

Awre Parish Council & Burial Authority

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January, 2020
at Awre Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Fellows (Chairman), Allen, Bullock, Cotton, Greening, Muldrew and Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: County/District Cllr. Boyles and the Clerk.

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllr. Ware and District Cllr. Packer.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

163. DISPENSATIONS

None.

164. PUBLIC FORUM

No public present.

165. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was resolved to adopt, as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December, 2019.

166. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported on the following items:

166.1 **Electricity Supply** – Cllr. Cotton had received a file of information to review.

166.2 **GCC's Waterside Living document** – copies were made available for Councillors to take away.

166.3 **Planning Decisions** (applications considered at November meeting)

P1542/19/LD1 – Lower Viney Farm Cottage, Viney Hill – refused.

P1531/19/FUL – Pitching Green Cottage, Pitching Green – pending decision.

P1552/19/FUL – Little A Dean, Etloe, Blakeney – granted permission.

P1676/19/FUL – Marwynn, Brains Green, Blakeney – granted permission.

P1721/19/FUL – Kootenay, Newnham Road, Blakeney – granted permission.

166.4 **Planning Decisions** (applications considered at December meeting)

P1577/19/FUL – 2, The Rocks, Brains Green, Blakeney – granted permission.

P1782/19/FUL & P1783/19/LBC – Barn at Nibley Mill Farm, Nibley Hill, Blakeney
Granted permission.

P1788/19/LBC – 2, Furnace Valley, Blakeney – pending consideration.

P1834/19/TCA – Ludlow House, Church Square, Blakeney – granted permission.

P1758/19/FUL – Prospect Cottage, Brains Green, Blakeney – granted permission.

Public Path Diversion Order – DAW 84 at Little Hagloe Barn – decision unknown as yet but confirmation received that the footpath would be uninterrupted along the proposed new route.

166.5 **Invitation to local PCSO to attend future meetings.**

Clerk to forward response received regarding this invitation.

166.6 **Being a Better Councillor** – Cllrs. Smith and Muldrew have been booked on to this course which is being held on 29th April, 2020 at Highnam.

167. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Boyles reported on the following:

- i) The death of a cabinet colleague in December after a short illness; to be replaced by Cllr. Carole Allaway Martin who is the County Cllr. for Coleford.
- ii) Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) has won a national award for apprenticeships; both for recruiting to the Council and supporting and developing them in associated organisations.
- iii) Budget proposal for 2020/21 – Total £468m – including £12.9m children’s services; £1m to tackle climate change; £73.6m schools capital investment; £49.8m towards the road programme; 2% rise for adult social care and a 1.99% rise for other council services.
- iv) GCC to launch a new service to support domestic violence victims in the age range 13 to 17.
- v) GCC review of local transport plan – consultation from 16/01/2020 – 26/03/2020.
- vi) GCC to manage the £1.5m highways regeneration project for Lydney Harbour.
- vii) Details provided of projects undertaken and being planned in order to continue to reduce carbon emissions across the county.
- viii) Gloucestershire Energy from Waste facility is now operational.

Clerk to circulate Cllr. Boyles’ detailed report after the meeting.

Councillors had an opportunity to share with County Cllr. Boyles their concerns regarding the extensive damage being caused to the roads leading to Hall Farm at Awre by the slurry tankers carrying digestate from Woolaston. Also, a bank has collapsed along Moorend Lane as a result of use by these large vehicles. Concern was also expressed regarding the noise created by the tractors and tankers whilst travelling through Blakeney. Cllr. Boyles said that he would ask Brian Watkins to investigate the planning permission/restrictions etc. for this activity.

168. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Boyles reported on the following:

- i) Foxglove Gardens Open Day – details to be provided to Councillors.
- ii) The District Council is still planning to borrow multi millions of pounds to purchase assets that will give a return above the repayment costs of the loan. It was noted that Councils are expected to invest in their own area rather than outside it.

Cllr. Packer was not present, but a brief report sent to the Clerk was circulated to Councillors before the meeting.

169. PLANNING – FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following planning applications were considered:

169.1 P1893/19/FUL & P1894/19/LBC – High Trees, Millend, Blakeney

Listed building consent/consent for the erection of a conservatory and associated alterations and works.

After consideration, the Council **agreed to object** to this application on the following grounds:

- i) that the application should be retrospective as the conservatory has already been built,
- ii) that the conservatory is white,
- iii) the building is an important part of the heritage of Blakeney and therefore any addition to this listed building should be appropriate.

169.2 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.)

It was noted that this application will be considered by the FoDDC Planning Committee on 21st January, 2020.

170. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

170.1 Buckingham Palace Garden Party – May 2020

Correspondence received from GAPTC requesting nominations to represent Gloucestershire at this event. No nomination made.

170.2 Footpath Repairs

(i) Information was received from Jeff Wheeler, PROW Officer regarding the Severn Way Footpath and the plan to walk the whole length and re-waymark where necessary. **It was noted** that all the footpaths in the Parish were inspected in December and Mr. Wheeler is awaiting the report of findings. A list of jobs completed in December **was also noted**.

