

Awre Parish Council & Burial Authority

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th December, 2019
at Awre Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Fellows (Chairman), Bullock, Cotton, Greening, Muldrew (after his co-optation) Smith and Ware.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr. Packer, two members of the public and the Clerk.

142. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllr. Allen and County/District Cllr. Boyles.

143. CO-OPTION TO FILL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was resolved to co-opt Mr. Peter Muldrew to the Council. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given a Register of Interests form to complete and return by the next meeting.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Greening – item 151.6.

145. DISPENSATIONS

None.

146. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments made or issues raised.

147. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was resolved to adopt, as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November, 2019.

148. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported on the following items:

148.1 Electricity Supply – several credit notes and updated invoices have been received following submission of the meter reading mentioned at the last meeting. The balance owing, which dates back to 2014, is now £2,683.35. Cllr. Cotton said that he would work with the Clerk to suggest a way forward and report back to the January meeting.

148.2 GCC's Waterside Living document - printed copies expected shortly.

148.3 Memorial for Mark Marshall – a trawl of the internet to find some planters with reservoirs, in addition to the information received from Plantscape, has not been successful as the minimum size seems to be around 1m x 1m which is probably too large.

148.4 Planning Decisions

P1482/19/FUL – 2, The Rudge, Blakeney Hill Road, Blakeney - Granted permission.

P1542/19/LD1 – Lower Viney Farm Cottage, Viney Hill - Pending consideration.

P1531/19/FUL – Pitching Green Cottage, Pitching Green, Blakeney

Pending consideration – time extension agreed until 17th January, 2020.

P1541/19/FUL – Ivery Court, Woodend Lane, Awre - Granted permission.

P1616/19/FUL – Greenfields, Awre, Newnham - Granted permission.

P1552/19/FUL – Little A Dean, Etloe, Blakeney - Pending decision.

P1676/19/FUL – Marwynn, Brains Green, Blakeney - Pending consideration.

P1721/19/FUL – Kootenay, Newnham Road, Blakeney - Pending consideration.
P0104/19/DISCON – Chapel House, Brains Green, Blakeney - Granted permission.

148.5 Gateways into the Forest of Dean – the response from Bernie O'Neill was circulated to Councillors and it was noted that more information would be forthcoming in the New Year following consultation with relevant stakeholders.

148.6 Land Drainage – Blakeney – District Council have been contacted to suggest they undertake a site visit. No response as yet.

148.7 Severn Way Footpath – the response from Jeff Wheeler (Public Rights of Way Officer) had been circulated. It was agreed that he should be involved with this issue and asked to review the whole route.

149. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Written report from Cllr. Boyles had been circulated to Councillors.

150. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Packer reported on the following issues:

150.1 Forest Lottery – set up by FoDDC, is now live. The aim is to raise funds for local charities and other good causes.

150.2 Solar Streets – FoDDC is seeking feedback regarding this project presented by IDDEA, a solar panel installation company. An average discount of 25% on the cost of solar panels is achieved by concentrating installations within a geographical area. Comments to Cllr. Packer.

150.3 Cinderford Northern Quarter Briefing – an update was received and it was noted that the briefing could be viewed on the FoDDC website.

150.4 Corporate Plan 2019-2023 – this was adopted unanimously at Full Council; Cllr. Packer to e-mail the link to the Clerk.

151. PLANNING – FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following planning applications were considered:

151.1 P1577/19/FUL – 2, The Rocks, Brains Green, Blakeney

Raising of roof height to create the addition of a first floor and reconstruction of original single storey extension with balcony over (fire damaged).

Installation of air source heat pump with associated works. No objection.

151.2 P1782/19/FUL & P1783/19/LBC – Barn at Nibley Mill Farm, Nibley Hill, Blakeney - Conversion of existing redundant agricultural barn into 2 small, single storey dwellings (1 x 1 bed, 1 x 2 bed) with associated landscaping, drainage, access and works. (Re-submission)

The Council re-affirmed the decision made when this was first considered. However, it was noted that the information, previously requested, about the visibility splay at the entrance to this development, had not been included in the re-submitted documentation.

151.3 P1788/19/LBC – 2, Furnace Valley, Blakeney

Listed building consent for construction of en-suite and associated internal alterations. Replacement of windows and construction of patio area.

The Council requested that this be referred to the Conservation Officer as it was noted that a different window specification is detailed in the application to what is listed.

151.4 P1834/19/TCA – Ludlow House, Church Square, Blakeney

Crown reduce x1 Alder, x1 Goat Willow and x1 Ash Tree by 33% at Ludlow House. No objections.

151.5 P1758/19/FUL – Prospect Cottage, Brains Green, Blakeney

Erection of a ground floor side extension with associated alterations.

