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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the Parish Office**, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield

**Public**:- 8

1. **Apologies for Absence** – were received & ***accepted*** from; District Cllr, Karen Ward and County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong.

2. There were no **Declarations of Interest** from members at this point.

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 are signed as a true record.

- *Cllr Neil Thompson arrived at this point.*

4. **Guests – Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** In their absence they had asked if we would consider allowing them to site a temporary Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera in the village. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we are happy to allow this.

5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

- Update from our County Cllr, to say that planning application no. PF/18/0932 for Fairacre, 72 Morston Road, has been called into the Development Committee for consideration.

6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong has submitted a written report.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward has submitted a written report.

7. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – the following points were made.

- Outraged that Openreach/B.T. can put a 8.2m metal pole up without any public consultation on land which they do not own.
- An update for those members on the Parish Council who were not part of the initial discussions with regard the Wilsons' Way agenda item later on and to seek clarification on any financial input from BPC.

- David Mack from Creeting & Co, talked the meeting through the planning revised planning application for Kimberley, New Road, Blakeney which is on the agenda for full consideration. He explained that he could genuinely not afford to give up even one plot as an affordable housing home due to the viability of the site. He has however spoken with District Cllr, Karen Ward, and advised that he would be happy to give up some of his time and expertise at no cost in order to help those locally who wished to undertake a self build. Members asked a number of questions and thanked David for attending once again.
- *Cllr Samantha Arlow arrived at this point.*

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

It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we will take item no 8.6. 'Kimberley' first.

8.6. Application no. **PF/18/1988** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing detached dwelling, removal of outbuildings and erection of 8 dwellings, associated development and means of access at, **Kimberley, New Road, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we object to this revised application.

- With 8 properties replacing just 1, we consider to this to be a vast overdevelopment of the site.
- We are hugely disappointed that there are no affordable social housing properties included as part of this application.
- Given the high number of problems encountered this year with the overflowing sewers within the village, we would task those responsible, that should this application proceed, then our sewage system will cope with this increased number of homes.

- *Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived at this point.*

8.1. Application no. **PF/18/1841** – *Proposal; Erection of balcony to replace existing Juliet balcony, replacement siding doors and enlarged window on first floor of west elevation at, **Waters Edge (previously known as Flat D), Guildhall, High Street, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 2 abstentions) that we have no objection.

8.2. Application no. **LA/18/1870** – *Proposal; Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of former managers flat into hotel rooms and extension to existing second floor balcony at, **Managers Flat, Manor Hotel, The Quay, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have no objection.

- 8.3. Application no. **PF/18/1792** – *Proposal; Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 6 (details of balustrading) of planning permission PF/17/1905 to allow for change of balustrade material from glass to brick and flint at, **North Granary, The Quay, Blakeney**.* It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have no objection.
- 8.4. Application no. **PF/18/1823** – *Proposal; Erection of outbuilding to include a roof terrace and increase existing garden wall height at, **North Granary, The Quay, Blakeney**.* The amended proposal was taken first; It was ***proposed*** that we have no objection, with 5 in favour and 6 against this motion was not carried. The original proposal was taken; that we object to this application as we find it intrusive looking back from the coast, particularly given the vast proposed increase in the height of the garden wall. With 5 in favour, 4 against, and two abstentions, the objection was carried.
- 8.5. Application no. **PF/18/1875** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 6 of planning appeal decision ref: APP/Y2620/W/17/3171572 to enable further site contamination investigation works to be carried out, prior to the commencement of the development at, **Stratton Long Marine, Westgate Street, Blakeney**.* It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we object strongly to the removal/variation of this condition and would refer you to recommendation made by the Planning Inspector with regard this condition.
- 8.6. It was ***proposed & agreed*** to give the following response to the recent NNDC consultation document, **Glaven Ports, Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Proposals** , in particular the Blakeney Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan in relation to the preparation of the emerging new ‘Local Plan’.
- *Key Characteristics of the Conservation Area* – Extensive green Open Space and corridors. Vernacular style of buildings, ie. Predominantly brick and flint with red tiled roof.
  - *Key issues affecting it* – Overdevelopment, bad design, lack of planning policy implementation, nothing being done to try and prevent or enhance.
  - *Do we consider the Management Proposals to be appropriate?* – We do not wish to see The 2 War Memorial Cottages on New Road, ‘locally listed’. Other than this, yes, we believe the proposals to be appropriate, but the planning policy and enforcement process must be implemented.

