

AWRE PARISH COUNCIL  
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BURIAL AUTHORITY

Report for the Press of Meeting held on 20.11.2018

The Council received a presentation from Ruth Ward and Kim Lloyd, Forest of Dean Dementia Alliance. They requested that the Parish Council join the Alliance and work with them to make the local community more user friendly for people suffering from one of the many forms of dementia. The Parish Council will discuss the matter further and get back to them.

With regard to a Planning Application for the change of use of front ground floor rooms from commercial to residential at Birmingham House, High Street, Blakeney there were no objections or observations.

An application with revised plans for a replacement dwelling with associated works at Chapel House, Brains Green received the Council's approval, but Councillors were disappointed because they agreed to the demolition of the existing building on the premise that it was going to be rebuilt as per the original. They feel that they have been misled.

Councillors considered an application from Rooftop Housing, for works to trees covered by Tree protection Orders at Old Station Close, Blakeney. There are no clear plans to indicate which trees.

For a number of years there have been concerns about the large trees on the border between the School/Butlers Mead. Requests from the Council for Rooftop to 'manage' these trees to a reasonable height have fallen upon deaf ears. The trees are so tall and spindly that they are a potential danger to school children and property as well as residents and properties in Butlers Mead. The Clerk was asked to seek a Site Meeting with the Planning Officer to clarify details regarding the work proposed in the application.

Notification has been received that the following applications have been granted permission: Bledisloe Farm, Chicknalls Lane, Blakeney. Removal of condition to allow holiday let to be used as a residential dwelling; Holborn House, Brains Green. Conversion and extension of existing summer room to provide a holiday let; Oakdean, High Street, Blakeney. Removal of two ash trees; Orchard Lea, Lensbrook, Lydney. Erection of a detached garage with room above; Byelaws, Etloe. Listed Building consent for the replacement of six windows to the front of building.

An application for the erection of a two storey garage and workshop at Greenfields, Awre has been refused.

Solar powered , illuminated Christmas trees have been erected on two posts adjacent to

the bottom of Cinderford Road, Blakeney and they will become operative on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

A replacement footbridge has been erected over Soudley Brook on the footpath from All Saints to Blakeney Recreation Ground. A complaint has been received about the width of the bridge, but it is a standard size, as supplied by the Public Rights of Way, Gloucestershire County Council.

As the installation of the hanging baskets in Blakeney had generally received a positive response from members of the public, it was agreed to extend the project. One or two other locations are being explored for next summer.

A wreath was placed by Cllr Blake, on behalf of the Parish Council at Blakeney War memorial on 11.11.18.

Information is being compiled from the flashing 30 mph sign in Blakeney. Indications from the first two month period recorded are that out of some 250,000 vehicles passing the sign, 35% were travelling below the speed limit and a further 57% up to 40 mph. Quite alarmingly 50 vehicles were travelling at speeds between 60-75 mph.

The next meeting of Awre Parish Council will be held at Blakeney Youth Club at 7.00pm on 18.12.18. Members of the public are invited to attend and are able to address the meeting at the beginning.