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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 in the Parish Office, after the AGM which commenced at 7.00pm.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Neil Thompson & Jess Tutt.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 7

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received and accepted from District Cllr Karen Ward (*away*) & County Cllr Dr. Marie Strong (*work*). The Chairman was also in receipt of a letter of **Resignation** from member Jennet Tilley. North Norfolk District Council had been notified, no election has been called for, and hence the Parish Council are able to advertise the vacancy and co-opt at the June meeting.

2. There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** from members.

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the FULL COUNCIL held on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 are signed as a true record.

4. GUESTS –

4.1. The following report had been received from PC Jason Pegden of **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)**; since last months Parish Council meeting, there has been 1 x burglary in the parish, but no other crime for Blakeney. Worthy of note, a number of outboard engines were stolen from premises in Wells totalling £32K, and we are urging the public to report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

5. There were no **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**.

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

6.1. **District Councillor** - Karen Ward had sent the following report in her absence.

Local Plan Site Allocation: Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Party considered the site allocation for Blakeney on Monday 23rd April and I am pleased that a sensible compromise has been achieved so the landowner, the Parish Council and the Blakeney Housing Association all stand to gain what they were looking for.

Queens Close: I will have met with the residents of Queens Close on Friday 27th April to explore all the options for the parking situation and pedestrian access.

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Planning Enforcement: Following last month's meeting, I notified our Enforcement team immediately about the situation at Michaelmas Cottage and they set up a case and contacted Sowerbys to notify them that their marketing was in breach of the planning permission. If the marketing material is not changed please can you let the Enforcement team know.

Church Hall, Blakeney Quay: An application has been made by the telecoms companies for a mast to provide wifi to the Church Hall Rooms on Blakeney Quay. Unfortunately this is an application which is not a typical planning permission, so consultation does not happen in the usual way. Nonetheless I have spoken to the Planning Officer concerned and highlighted how inappropriate this would be. I have asked them to challenge this robustly and to ask Historic England to get involved as it is so close to a scheduled Monument.

6.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong.

Recycling Centre Charges: I know there have been concerns regarding changes at the Recycling Centres for disposing of D.I.Y waste (e.g. sinks, baths, toilets). (Please note that if the cost of your transaction is under £10 cash is accepted; over £10 you need a card.) However I am assured that the usual weekly black bag of household rubbish, not D.I.Y. waste, can still be taken to the centre without charge see also the following web sites:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2018/02/tip-or-skip-county-council-urges-diyers-to-make-waste-part-of-their-project-plan>;
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/diy-waste>

Mobile Phone Blackspots: As I reported previously NCC commissioned an extensive independent survey across the county in order to establish an accurate picture of mobile voice and data coverage in the county – the information to be used in working with the major mobile providers in improving coverage and tackle 'not spots'. The information should be on an interactive map which will be available on the council's website by Friday 11 May when we meet at the Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee (allowing you to see which of the four major operators (EE, Telefonica, Three and Vodafone) presently have the best coverage for where you live and work.

Kimberley, New Road: Highways are now aware of the plans to place a footpath for this new development on NCC land and will respond accordingly.

7. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – The following points were made;

- *Planning Application – Kimberley, New Road. Concerns; overdevelopment, no thought for affordable housing, looking to put a footpath on highway amenity land to benefit the properties only, loss of mature trees/vegetation, we particularly value the hedge which fronts New Road. Likely to be over priced and bring a significant amount of additional traffic movements directly onto the Coast Road.*

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- *Agent confirmed that room had been made in the scheme for the refuse lorry to access and turn within the site and confirmed that he had been and spoken to owners of several of the neighbouring properties. Also prepared to push back by about 1.5m the front properties so as to put the footpath inside the boundary hedge and not on highways land.*
- *New Road still needs the carriageway widening – Clerk confirmed that this had been fed into NCC Highways twice in past few weeks, and will follow up. Anyone can report matters direct to Highways or indeed to our County Cllr. Dr. Marie Strong. Clerk will chase up.*

8. PLANNING – PF = Full Planning Permission, PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters, LA = Alteration to Listed Building.

Planning Applications; *In order to reduce the number of extra ordinary meetings called, any applications which have been received by the Parish Council since the publication of the agenda and the actual meeting, will be considered at said meeting, unless the Parish Council decide otherwise. In order to advise the public, any such applications will have been listed on the Parish Council Facebook page and website.*

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/18/0648** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings & erection of 8 x 2 storey dwellings, associated car parking and modification of existing access at, **Kimberley, New Road, Blakeney**. Members thanked David Mack, from Creeting & Coast Agents, who had attended on behalf of the owner to answer any questions. There were many questions from both the public and the members concerning this application.*

*It was **proposed & agreed** that we **OBJECT** to this application for the following reasons; i) overdevelopment of the site, ie. 1 to 8, ii) concerns that plot 6 will overlook no. 4 Whiteways and thus be an invasion of privacy, iii) a footpath from the properties through the amenity hedge onto NCC highway amenity land is not in the public benefit, iv) it does not follow the building line.*

- 8.2. Application no. **PF/18/0700** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/18/0091 to allow for formation of pitched roof to rear extension at, **The Cuddy, 8A Morston Road, Blakeney**. It was **proposed & agreed** that we have **no objection**.*

9. FINANCE

- 9.1. It was **proposed & agreed** that the **Accounts** for April totalling £10,698.56 are paid.

