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Minutes of a meeting of the '**Finance Committee**' which was held on **Wednesday 13th November 2019** at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Present:- Rosemary Thew, Jenny Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Did not Attend:- Neil Thompson

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1. ***Resolved***: **Chairman** for current financial year is Rosemary Thew.
2. ***Resolved***: Welcome new **Committee Member** Cllr. Nigel Sutcliffe.
3. **Apologies for Absence** – None received.
4. There were no **Declarations of Interest**.
5. ***Open Public Session*** – There were no members of the public present.
6. The following items were considered in relation to the **Carnser Car Park** for the financial year 2020/2021 budgeting purposes as follows;
 - **Employment** – BPC v The National Trust – the pros and cons were discussed in much detail and it was ***resolved*** that:-
 - **Blakeney Parish Council** remains the employer for 2020/21.

We would prefer to see a full 12 months set of figures in the hope that the scanning of N/T members cards was in full swing and being adhered to.
 - We advertise the 2 **Carnser Car Park Attendants** roles for the 2020/21 season at a rate of £10 per hour.

As we are in discussions with the basics regarding the future operation with The National Trust.
 - **Income/Expenditure** (various), was ***resolved*** as follows:-
 - Offer **The National Trust** the option of placing a member of their team on The Carnser Car Park at peak times.

In order to assist with N/T members scanning their cards only, not for membership recruitment purposes.
 - **Gray's Funfair** will be offered The Pastures as a relocation site next year, as The Carnser is not available.

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The rent has remained at £639 for 12 years and is not sustainable. The potential loss of income on The Carnser Car Park which in turn benefits the village is between £2,500 and £3,000. The Parish Council is tasked with ensuring value for money and adheres to the principles of best value.

In addition to this the 3 trading sites could remain on site and trade at the height of the season. The fair is still welcome to continue their annual visit to the village and potentially should benefit by virtue of being seen by all who pass through the village on the A149 Coast Road.

This also removes the need for a licence to be negotiated and entered into with The National Trust for use of their land by Gray's Funfair.

- **Fee Structure for Carnser Car Park 2020/21** was **resolved** as follows:-
 - Move to a single daily flat rate of £4.50
 - Winter daily charge to be £2.00
 - Charge after 6pm all year to be £2.00

Many scenarios were discussed before reaching the above conclusions, including the pros and cons of a daily rate.

- **Other Finance** related issues were **resolved** as follows:-
 - **Village Hall Car Park** – a full costed discussion on the merits of this remaining free or becoming pay & display to be had at some point, taking into account the number of differing scenarios.
 - **Car Park Strategy** – for the whole village and taking into account all available options is desirable.
 - **Budgeting** – The reality is that the Parish Council is not a charity and neither is it a business. It is a tier of Local Government, tasked with generating its own income whilst delivering as many local services to the community as possible within its remit.

Meeting closed at 9.06pm.

Chairman _____