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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 2nd July 2019** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. **Apologies for Absence** – ***accepted*** from; Edward Hackford (*away*), and also District Cllr Karen Ward, and County Cllr Dr. Marie Strong, also PC Jason Pegden.

2. There were no **Declarations of Interest** from members.

3. **Minutes** -

3.1. ***Resolved*** that the minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 10th June 2019 are signed as a true record.

4. **Guests** –

4.1. Written report received in the absence of **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – There have been 4 calls to the Police since the last meeting and 1 anti-social behaviour offence. There has been a number of residential burglaries and farm burglaries elsewhere.

5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Great British Cycling Festival – Sunday 30th June 2019; this event saw 100's of cyclists racing through the village, bizarrely down the High Street. The Coasthopper bus did not run, it terminated at Wells. NCC have been contacted, as we were not consulted and had no prior information whatsoever, and this has raised a number of concerns. We are told that NNDC were tasked with informing those along the affected route.

6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong had sent a report which covered the following general headings; Wells County Division, Wells-next-the-Sea Recycling Centre Re-use shop, Bank Scams and Nfk County Council Trading Standards, No Cold Calling Stickers, how to report road maintenance items to NCC Highways, Post Office banking services, in lieu of banks.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward had submitted the following report.

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NNDC News - A Capability & Capacity Review at NNDC commenced in June to explore how best to deliver the manifesto priorities of the new administration: Putting Residents at the heart of the Council; Local Homes for Local People; Environmental sustainability in response to the Climate Emergency and Financial sustainability in light of the funding cuts proposed by Central Government. The review is involving staff throughout the Council and will report in mid-July. I will update the Parish Council of the key findings at the next PC.

Having spent May getting up to speed with their Portfolios, the new Cabinet have also spent the last month initiating reviews into key projects inherited from the previous administration. This is to ensure that these projects make sense financially and bring wider social benefit to most of the residents of North Norfolk. These reviews will enable us to establish which initiatives should be continued and incorporated into the Corporate Plan for 2019 – 2023. This work will continue throughout the summer and I will update the Parish Council on the final priorities in September.

The emerging Local Plan consultation has now closed – we have received in excess of 2,000 comments on the plan, which the Planning Policy team will now incorporate into a review document. The Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Party will begin to consider this feedback and any other new evidence from September onwards. If any feedback impacts the Parish, I will ensure the PC is informed at future meetings.

Local Parish News - The 8m Mast on the Quay was finally removed on Wednesday 26th June – thank you to everyone who wrote letters to Openreach. The pressure finally paid off.

I can confirm that NNDC were not notified in advance of the proposed disposal of land in Queens Close and I have been in contact with Flagship/Victory to register my disappointment. I have requested an urgent review to ensure this does not happen again in the future.

The asset manager at NNDC has been on medical leave following an operation, so I have not made further progress on the transfer of the grass area in Queens Close from Victory to NNDC. This follows BPCs decision last month.

A meeting with the Head of Planning, Planning Policy Manager and Conservation & Design Manager took place to discuss the use of Article 4 Directions within the Coastal Ward. As requested, we specifically considered the case of the stripy painted house which overlooks the coastal path towards Cley. However, Article 4 Directions can only be used to prevent unauthorised development and as the stripes on the house in question are painted, this does not constitute development in the eyes of the planning legislation. So even if an Article 4 Direction had been in place, this would not have prevented the stripes being painted. We are however actively considering the use of Article 4 Directions in Wiveton and Cley to protect the

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extensive flint walls which were identified in the recent Conservation Area Appraisals.

Kimberley application has been recommended for refusal by Officers and it will not be called into Committee. Officers are following up feedback from BPC and other residents into the details of the application at Blakeney Garage in relation to signage and lighting.

7. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION –

- *Jamie Long introduced himself to the meeting; Change of Use of Red House Barns. He explained his plans and the Parish Council advised that they will of course respond once they receive the official planning application.*

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

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/19/0867** – *Proposal; 4Extension of rear dormer window at, **Boat Barn Cottage, Westgate Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.***
- 8.2. Application no. **PF/19/0958** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/18/2335 to allow for a hardwood balustrade instead of approved glass balustrade at, **North Granary, The Quay, Blakeney.** **Resolved – Support.***
- 8.3. Application no. **PF/19/1001** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission PF/18/1994 to amend fenestration & balcony at, **Admirals Hill, Morston Road, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.***
- 8.4. Application no. **PF/19/0923** – *Proposal; Demolition of 144 Larkfields for the erection of dwelling and associated landscaping at, **Larkfields, 144 Morston Road, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.***

9. FINANCE

Cllr, Iain Wolfe joined the meeting.

- 9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £16,406.64 are paid.

9.2. Clerk/RFO Report –

- Members were in receipt of balances and car park income figures to date.
- The **Dinghy Park Management Committee** have written to every registered owner and the same communication will be attached to every boat (registered and unregistered) on the boat park, asking for a voluntary donation, suggested minimum is £5.00 per boat, which is to be used solely for the long

term maintenance of the dinghy park. It has also been sent to; Blakeney Sailing Club, Coastal Rowing Association Blakeney, The Blakeney Harbour Association and the Glaven Valley News.

- **Land at Queens Close**, Blakeney – the old garage block site, closest to the Glaven Centre. This was purchased by two residents, Willie Weston and Simon Blakeley, on Friday 21st July 2019. They have advised that it will be business as usual, ie. parking for the residents as now.

9.3. Quotes were considered for i) resurfacing and ii) annual maintenance of the **BMX Track** – Members were rather shocked at the costs involved (reminded that no surfacing work had taken place since installation).

Resolved to i) check quarterly safety inspection report, ii) ensure budget for this; if need be in next financial year, iii) obtain one additional quote (company recommended by IW), iv) consider biannual maintenance as opposed to annual.

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

- 10.1. ***Resolved*** to paint **Double Yellow Lines** in the driveway entrance to the Village Hall Car Park, preferably the slimmer version in primrose yellow (conservation).
- 10.2. Our representatives on the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** advised that they have undertaken a peer review of the work carried out by Exo Environmental, which found no surprises. They also advised that the B3CT are still in the consultation stage.
- 10.3. Our representatives on the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** advised that the independent review of the draft NP had been carried out, which tended to agree with many comments made by NNDC (members were each in receipt of a copy) and that a meeting was being held with officers from NNDC on Friday to try and move things forward. Following last night's meeting of the group, ABZAG will forward an up to date draft for use at said meeting. Unfortunately the timing of the emerging Local Plan has not helped us.
- 10.4. **The Red House Land Trust** – Members were very sorry to hear of the negative response and abuse that the Trustees had received from some elements of the community, particularly online abuse. The Trustees are volunteers who work very hard to maintain this land for the benefit of the community in line with the wishes of the donor when the land was gifted. The Parish Council wish to put on record their sincere thanks to the Trustees for the amount of work undertaken recently; tidying the whole area, new signs, new posts, disabled parking bay information, chain to stop the area being used as a car park etc.

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

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. ***Resolved*** that whilst we agree that the document from Snape Parish Council entitled **Welcome to Snape** is very good, along with their invite to us to perhaps work on some joint initiatives, we feel that this document is best passed to our Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group as much of it runs hand in hand.

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

- **PF/19/0379** – Two-storey extension to front and east elevations, new/altered dormers to front; render and vertical boarding to walls and replacement roof tiles at, Tern Cottage, 1 Pintail drive, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **TPO/19/0952** – Tree Preservation Order; Land at Kimberley, New Road, Blakeney – **This order was confirmed without modification.**

13. **Confidential Item(s) – Exclusion of the Press/Public**

Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be considered, it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded.

- 13.1. **Scout Hut Lease Renewal** – Fine detail was agreed, and will be submitted to our Solicitor to draw up a draft lease as soon as possible. ***Resolved.***
- 13.2. **Outstanding Contribution to the Community Awards** – Just two nominations were received. ***Resolved;*** Winner is Maureen Buckey who is shortly due to retire from The Glaven Centre, whilst highly commended for all his work is Claude Scott.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Chairman _____