- 9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Final net income on the Carnser Car Park was down by £6,869 on the previous year, whilst Coronation Car Park was up slightly, the weather would have contributed to The Carnser figures. We are

undertaking a daily count of N/T visitors as opposed to P&D visitors at The Carnser to provide a clearer picture in terms of user.

9.3. **Insurance Quotations** had been received for consideration. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we enter into a new 3 year long term agreement with 'Inspire' via Came & Company.

9.4. Updated quotations for **Play Equipment** repairs/refurbishment were received, and it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we accept the quotation from Fenland Leisure.

9.5. Members accepted the excellent report from the Norfolk Constabulary Crime Prevention Officer with regard to the possible installation of **Preventative Parking Bollards**, as discussed previously with 'Rhino Security' and all recommendations within and confirmed the following additions/detail: 1) Village Hall Car Park; earth bund at side, 3) A5 on the 2 current posts, ie. by the steps up bank and N/T information board, 5) Former School Field; no gate between the two fields but a removable bollard at the entrance/gate on Langham Road, 6) The Pastures; earth bunds and bollards; liaise with Emma Stannard at The Blakeney Hotel. Get a contact list going for the SMS system; All Cllrs, Car Park Attendants, and ask others such as The Blakeney Garage, Spar etc, names suggested.

10. TRANSPORT/TRAFFIC RELATED ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

10.1. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March were shared and an update/report from our representatives on the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** was given. Don Glaister has given 3 months notice of his intention to step down as Project Manager, due to work commitments, but would still wish to be involved with the committee, and hence they will be seeking a new Project Manager. The members advised that he had worked very hard for the group and had taken them forward well.

10.2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March were shared and an update was given by our representatives on the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** on progress to date including a verbal update following the meeting held on the 23rd April.

10.3. A request from a member of the **NPSG** to formulate and circulate a **Blakeney Resident & Visitor Survey** had been received. It had been checked out with regard meeting the GDPR requirements, and it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we would be happy to endorse this, so long as it was undertaken via either Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and thus involve ABZAG or BCCCT.

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10.4. Members were in receipt of the HM Government Consultation: **Powers for dealing with unauthorised developments and encampments** ; deadline for comments to NorfolkALC is 15th June 2018, (two different dates seemed to be in circulation) and hence any comments should be brought forward for the June meeting.

11. There were no **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. Consultation on **Access & Restrictions to Saltmarshes**. Cllr Neil Thompson, gave a helpful summary of what this means, ie. not trying to stop local access, but to try and stop the national advertising of this due to the safety implications. There is a great deal of misunderstanding over this by the general public. Victoria Egan from The National Trust has offered to come to our June meeting to explain further, and we are happy to take her up on this kind offer. What we would like is for Natural England to put out a clearer document, giving clarity and using very simple terminology, not like the MCZ consultation which ended up being a PR disaster. All ***agreed***.

12.2. Members noted the **Community Housing Fund Newsletter** from North Norfolk District Council and asked that it be forwarded to the members of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group and David Mack at 'Creting & Coast'.

12.3. Two members of the Parish Council have been invited to attend the **Community Led Housing** Networking Event at NNDC on Thursday 5th July, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that subject to their availability and in order of attendance it be; i) Rosemary Thew (Chairman), ii) Alban Donohoe, iii) Edward Hackford, iv) Iain Wolfe. Wish to ensure that our District Cllr Karen Ward has also been invited.

12.4. Members were asked to consider a request from parishioner to add a scheme for 'Wilsons Way' to the **Parish Partnership Scheme** based on comments from NCC Highways. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we would support the footpath section only as a standalone Parish Council project via the PPS in order to ease the community public access.

12.5. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that in view of the **confidential** nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

A total of 8 applications for the **Outstanding Contribution to the Community Awards 2018** were received. All were very worthy winners, and were thus highly commended and will receive a certificate as such. However the overall winner was Trevor Leach who will receive £50 of vouchers, very kindly given by The White Horse/Adnams together with a framed

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certificate. Those highly commended were; Elizabeth 'Pooh' Curtis, Chris Wheeler, Lilian Timms, Danny Tutt, Anne Maw, Cobo & June Preston.

NNDC Planning Decisions Taken & Updates aswell as any Planning Inspectorate Appeals if any are listed below.

- i) **APPEAL RECEIVED - PF/17/1880 – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement two storey detached dwelling at, Shingle House, 5 Westgate Street, Blakeney.**

Meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Chairman _____