Although the Council had no objection in principle, it requested that the look of the staircase be reviewed as concern was expressed that it was not in keeping with the vernacular of the area.

151.6 P1854/19/FUL – Martins Field, Awre, Newnham-on-Severn

Change of use of land for the erection of a Live/Work unit associated with the Caravan Touring Site. (Revised Scheme.)

The Council re-affirmed its previous decision which was to support this application. Also, as previously notified to District Council, the Parish Council wished to ensure that the occupancy of the dwelling is tied to the business use in perpetuity and that this agreement is secured via a legal undertaking or a condition attached to the consent.

151.7 Public Path Diversion Order – DAW 84 at Little Hagloe Barn.

Following consideration, it was agreed that the continuity of the public footpath path from point D to B should be confirmed; otherwise no objections raised.

152. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

152.1 The Local Answer – Online Directory – Parish & Town Councils

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Council did not wish to be included in this Online Directory.

152.2 Request to support the local electricity bill.

Correspondence was considered and it was agreed to wait and see what would happen regarding this issue.

153. FINANCE

153.1 It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment.

Proposed: Cllr. Cotton; seconded: Cllr. Greening and supported unanimously.

Inv. Ref.	Chq. No./ BACS	Payee	Purpose	Auth	Amount
19/46	BACS	Rise & Shine	Bus Shelter Cleaning (September-November)	LG(MP)A 1953 s.4(1)	£80.00
19/47	BACS	Ursula Deighton	Clerk's pay November 2019	LGA 1972 s.112	£484.33
				TOTAL:	£564.33

153.2 Quote for Grass Cutting

It was resolved to accept the quotation from DT Grass Cutting Services for cutting the grass behind the Post Office and Collins Garden at a cost of £35.00 for both areas per cut for approximately 12 cuts a year; a total of around £420/pa. In addition, Cllr. Bullock to find out whether he would be prepared to mow a path to the benches on Nibley, approximately every three weeks.

153.3 Adopt a Kiosk

It was resolved to pay the sum of £1.00 to BT Payphones for the adoption of the telephone box to the rear of the Post Office and that the Chairman sign the contract to implement the adoption.

It was agreed to consider, at the next meeting, what to do with the telephone box for the benefit of the community.

154. LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The following Lead Councillor report was received:

154.1 Highways – Cllrs. Bullock and Fellows reported that they had met with Brian Watkins recently and outlined the main areas considered, including the issue of the obscured pathway by Nibley farm raised by a parishioner. Since there is a surfaced tarmac path to the perimeter of the area in question, there is no immediate requirement to re-instate the other pathway. Also, with regards to hedge cutting on Blakeney Hill, Brian Watkins is to write to the landowners concerned. Cllr. Fellows to send around the notes from this meeting; copies to Cllr. Boyles and Brian Watkins.

155. BUDGET and PRECEPT – 2020/21

155.1 It was resolved to approve the budget for 2020/21.

Proposed: Cllr. Muldrew; seconded: Cllr. Cotton and supported unanimously.

155.2 It was resolved to set the precept for 2020/21 at £16,660.

Proposed: Cllr. Cotton; seconded: Cllr. Greening and supported unanimously.

156. OWNERSHIP OF BLAKENEY WEIR

Cllr. Fellows reported that he had contacted the representative from Forestry England and indicated that the Council would be happy to have a meeting to discuss this issue.

157. FURNACE VALLEY SPEED SURVEY

The Council noted that the data collected from the speed survey had been reviewed and as a result, the Gloucester Road Safety Department had been requested to install their black box recording equipment at the location. This request has been placed on a list. The Clerk was asked to find out whether the Council might have sight of the list to give an indication as to when the box might be installed.

158. MINOR MATTERS INCLUDING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

158.1 The recent e-mail chain from residents regarding LEL Scaffolding was noted.

159. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – invite the local PCSO to a future meeting(s); use of adopted telephone box; memorial to Mark Marshall; Parish News.

160. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates 2020	Meeting	Venue Time: 7.00 p.m.	Agenda items & Dispensation requests by:
20 th January	Parish Council	AVH – t.b.c.	10 th January
17 th February	Parish Council	BYC – t.b.c.	7 th February
16 th March	Parish Council	AVH – t.b.c.	6 th March
20 th April	Parish Council	AVH – t.b.c.	10 th April
April	Annual Parish Meeting	t.b.c	n/a
18 th May	Annual Parish Council	AVH – t.b.c.	8 th May
15 th June	Parish Council	AVH – t.b.c	5 th June
20 th July	Parish Council	AVH – t.b.c	10 th July
17 th August	Parish Council	BYC – t.b.c	7 th August

Meeting closed 8.32 p.m.