

## Planning Applications

**Millend house, Millend Blakeney:** To fell a willow tree and crown lift a tulip tree. No objections.

**7, Butlers Mead, Blakeney:** To erect a new boundary wall, fence and associated gates. Councillors were concerned about the loss of parking at a point where congestion was an issue due to the doctors surgery and school.

**Paddock House, Loiterpin, Blakeney:** To convert two outbuildings to create two holiday let units and associated works. Councillors were concerned that there was no indication of where extra vehicles will be parked. Also concerned about extra traffic, single track road and the fact that there was a similar development at nearby Loiterpin House.

**Paddock House, Loiterpin, Blakeney:** An application to vary the condition (02) on Planning Permission P1280/11/FUL in order to change facing materials on front elevation to render, insert a round window on side elevation and insert a central pillar on the window in front elevation and remove window on rear elevation. Councillors strongly objected to the use of render on the front elevation. The original plan to face the elevation with stone was in keeping with the character of this traditional forest cottage.

**Loiterpin House, Loiterpin, Blakeney:** To convert and alter outbuilding to provide holiday accommodation. Councillors concerns about a similar development at Paddock House as above.

**Box Farm, Awre:** Outline application for the erection of a rural workers dwelling with treatment plant and garage and use of existing access. Councillors fully supported the application.

**Field House, Branches Lane, Awre:** Change of use of existing garage to form additional workspace; Listed building consent for new windows to replace timber doors, windows in front wall courtyard, remodelling of existing store and installation of conservatory rooflight at above property. Approved

**Ludlow House, Church Square, Blakeney:** Works to 15 trees and replacement planting. Approved.

**Kingsland Farm, Newnham Road, Blakeney:** Change of dwelling(C3) to hotel(C1) including alteration and construction of new vehicular access. Approved

## AWRE PARISH CALENDAR

It is hoped the 2014 calendar will be delivered to every household in the Parish by Xmas. As the Council is reliant on co-ordinating volunteer help some people may be missed. The Council apologises for this and copies for these households will be available from Blakeney Post Office. The Council would like to thank all those involved in the production and distribution.

### What your County Councillor is up to on your behalf

Richard Leppington, your County Council representative, has been working closely with Highways and Awre Parish Council to alleviate some of the inconvenience to commuters caused by the recent road improvements in Blakeney and Newnham.

He is trying to persuade Gloucestershire County Council to purchase their "Meals on Wheels" for the Forest senior citizens from Age Concern in Cinderford. This is a real win win situation with local people employed and food sourced from local suppliers. At the moment the meals are pre cooked in Wales and transported to the Forest .

Richard is liaising with Awre Parish Council to ensure that the Forest is ready for winter. Richard said," I have encouraged Parishes to purchase large grit bins which will be filled by Highways. A network of snow wardens is already in place to get the salt to areas which Highways are unable to reach".

### Contact your Parish Council

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 20th January 2014 at 7pm in Blakeney Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and to raise issues at the beginning of the meeting. To contact the Parish Council call the Clerk tel 01594 516808 or email [clerk@awre-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@awre-parish-council.org.uk)

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***HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A  
PROPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL  
RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FROM  
YOUR PARISH COUNCIL***

The end of the year approaches and we have enjoyed some major successes in the parish thanks to the hard work and dedication of members of our community. Achievements include the installation of a defibrillator outside the public toilets in Blakeney; opening of the Otter Holt café and a woodland trail in the Recreation Ground; installation of a new war memorial at All Saints' Church; major upgrade to the British Legion "hut" and a new kitchen for the Youth Club.

The annual Duck Race held in Blakeney was again well-supported and the annual fete in Awre was extremely successful.

Local clubs have been well supported with the Blakeney Over 60's club significantly growing in number and the "Pub Night" held in Awre Village Hall proving to be popular. Both Awre and Blakeney Village Hall committee's continue to organise community events throughout the year which are well received.

Most recently Blakeney Community Green Committee has teamed up with Soudley and are currently celebrating an award of almost £50,000 to re-establish an ancient pathway which runs between the two villages to bring the communities together.

## News in Brief

Gloucestershire County Council, Integrated Transport Unit has agreed to arrange and finance repairs to the bus shelter outside the store in Blakeney during January 2014.

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It is now looking likely that there will be funding available to create a bund along the bank of Blackpool Brook, near New Road, Blakeney in an attempt to avoid future flooding.

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The Parish Council supported the praise for the way in which County Highways had conducted the road resurfacing works in Blakeney.

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An agreement is close to being reached in favour of local farmers and residents regarding the flooding/protection on the Awre peninsular.

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Due to rising maintenance costs the Parish Council has had to revise its charges for Blakeney Cemetery as from 1st January 2014. The new changes will bring Blakeney in line with other cemeteries in the Forest.

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The Cemetery maintenance contract is due for renewal and it is hoped that tenders will go out in January. Anyone wishing to be included in the tenders should contact the clerk on 01594 516808 or email [clerk@awre-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@awre-parish-council.org.uk)

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Blakeney residents have been attending consultation events about the Draft Neighbour Development Plan (NDP) for Lydney and surrounding parishes within the GL15 postcode area. The events have been well attended and over 100 suggestions have been received in feedback from local residents and businesses. The period of consultation due to end on 20th November has been extended until 11th December. For more information about the plan and to add your comments to the draft please visit the website [www.lydneyndp.org.uk](http://www.lydneyndp.org.uk)

## Lighting Up Time

Power has been fully restored to several houses in Awre who were without electricity following damage to overhead cables as a result of the recent high winds. It is disappointing that a large generator supplied by the utility company was stolen from the area which brought further misery for local residents. The generator has been recovered but the offender(s) have yet to be identified and investigation is continuing. In a separate incident two industrial chain saws being used to clear fallen trees were also stolen from contractors working at the site.



*Helicopter used to install new poles*

## Precept 2014-15

The Council deliberated long and hard on its precept request to the District Council for 2014/15. It is very difficult to predict as there are a number of possible demands likely, including the new cemetery contract, upgrading of website, repairs to Lychgate and toilet repairs (once again the toilets have been subjected to theft of toilet parts which incurs extra costs for the Council). Finally, agreement was agreed to increase the precept by approximately 3.5%.

The amount of Council Tax which goes to the Parish Council is 1.7% of the total you pay or put another way £24.63 of the £1,481.10 for a Band D house annually.

## Remembrance Day Service & Blessing of the New Memorial All Saints' Church Blakeney



Representatives of the Parish Council attended the Remembrance Service at All Saints, Blakeney and Chairman Richard Fellows placed a wreath at the new memorial. Over 50 residents attended the service including the Royal British Legion. The service was even more special this year as the new Memorial in the front garden at the Church was blessed by the Archdeacon before the laying of wreaths and planting crosses of remembrance in the front lawn.

The new Memorial Stone project was masterminded by Blakeney resident, Ernie Hale, who researched and updated the names on the Roll of Honour and secured the generous support of M E Damsell Monumental Masons of Bream who donated the black granite stone and engraved it with names of the fallen and undertook the installation and Copes Quarry, Blakeney, who donated the Blakeney Redstone.



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