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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th May 2019** in the Parish Office, after the AGM.

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

Parish Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 0.

1. Apologies for Absence – Were ***accepted*** from; Nigel Sutcliffe (*away*), Shirley Everett (*unwell*), Alban Donohoe (*work*) & Iain Wolfe (*work*). Also from our County Cllr whom is at NCC meetings. In her absence to formally **welcome** our newly appointed District Councillor; Karen Ward on being re-elected to what is now known as the 'Coastal Ward'. Karen hopes to be with us shortly after 8pm, as she is first attending both Cley and Salthouse Parish Council meetings.

2. Declarations of Interest from members were;

- 9.3. – Jenny Girling; Prejudicial Interest – as quote is from son.
- 9.3. – Barry Girling; Prejudicial Interest – as quote is from son.
- 8.2. – Neil Thompson; Prejudicial Interest – as application is from my Uncle.

3. Resolved that the Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 are signed as a true record.

4. Guests – No report received from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)**, however those present at the meeting reported the following; Marine thefts from both Morston and Cley beach had taken place the previous night. Since the last BPC meeting, it is understood that The Acreage on Coast Road had been targeted, and the two SCOPE charity bins in the Village Hall car park had been broken into and all contents stolen at the beginning of April along with the banks at Morrison's in Cromer and Fakenham, sadly was not the first time for any of them. It was suggested that other residential properties in the area had also been burgled. This was an alarming report from those present, all will be fed back to the Wells SNT. The message as always, is to all remain vigilant, and report anything suspicious.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- June amended meeting date; needs to be either – Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th June – Clerk will contact those not present, in order to go with the majority, but it is looking likely that it will be on Monday 10th June.
- Invite to attend the Church Service for the newly appointed Revd Richard Lawry on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7pm at St. Nicholas Church. Parish Council Chairman, Rosemary Thew will attend and represent BPC.

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- Sowing of the 'Flanders Poppy Seeds' on The Pastures (at the top, as previously agreed), who and when? Barry Girling volunteered to undertake this.
- NNDC Local Plan – Public Consultation shall commence for a six-week period from Tuesday 7th May to Wednesday 19th June. This item will appear on the June Parish Council agenda for a collective response. Parish Cllrs and members of the public and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are encouraged to attend the drop in event in Blakeney Village Hall on Wednesday 29th May between 2.30pm to 7.30pm.
- CPRE – Save The Date; Rural Housing Conference – Friday 6th September, 9.30am – 1.45pm at Dereham. Speakers will include; Jo Lavis (Rural Affordable Housing Expert), Mark Ashwell (NNDC), Debbie Wildridge (Community Land Trust East) & Sam Watts (Saffron Housing). The Clerk may decide to attend nearer the time.

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong had sent a generic report which had been sent to all Cllrs and which will be published in the GVN as usual.

6.2. **District Councillor** – No written report, but we are asked to give consideration to our agenda slot, given that, in the newly formed Coastal Ward, we along with Cley and Salthouse meet on the first Tuesday of each month. We will try and arrange the slot accordingly.

7. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – No public were present.

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

8.1. **Tree Preservation Order – TPO/19/0952** for **Kimberley, New Road, Blakeney** had been served by NNDC. ***Resolved*** that we support this TPO.

8.2. Application no. **PF/19/0619** – *Proposal; Erection of first floor extension at, 32 Morston Road, Blakeney.* ***Resolved – No objection.***

Neil Thompson left the meeting for the next item and returned after.

District Cllr Karen Ward joined us.

8.3. Application no. **PO/19/0492** – *Proposal; Demolition of single-storey dwelling and erection of 2 no. detached, two-storey dwellings (Outline planning application with all matters reserved) at, Glebe Lodge, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney.* ***Resolved – We object*** for the

following reasons; Loss of garden due to this being yet another infill proposal, over development of site, we would prefer to see a one dwelling replacement application, concerns over the height of the proposed two new builds. Share concerns raised by the Landscape Officer, ie. any protected species.