(ii) An e-mail received from a parishioner regarding the need to repair the path between Gatcombe and Purton **was noted**. The Clerk was asked to respond and inform the parishioner of the work being planned by the PROW Officer.

170.3. Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire, 2018 – 2032. Notification of Inspector’s Report.

The link to the Inspector’s Report and the location of hard copies of the documents **was noted**.

170.4 Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan (LTP) Review – Public Consultation Notification.

The arrangements for the 10-week consultation period **was noted**.

170.5 Incidents on A48 in 2016

The clerk reported that a request had been received from Clyde & Co. LLP on behalf of their client Covea Insurance regarding information pertaining to roadworks on the A48 in the summer of 2016. Copies of all minutes from 2016 and 2017 had been forwarded to Clyde & Co. together with a suggestion that they contact Gloucestershire County Council’s Highways Department for the exact location and nature of the works carried out.

171. FINANCE

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

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

Inv. Ref.	Chq. No./ BACS	Payee	Purpose	Auth	Amount
19/48	BACS	PJ & PD Adams Ltd	Cutting of grass/scrub at Nibley Green	LGA 1972 s.214	£180.00
19/49	BACS	Ursula Deighton	Clerk's pay December	LGA 1972 s.112	£484.33
19/50	BACS	Ursula Deighton	Domain Renewal – 2 years	LGA 1972 s.112	£15.89
19/51	BACS	Ursula Deighton	Microsoft 365 Subs for November & December	LGA 1972 s.112	£22.56
19/52	BACS	Awre Village Hall	Hire of Hall x 6	LGA 1972 s.112	£84.00
				TOTAL:	£786.78

171.2 **Financial Checks** – Cllrs. Greening and Cotton confirmed that they had tracked a number of transactions and all was in order.

171.3 **Financial Position – End of 3rd Quarter**

The bank reconciliation and receipts & payments information as at 31st December, 2019 was accepted.

172. LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- 172.1 Highways – Cllr. Bullock reported that many drains have been cleared and that a good job has been done although there are still some to do. Also, he has taken photographs of the damaged roads and collapsing banks.
- 172.2 Cemetery & Grass Cutting – Cllr. Allen suggested that grass cutting should be discussed at the February meeting with a view to organising a meeting on site with the contractor.
- 172.3 Snow Warden – the Clerk reported that she had received paperwork to forward on to the Council's snow plough operators.

173. TELEPHONE BOXES – Cllr. Fellows

- 173.1 Telephone Box at Awre – it was noted that this kiosk is Grade II listed. Cllr. Fellows said that he would talk to Clive Reynolds at FoDDC regarding this prior to renovation works being started.
- 173.2 Telephone Box behind the Post Office – following discussion, it was agreed to set up a working group to consider future usage of this kiosk once ownership has passed to the Council.

174. PARISH NEWSLETTER

The draft Parish newsletter was approved, and the circulation agreed. The Clerk reported that she had tried to contact TeleCottage but with no success. Cllr. Muldrew volunteered to get a quote. The Clerk said that she would confirm the number of copies required.

175. VERGE SIDE DAMAGE

Although this item was dealt with earlier in the meeting it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Hunt to inform him of the damage to the roads in the Parish and to request that he organises for the roads to be cleaned and repaired.

176. MEMORIAL TO MARK MASHALL

The following proposal was considered:

“That this Council purchases the following items to create a memorial to Mark Marshall: 1 x 6ft Cotswold bench - £139; 2 x kerb stones – £25; an engraved plaque - £35; 1 x half oak barrel (25”) - £28; installation to be confirmed. All prices plus VAT. Bench to be sited on the green behind the Post Office.”

The proposal was accepted with the addition of another half oak barrel. Total cost - £255 + VAT and installation.

It was noted that there would be enough funds remaining to buy compost and plants for several years. Proposed: Cllr. Allen; seconded: Cllr. Muldrew and supported unanimously.

177. UNWANTED TREE (CEMETERY)

Following contact by a relative, the Council considered how to approach removal of an unwanted tree growing above a grave. **It was agreed** that Alan Martin should be asked to stem bore the tree and once dead it would be removed. Clerk to contact the relative to inform her of this decision.

178. MINOR MATTERS INCLUDING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

178.1 Nibley Hill – the Clerk reported that, following an e-mail received from a parishioner regarding the state of the verges and footpath following the work carried out by the utilities company recently, she had contacted Brian Watkins. He had replied to say that the barriers had been removed because of complaints regarding restricted visibility. However, the company would be returning to carry out remedial work in the near future.

178.2 The Clerk had received a request to view CCTV footage captured by the camera sited on the outside of the toilets in Blakeney following a spate of burglaries on 29th December, 2019. Following consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk had informed the Police Officer that the area covered by the CCTV was immediately in front of the toilet block and along the side passageway.

178.3 Cllr. Cotton said that he would pass on information received from GAPTC regarding ‘Transport Planning for Councillors’ and ‘Reaching Out – Loneliness in the Community’.

179. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – Cemetery Maintenance; Co-option to the Council.

180. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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