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- *Any other issues in relation to the Conservation Area Appraisal?*  
– We would like to see the Mulberry Tree in the grounds of The Manor Hotel protected.
- We strongly believe that Article 4 Directions should be applied by NNDC to ensure that Permitted Development Rights are not allowed to be used on unlisted properties within the Blakeney Conservation Area. We believe that in order to protect the village such Articles could have been used in the village in the past few years.
- There have been many recent new builds and developments which we consider to be harmful to the Conservation Area or the setting, due to their large scale in size and/or inappropriate design.
- Light pollution especially on the new developments, given that we allude to the status of dark skies.
- Finally, overall we feel that this is a good document.

8.7. **B.T Mast on Mariners Hill** serving St. Nicholas Church Hall.  
One writer to BT Openreach, had received a very unhelpful reply from them, which said that they would move it, but the cost would not be born by BT Openreach.

## **9. FINANCE**

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that **Accounts** totalling £21,006.89 are to be paid.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

- Income and expenditure details given to members, which included receipt of the second instalment of the Precept.
- Agreed to request a recycling bank for card board.
- Members approved the appointment of Alan Collett to the Dinghy Park Management Committee, as the BSC rep replacing Rod Jeffreys.

9.3. Members worked through additional items which they would like taken to the Finance Committee for possible inclusion in the **2019/20 Budget**, this was done by updating the '4 year strategy'. Items, ***proposed & agreed*** for inclusion are; Party on The Pastures (as an annual event), the purchase of one new additional defibrillator, and any items which will arise under item no. 9.5. the Parish Partnership Scheme.

*Cllr Samantha Arlow declared an interest by leaving the meeting at this point.*

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9.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we accept the revised lower price to be shared with trader for installation of anchor point for **Art & Craft Trading Site**.

*Cllr Samantha Arlow was called back into the meeting, having taken no part in the previous item.*

9.5. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we look to submit the following applications to the Norfolk County Council, Highways **Parish Partnership Scheme**;

- *Wilson's Way* project, as discussed previously. BPC will submit and endorse the application for the footpath section only, but will make no financial contribution. The finances to be provided via this scheme and the residents of Wilsons Way.
- *Replacement of Wooden Posts* at the bottom of the High Street.
- *Replacement of the Wooden Posts which affronting The Red House Land, which stop vehicles from entering the land.*
- *A scheme which would look at addressing the lip which has formed at the west end of the Quayside footpath as it goes onto the hard.*

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

10.1. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** – Alban reported that they are still awaiting an answer on their most recent funding application which was now some months ago.

10.2. Members were in receipt of the most recent minutes of the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** and the next meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in the Parish Office.

10.3. A representative on the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** advised that there were no matters which directly involved BPC and that events such as the Film nights were going well and that the Trustees would be looking to submit a Community Fund application in order to facilitate a number of improvements to the hall.

**11. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – There were none.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we would respond to the Norfolk County Council Consultation on **Norfolk's Children's Centres**, stating that we are very concerned and upset by the proposed harsh closures, which ultimately affect those families in greatest need in our local communities. The

loss of specialist support and advice which these centres offer should not be underestimated. We feel that the number of closures planned is extremely disappointing and will leave families more vulnerable than they already are.

12.2. The following amendments were ***proposed & agreed*** with regard the Battle's Over **A Nation's Tribute** lighting of the beacon on Mariners Hill on

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Shirley Everett & Jess Tutt, will be the 2 designated bucket collectors. The Last Post, shall be played either by Neil Thompson, or a live recorded will be played via the Sound System. Jess Tutt will be the other named First Aider alongside Neil Thompson. Ann Wootten will be asked to light the beacon, if for any reason she is not able to, then Rosemary Thew in her role as Chairman will undertake this role. Lighting will be provided by Neil and Iain (either a tower light on generator, or stand alone units), may be helpful for Clerk to enquire about electricity supply source. Clerk to supply all usual fire fighting equipment and First Aid kit. The Church had kindly offered to loan us 2 Perspex silhouettes to place on the benches just before the event, but as we will be unable to fix them, it would be better to keep them safely situated in the Church. Alban Donohoe will attend and take photographs. We will not erect crowd control barriers at the top of Mariners Hill. Due to the complexities of lowering and raising the flag in the dark, we will not erect one for this short service.

12.3. Members were invited to attend the **Norfolk Association of Local Councils AGM**, and to book online or via the Clerk if they were wishing to attend.

12.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we endorse the **Open Spaces Society** draft strategic plan.

**NNDC Planning Decisions or Updates, or any Planning Inspectorate Appeals since our last meeting.**

- **PF/18/1462** – Erection of 2 no. one and a half storey detached dwellings and detached garage block (revised scheme) at, Stratton Long Marine, Westgate Street, Blakeney – Refused.
- **PF/18/1587** – Erection of single storey detached timber studio at, Shipleigh House, 8 Westgate Street, Blakeney – Granted.

*Meeting closed at 9.14pm.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_