

Awre Parish Council & Burial Authority

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th February, 2019
at the Youth Club, Blakeney at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Marshall (Chairman), Bullock, Clarke, Cotton, Fellows, Greening and Ware.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr. Boyles, two members of the public and the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr. Blake.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public mentioned the planning application, that had just come up for consultation, regarding The Cock Inn, Blakeney, for change of use to a dwelling.

This application was due to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllrs. Fellows and Ware said that they would look into the rules regarding converting public houses to residential and also the registration of community assets.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved to adopt, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st January, 2019.

6. MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported on the following:

6.1 Planning Application Decisions

The Orchards, Brains Green - permission granted.

6.2 **Hanging Baskets – additional posts** ordered, paid for and delivery scheduled for 15th March, 2019.

6.3 **Traffic Damage – Posts** – quotes obtained, to be pursued further.

7. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Boyles' report regarding the following key issues was noted:

7.1 Registration of Electrical Goods – the Fire Service are encouraging householders to register their white goods even if they have had their appliances for several years. There is a link on the GCC website to do this.

7.2 Budget allocations for various services/departments.

7.3 Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity that delivers active and creative outdoor play based at schools or in the community to promote a healthy lifestyle. Cllr. Boyles has had a meeting with this charity with a view to providing two sessions for Blakeney.

7.4 School Safety Zone – confirmed that the funds have been allocated for this project and it will be undertaken by Ringway, the County Council’s new contractors.

8. **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** – not present.

9. **PLANNING – FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- 9.1 **P0056/19/TCA – Legg Barn, Church Square, Blakeney**
Fell x 1 Eucalyptus to 1.2 m at Legg Barn – **no objections.**
- 9.2 **P0063/19/FUL – The Coach House, Newnham Road, Blakeney**
Erection of a first floor extension over existing kitchen – **no objections in principle but ask Planning Officer to consider overbearing and overlooking.**
- 9.3 **P0094/19/TCA – Church Cottage, Awre**
Tree works at Church Cottage to include removal of x1 Conifer and x1 Birch, 3m crown reduction of x1 Norway Maple and x1 Bay and 2m crown reduction of x1 Rowan – **no objections.**
- 9.4 **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 holiday let, stables, agricultural storage barn incorporating bee house plus office/farm store and creation of external courtyard with association works. Demolition of 2 existing dwellings, derelict agricultural barns, stables and garages – **agree in principle subject to the requirements of the drainage engineer being met.**
- 9.5 **P0131/19/TCA – Awre House, Awre Road, Blakeney**
Pollard 1 x Ash tree to 3m above ground level and crown reduce 1 x Thorn tree by 30% - no objections.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

- 10.1 Letter from resident regarding changing the speed limit on the A48.
- 10.2 Keep Britain Tidy’s “Great Britain Spring Clean” – forward to the School and Post Office.
- 10.3 E-mail from Gloucestershire County Council regarding First Aid Courses delivered free of charge to the general public. Clerk to reply and ask whether the courses are certificated and minimum numbers required?

11. **FINANCE**

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment:

Inv. Ref.	Chq. No./ BACS	Payee	Purpose	Auth	Amount
	001207	Water Plus	Water supply public toilets	Public Health Act 1936 s.87.3 - s142	£33.77
	001208	Cllr. Blake	Centenary Wreath	LGA 1972 s.137	£22.98
	001209	Rise & Shine	Bus Shelter Cleaning	LG(MP)ACT 1953 s.4(1)	£80.00
	001210	David Preece	Reimbursement of costs: Website hosting, Broadband, phone (Dec)	LGA 1972 s.112	£43.39
				TOTAL:	£180.14

11.2 It was noted that a payment of £702.55 had been made since last meeting to CU Lighting Ltd., for the purchase of six additional posts for the hanging baskets; delivery due 15/03/2019.

11.3 Plantscape – Hanging Baskets

It was resolved to approve the order for 20 x half planters at a total cost of £650.00 + VAT = £780.00.

12. AWRE VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Chairman informed the meeting that he and Cllr. Greening had attended the Awre Village Hall AGM and he was pleased to report that it is doing well. It was planned to start renovation of the telephone box when the weather improves. The siting of additional planters was discussed and was still to be agreed.

13. DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE

It was agreed to hold the first Dementia Awareness Session at Awre Village Hall on Monday, 25th March, 2019. Cllr. Greening to check availability of the hall and Clerk to circulate the date and time to Councillors and then open to others.

14. CEMETERY MATTERS

The Chairman reported that £21,000 had been spent on the Cemetery over the last four years (including work to the lychgate twice, clearance of Japanese Knotweed, grass cutting and hedge trimming) and that it was important to ensure that it is maintained at its present level. If in future any major works were required, this could result in an increase in the precept.

15. ELECTION – KEY DATES

The key dates in relation to the forthcoming Election were noted as circulated. Election packs would be available from the Clerk at the next meeting.

16. TRAFFIC DATA

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign Data was presented to the meeting for a three-month period, although there were 31 days in total when no data was recorded; possibly when the battery wasn't being charged adequately by the solar panel. In summary, 38.1% (91,469) of vehicles were travelling at less than 30 mph, 37.5% (89,972) at 30-35 and 18% (43,251) at 35-40. 6.2% of cars (14,885) were recorded at 40-50 mph. Although a small percentage of the total, 468 cars were recorded at 50-55 and 96 cars at 55-60. 24 vehicles sped through the village between 60-70 and it is not known whether these were emergency vehicles rushing to help someone.

17. PARISH PUMP

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would produce a report (approximately 500 words) of the meeting which would be published on the website and on the notice boards as soon after the meeting as possible. To be trialled for six months.

18. MINOR MATTERS INCLUDING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

The issue of the large tractors and vacuum tankers travelling through Awre and destroying the verges and affecting the roadside drainage was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter to Mr. Hunt and ask that his drivers

respect the environment and observe the passing places and suggest that if he would like to meet some of the villagers and see for himself the damage being done, he would be welcome to do so.

19. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the eel pass is already blocked but it was felt that the Environment Agency should take care of this. To be monitored.

20. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates 2019	Meeting	Venue Time: 7.00 p.m.	Agenda items & Dispensation requests by:
15 th April	Parish Council	Blakeney Youth Club	5 th April
2 nd May	Parish Council Elections		
20 th May	Annual Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	10 th May
T.B.C.	Annual Parish Meeting	T.B.C.	
17 th June	Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	7 th June
15 th July	Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	5 th July
19 th August	Parish Council	Blakeney Youth Club	9 th August
16 th September	Parish Council	T.B.C.	6 th September
21 st October	Parish Council	T.B.C.	11 th October
18 th November	Parish Council	T.B.C.	8 th November
16 th December	Parish Council	T.B.C.	6 th December

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.