	Cemetery Mtce.	3
D Preece	£1132.86	Clerk’s wages.	4
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HMRC	£283.20	Clerk’s tax.	4
PATA	£12.50	Payroll services.	4
Highbury Garden Services	£640.00	Cemetery Mtce.	3
MJ Fisher	£444.00	Grass cutting.	5

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

1 – LG(MP)ACT 1953 s4(1). 2 – s137. 3 – s214. 4 – s112.Public Health Act 1936 s.87. 5 – Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9/10.

The meeting received the Financial Statement for 30.9.18, as checked by Cllr Clarke.

13. TO CONSIDER CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR BLAKENEY

It was proposed by Cllr Fellows, seconded by Cllr Cotton and agreed that an order be placed for illuminated Christmas trees(4) to be ordered for the two posts adjacent to Cinderford Road, Blakeney. Approx. Cost £530 plus VAT.

14. TO CONSIDER THE RETIREMENT OF THE CLERK AND HIS REPLACEMENT

The Council accepted the Clerk's retirement as of 31.12.19.

It was proposed by Cllr Fellows, seconded by Cllr Cotton and agreed that Ursula Deighton be employed on a trial basis for 3 months initially. Contract details to be agreed.

15. MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY

Cllr Allen is still working on the revision of the cemetery charges.

Cllr Allen explained that the maintenance contract needs to be amended to clarify the work which needs to be undertaken in relation to the top hedge.

Cllr has spoken to the Contractor about the tasks that were queried at the last meeting and an agreement has been reached about charging in relation to said tasks.

Cllrs Allen, Fellows and Cotton agreed to visit to assess the degree of risk regarding the bank where the undergrowth has been removed.

16. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Cotton raised some issues re highways and public footpaths. Cllr Fellows agreed to arrange a Highways Group meeting to discuss these and other highway issues.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.37 pm.