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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021** in **The Scout Hut**.

**Present**:- Rosemary Thew, Jenny Girling, Samantha Arlow, Jane Armstrong, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe.

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield

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**1. Apologies for Absence** were ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe & Shirley Everett.

**2. The following Declarations of Interest** were received from member;

- *Iain Wolfe – 7.3. – **Personal Interest** as I am a near neighbour.*

**3. Resolved** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 are signed as a true record.

**4. Chairman's Announcements –**

- Many thanks to all the volunteers and Council members that put on this years 'End of Season Bonfire & Fireworks' event, which was a huge success. We raised in the region of £3,500.
- The NNDC Development Committee will discuss our planning application for the overflow car park on Langham Road, at their January 2022 meeting. If you have any thoughts on the pros and cons of any potential landscaping requirements, then please do share them with me in advance.

**5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –**

5.1. *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – No report received.

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby – No report received.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had circulated her report in advance, and it is in the December edition of the GVN. (The Council wished to thank Victoria for her efforts in bringing the trial of the rapid response vehicle (a paramedic in a car) back to the local area.

**6. Open Public Session –** 1 member of the public spoke.

- *With regard no. 43 New Road, Blakeney. As the new owner and applicant of this planning application, I felt it was important to speak with the Parish council personally with regard the application. We will occupy plot 2 at the rear of the site. Plot 1 has been designed to enhance the street scene, and as of today there will be a change the planting scheme at the front, it will now be a beech hedge. The scheme has been designed to protect the*

*privacy of our neighbours and their properties and we have liaised with them over these plans.*

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

- 7.1. **PF/21/2909** – *Proposal; Installation of dormer window to facilitate conversion of part of roof space to habitable accommodation; reconstruction of existing dormer window; replacement of front bay windows; replacement of existing flat roof on rear extension with pitched roof at, Church Way, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved - No objection.*
- 7.2. **PF/21/3036** – *Proposal; Change of use from delicatessen (Class use E (a) to mixed use as delicatessen and hot food takeaway (sui generis) at, 30 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved – Support.*
- 7.3. **PF/21/3073** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of two storey detached dwelling with detached garage and single storey detached dwelling at, 43 New Road, Blakeney. Resolved – Object; due to overdevelopment of the site, impact upon other services, ie. water/sewerage and concerns that this is detrimental to our ‘Dark Skies policy’, due to the amount of glazing within the development.*
- 7.4. **PF/21/3185** – *Proposal; Single storey side extension to dwelling at, 32 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

**8. FINANCE**

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £12,864.06 are paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Carnser Car Park and Coronation Car Park figures were reported along with the cashbook balances held.
- 8.3. **Resolved** to approve the addition of AIB Merchant Services to the **Direct Debit** list.
- 8.4. **Resolved** to budget to undertake the full inspection of the **Zip Wires** once every two years as per the recommendation from Online Playgrounds, (formerly known as Fenland Leisure) which undertook the repair work in February 2021 and to ask them to quote for all of our inspection work.
- 8.5. **Resolved** to accept the recommendation from the Finance & Governance Committee, and to request a **Precept** figure of £43,000 for **2022/23** from NNDC, which is the same sum as the current financial year.

**9. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable.

- 9.1. Rosemary Thew gave an update on the recent **NNDC Parish & Town Council Forum** meeting – There is a Councillor ‘call for action’ to review the impact of second homes, due to get underway shortly. NNDC have consulted on a housing strategy. The NNDC Local Plan, goes for Reg 19 consultation on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The Planning ‘White Paper’ is paused for the time being. NNDC have appointed outreach workers to offer community advice and they have set up a household support fund to encourage people to apply for benefits.

**10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS –**

- 10.1. The following question has been received from Cllr Jane Armstrong.

To consider, in view of the high level of parishioner interest in the topic, making the Traffic Matters Working Group a subcommittee with meetings open to the public and agendas and minutes published on the website.

*A = The Chairman of the Traffic Matters Working Group had already replied ahead of the agenda preparation as had the Clerk. Each Cllr had been in receipt of the responses, which are repeated here for you.*

*I note your comments below but I feel as the Chair of the Traffic Matters Working Group I should remind you that we, as a working group, have not yet finished our deliberations so it should remain as a working group. I must also remind you that some issues from that working group have already been considered at a full BPC meeting and have therefore been actioned and are already in the public domain. A further date for a meeting will be arranged as soon as it is convenient to do so.*

*The Clerk had also replied; A Working Group is not at all the same as a committee and there is no published agenda or minutes, we have notes for our own purposes only. Hence the Working Group cannot become a subcommittee.*

*BPC can consider the correct/intended question when tabled.*

**11. CORRESPONDENCE –**

- 11.1. **Resolved** that Rosemary Thew, Nigel Sutcliffe & Jane Armstrong are happy to negotiate the agreement between the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust and BPC** ahead the renewal date of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and that we now wait to hear back from the BVHT after their next meeting.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that following the request from Cllr. Jane Armstrong; *To consider setting **dates for all meetings** of all of the Parish Council Committees and Charitable Trusts for the forthcoming year that we stay*

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as we are, ie. other than the full council meetings, all other meetings are called on and as and when needed basis.

**For information only; NNDC Planning Decisions or Updates, or any Planning Inspectorate Appeals since our last meeting; most available on NNDC website.**

**PF/20/0614 – APPEAL - Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted by The Planning Inspectorate.**

**PF/21/1135 – Hope Cottage, 60 High Street, Blakeney – Granted**

**PF/21/2318 – 5 Queens Close, Blakeney – Granted**

**RV/21/1450 – Land West of Poppyland, Plot 2, Back Lane, Blakeney – Granted**

**PF/21/0390 – The Wells, 3 The Pastures, Blakeney – Refused**

**PF/21/1511 & LA/21/1512 – 39 High Street, Blakeney – Granted**

**PF/21/2778 – Point View, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney - Granted**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

*Chairman* \_\_\_\_\_