

Awre Parish Council & Burial Authority

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March, 2024
at Blakeney Youth Centre at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Cotton (Chairman), Fellows, Hoyland, Johnson, Trimble & Scott.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk.

188. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Bullock and Greening, District Cllrs. Burton and Moore were accepted.

189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

190. DISPENSATIONS

None.

191. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public present.

192. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February, 2024 as an accurate record.

193. MATTERS ARISING

Information from the Clerk relating to matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting and other items was noted. The following points were also considered:

- a) **Tree Services** – Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Fellows regarding producing a scope of works in order to seek quotations and to apply to FoDDC for TCA approval.
- b) **Parish Handyperson** – Clerk to circulate job specification and advert passed on by another Council for review and adaptation.
- c) **Co-option to the Council** – FoDDC had confirmed that the Council may go ahead with this process. Advert to be placed on the notice boards and on Facebook.

194. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Cllr. Hoyland's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. It was agreed to add two items to the Council Facebook page, namely:

- a) Nature Recovery Strategy Event for the Forest of Dean – 18th April, and
- b) School Admissions Appeals Panel Member Volunteers being recruited by Gloucestershire County Council.

195. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Cllr. Burton's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

196. PLANNING – FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

196.1 P0258/24/FUL – The Cottage Parry, Church Road, Blakeney

Replacement of windows & doors.

Following discussion, **it was agreed** that replacing timber frames with plastic was not appropriate particularly considering the property's setting in the street scene within the conservation area. Therefore, the Council OBJECTS to this application.

196.2 Planning Enforcement Issues – Cllr. Fellows to forward the list of local issues to Cllr. Cotton.

197. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

197.1 GAPTC – Call for Resolutions –a request from GAPTC for resolutions to be considered at the July AGM was noted.

197.2 GAPTC –the latest information e-mail was noted.

197.3 Glynychbrook – Parish Council Consultation – details were received regarding a proposed new village concept near the M50 motorway in the northern part of Forest of Dean District. Cllr. Fellows provided some background information for this proposal. It was suggested that Cllrs. could reply individually and that this subject would be reviewed at the April meeting in order to send a Council response if required.

197.4 Portrait of His Majesty The King – following discussion, the Clerk was asked to make an application for this free portrait.

198. FINANCE

198.1 The following accounts **were approved** for payment, with the exception of 23/85 which **it was agreed** should be paid once Cllr. Hoyland had checked the site/work undertaken. Proposed: Cllr. Fellows; seconded: Cllr. Scott and supported unanimously.

Inv. Ref.	Chq. No./ BACS	Payee	Purpose	Auth	Amount
23/80	BACS	M E Services	Fortnightly collection from dog waste bins.	Litter Act 1983, ss. 5,6	£42.25
23/81	BACS	Ursula Deighton	Clerk's Pay February Office Allowance (6mths) Telephone, I/T (6mths)	LGA 1972 s.112	£580.15 £60.00 £104.00
23/82	BACS	Ursula Deighton	Reimbursement for Domain Renewal – org.uk	LGA 1972 s.112	£8.06
23/83	BACS	PJ & PD Adams Ltd	Cutting of grass and scrub at Nibley Green	LGA 1972 s.214	£180.00
23/84	BACS	Rise & Shine Window Cleaning	Bus shelter cleaning December & February	LGA 1972 s.214	£40.00
23/85	BACS	Derek W Hancox Ltd	Cleaning of Blakeney Eel Pass	LGA 1972 s.214	£1227.60
23/86	BACS	Greenways Ground Mtnce.	Cut and collect of Collins Garden	LGA 1972 s.214	£145.00
				TOTAL:	£2387.06

199. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr. Fellows reported that there had not been a huge turnout for the recent consultation event, however the response had been generally positive. In order to inform the next steps, the Council needed to see the outcome of the consultation. Cllr. Fellows hoped to be able to report back to the next meeting.

200. LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

200.1 Highways & Parish Council Land

A list of issues/works required had been circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting. Cllr. Hoyland would be following these up with the GCC Highways Manager.

200.2 Footpaths

The update report received from the PROW Officer of works carried out was noted.

200.3 Cemetery & Grass Cutting

It was noted that Cllr. Johnson and the Clerk would be setting a date after the meeting to carry out the topple testing. Whilst there, Cllr. Johnson was asked to check the area of landslip and also the walls in the brook.

200.4 Snow Warden & Flooding

Cllr. Scott reported that on a recent village clean, she had marked the locations of the grit bins on Parish Online. The Clerk was asked to e-mail the parishioner who made a complaint about flooding in the village.

201. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk provided feedback regarding this online event, organised by GAPTC and concluded that it had not been useful. Following discussion, it was agreed to book Blakeney Youth Centre for either 22nd or 23rd May, 2024.

202. MINOR MATTERS INCLUDING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

None received.

203. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Proposal to improve the appearance of the area around the war memorial at Awre. Bench and flower tubs.

Tree inspections and maintenance.

Nibley Green Wildflowers.

Rubble left on Awre Village Green.

204. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates 2024	Meeting	Venue Time: 7.00 p.m.	Agenda items & Dispensation requests by:
15 th April	Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	5 th April
T.B.C.	Annual Parish	"	
20 th May	Annual PC	Awre Village Hall	10 th May
17 th June	Parish Council	Blakeney Youth Centre	7 th June
15 th July	Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	5 th July
19 th August	Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	9 th August

16 th September	Parish Council	Blakeney Youth Centre	6 th September
21 st October	Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	11 th October
18 th November	Parish Council	Awre Village Hall	8 th November
16 th December	Parish Council	Blakeney Youth Centre	6 th December
2025			
20 th January	Parish Council	T.B.C.	10 th January
17 th February	Parish Council	T.B.C.	7 th February
17 th March	Parish Council	T.B.C.	7 th March

Meeting closed at 8.09 p.m.