- 8.4. Application no. **PF/19/0537** – *Proposal; Erection of two-storey front and rear extensions at, **Samphire, Old Rectory Lane, Blakeney**.* This application had been withdrawn, and hence no action required.
- 8.5. Application no. **PF/19/0549** – *Proposal; Replacement and additional windows (including some new windows and altered openings and first floor glazing); extended pump island with new kiosk; use of part of ground floor for car sales and first floor as cinema; associated external alterations (part retrospective) at, **Blakeney Garage, Morston Road, Blakeney**.* **Resolved** – Whilst we wish it be noted, that it is regrettable that this is a part retrospective application, we have **no objection; subject to the following conditions being added;** The silver chimney which is very obtrusive, should be replaced with a black one. The outside lighting must not be obtrusive, the external lighting affixed to the walls, should be downlighting. All external lighting must take into account the area in which it is sited, and the dark skies policy, in particular we have concerns over how the 24hr pump will be illuminated, indeed more detail on this would be welcome.
- 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**.* **Resolved – Object** for the following reasons; Our reasons as stated before still stand; These proposals are a complete over development of the site, despite our previous comments there is no element of affordable housing, which this village needs. We also share the concerns raised by many others with this continued revised application; such as lack of parking spaces for such a big scheme, which would potentially force vehicles to park on the verge, which we do not wish to see, drainage/sewage concerns which we have also raised previously and we support the recent addition of the Tree Preservation Order for this site. This application fails to enhance the character and quality of the area and should not be permitted.
- 8.7. **Resolved** to address the placing of **illegal notices and inappropriate signage** in general around the village, based on the recommendations of the Blakeney Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan as commissioned by NNDC and the actions of Wiveton Parish Council, a policy will be pulled together based on all points agreed with the overall aim of making the village more tidy for those who live here and visit.

9. FINANCE

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9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £27,038.75 are paid.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

- Members were in receipt of balances and income figures to date.
- Thank you to BPC from Big Sky Construction. They are now the main contractors for Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society.
- Letter of thanks from The Glaven Centre for the Community Fund Grant received.

Jenny Girling & Barry Girling left the meeting for the next item and returned after.

9.3. **Resolved** to accept the quote from J Girling for additional work in **Parish Office** to paint all the stained woodwork and to note the excellent work undertaken so far.

9.4. **Resolved** to accept the quote for **Office Laptop** from Sure Computers.

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

10.1. **Resolved** to enter into negotiations with Flagship Housing with regard to the grassed area of land at **Queens Close** being gifted from Flagship to the Parish Council, and to consider any ongoing funding costs and for BPC not to be responsible for any legal costs, which is our understanding.

10.2. Members were in receipt of feedback from the meeting with representatives of Norfolk County Council Highways, following our request for a **Traffic Survey**; to summarise, they had looked back over historical studies previously undertaken, work already undertaken as a result of these and identified the following as possible options, based on logistics, costs and reality;

- Simple Westgate/egress route signing review, outline cost £3K – **Resolved to accept** this work.
- Consideration of waiting restrictions possibly at/near the Westgate Street junction/A149 to overcome congestion during summer months – **Resolved not to proceed** with this together with consideration of waiting restrictions at the bottom end (near Quay) of High Street to overcome congestion and improve pedestrian safety; outline cost £6K plus, and possibly abortive costs if traffic regulation order unsuccessful due to objections.

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- **Resolved** – we would like double yellow lines to be added near to The Coast House at the bottom of Back Lane and for all double yellow lines in the parish to be refreshed.
- NCC Highway Design would be able to take on a traffic management feasibility study based on a study brief at an estimated cost of £5K but feel that this is both expensive and unnecessary. **Resolved not to proceed** with such a study.

10.3. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** – Are awaiting a meeting with The National Trust and will then update BPC as previously agreed.

10.4. **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** on progress and outcomes in the preparation of said plan, and to receive any recommendations on any proposed content of the Neighbourhood Plan. **Resolved** that based on the recent negative meeting between the NPSG and NNDC, that we seek an independent review of firstly our draft plan and in tandem the 19 page report received from NNDC and that BPC covers this cost having identified a preferred consultant at a cost of approximately £750.

10.5. **Resolved** to nominate Rosemary Thew to stand for the **Norfolk Association of Local Councils** Executive Committee.

10.6. Invite to attend a **Paths Seminar** on Wednesday 29th May, 2pm to 4pm at North Walsham, having attended before, there were no takers.

10.7. **Resolved** to change **Website Provider** and to proceed with R. Daley.

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

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- **PF/18/2049** – Demolish existing dwelling and erection of two storey detached dwelling at, Shingle House, 5 Westgate Street, Blakeney – **Refused.**
- **PF/19/0180** – Proposed single-storey front, side and rear extensions, 2 no. replacement dormer windows to north elevation, cladding of front elevation in brick and flint and erection of detached outbuilding to front of site at, 65 Morston Road, Blakeney - **Permission granted.**

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- **PF/19/0121** – Erection of single-storey front, side and rear extensions; 2 dormer windows to front & 3 rooflights to rear to create additional accommodation in roof space; replacement upvc windows at, Seven Bells, High Street, Blakeney – **Permission granted.**
- **LA/19/0304** – Retention of external works for underpinning of two walls at, Morgan Cottage, 97 High Street, Blakeney – **Permission granted.**
- **PF/19/0354** – Conversion of garage into office/utility room and replacement of flat roof with a pitched roof at, Church Way, Saxlingham Road – **Permission granted.**

With no members of the public present this item was taken at item no. 10.4.

12.1. Confidential Item – Exclusion of the Press/Public

12.1. **Draft Neighbourhood Plan** and the way forward.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman _____