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A meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** was held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023** in **The Scout Hut at 7.00pm**

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Judith Pegden, Mike Reed and Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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**1. Apologies for Absence** were ***accepted*** from; Willie Weston.

**2. Declarations of Interest** received;

- *Alban Donohoe – Item no. 8.6. as Chairman of the B3CT.*

**3. Resolved** that the **Minutes** as stated below are signed as a true record;

- i) The Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023
- ii) AGM – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

**4. Chairman's Announcements** – None.

**5. Reports from County & District Councillors;**

5.1. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby, reported circulated.

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday, report circulated.

**6. Open Public Session** –

- *Applicant for planning item (agenda item no. 7.1.) PF/23/0969, 8 New Road, gave an overview of the plans.*
- *Member of public that had kindly been looking into replacement webcam/CCTV (agenda item no. 11.2.) reported on his findings and advised that the police had confirmed that they would be able to use the CCTV if it were installed and that NNDC would be prepared to contribute £200 towards any costs.)*

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

- 7.1. **PF/23/0969** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing bungalow and garage; Erection of 2 no. two-storey dwellings and outbuilding (home office) at, **Three Gables, 8 New Road, Blakeney. Resolved – Object**; due to overdevelopment of the site, and the impact of further overloading the services and utilities in the village.*

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7.2. **Resolved** that we fully support the response from NNDC to the following two government **Planning Consultations** running on holiday lets, one for a registration system and one for a use class (ie proposed changes to planning rules), these consultations end 7th June 2023, and we shall respond accordingly.

(1) DCMS:[Consultation on a registration scheme for short-term lets in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-a-registration-scheme-for-short-term-lets-in-england)

(2) DLUHC:[Introduction of a use class for short term lets and associated permitted development rights - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introduction-of-a-use-class-for-short-term-lets-and-associated-permitted-development-rights)

## **8. FINANCE**

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £18,823.28 are to be paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** updated figures were not available. HMRC cannot be added as a monthly direct debit in the usual manner, so we shall continue to pay by Bacs. Office/Store/Public toilet elec supply; new smart meter installed by EDF Energy, with the aim of recovering some of our expenditure for past bills, from both EDF and SSE. Our new insurance provider has confirmed that they do not stipulate how often inspections of play equipment are carried out, that should be determined by the Parish Council.

8.3. **Resolved** to approve the **Annual Return (AGAR) 2022/23** as follows;

- i) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23
- ii) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23

8.4. **Resolved** to i) Ask NCC if they will remove the 'A' boards from the village if we are successful in bringing this new **Information/Business Signage Board** to fruition as previously agreed in an effort to align the village with the NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan and ii) Try to obtain a second quote, iii) Members to give further thought to design ahead of next meeting.

8.5. **Resolved** that we note the **Play Inspection Report** (May 2023) and that no action is needed at present.

8.6. **Resolved** to fund the request from **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** asking BPC to fund another survey of the area at a cost of £1,500 + VAT.

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

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- 9.1. **King Charles III Coronation Event** – *Cllr Samantha Arlow* – Another most successful community event, with over 140 people booked in advance and others joining us on the evening. Huge thanks to our Clerk for overseeing the entire event and to the volunteers and everyone that made it such a joyful occasion, including Bev Lubbock for the wonderful decorations & Blakeney Harbour Room for kindly hosting us.
- 9.2. **BPC & National Trust Working Group** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* – 2023/24 Agreement has been signed, the final decision on the dinghy park CLEUD is still awaited from NNDC, the licence for the end of season bonfire & fireworks event for 2023 is granted, NCC will be replacing the old sheep bridge, just of the dinghy park later in the year, and quarterly meetings will take place between the NT and our Clerk, in order to track the new income structure as a result of having an additional pay & display machine on site. The fair is due to attend as usual this summer and the hut should soon undergo some repair work.
- 9.3. **Blakeney Surgery** – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe*.
- The survey undertaken by our MP has had nearly 500 responses the majority of which support the retention of Blakeney surgery as a full branch surgery.
  - The Healthwatch survey is out for consultation as we speak. It can be completed via their website or hard copies have been left at Blakeney Garage and the Spar for completion and posting, along with pre-paid return envelopes. Copies have been distributed to the other Parish Councils to distribute to parishioners. The closing date for completion is the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Please complete it if you have not and encourage family, friends, and neighbours to do the same.
  - At the last meeting I informed you that your District Councillor and I are trying to join the HMP Patients Participation Group. Dr Holliday's application has been rejected on the grounds of a conflict of interest. My application is still pending waiting the return from leave of the Practice Manager.
  - I mentioned at the last meeting that we had received requests for interviews from BBC Radio Nfk & the EDP but could not do these because of the recent election. A Press Release was prepared in anticipation of this and due to unforeseen requests from the media was published on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. An interview was conducted with our chairman on the 17<sup>th</sup> May with the EDP which was well received. Our MP has also held an interview on the radio in support of our cause.
  - The next stage of the process in accordance with ICB guidance is that Holt Medical Practice must undertake a consultation process with the following;

- a. Patients of both the main practice and branch surgery
- b. Neighbourhood practices (both in terms of geography and overlapping catchment areas and with those within the PCN.)
- c. Patient Participation Group
- d. Local Community Groups e.g., Parish Councils
- e. Any identified groups within the community that may be particularly affected by the proposals
- f. Other NHS providers who use the branch site or who may be affected by services transferring out of this site

I have great concerns as to how they are going to do this bearing in mind their lack of consultation when they just removed face-to-face consultations and the dispensary some four years ago. I note that the HMP website now shows Blakeney surgery as closed. I would suggest that BPC considers preparing a reply to both HMP and the ICB to ascertain how this can be done in an impartial and fair way in view of their action so far.

- Our recent application to have Blakeney surgery designated as an Asset of Community Value has been unsuccessful and rejected by 'Eastlaw' who represent NNDC. The reasons for this are that the premises have not been used for face-to-face consultations since 2020 and the Chaplin Farrant report, on the Blakeney surgery building, which advocated it should not be used as some remedial work was required. Both issues are the fault of HMP in that they stopped consultations and they have neglected the building for years whilst at the same time renovating Holt and Melton Constable. I do however think that HMP by their response may have declared, at least in part, their reasons for closure. This action by NNDC is unhelpful since I have trying to get them proactively involved since the beginning of our campaign but to no avail.
- The closure of Blakeney surgery goes against the NNDC Local Plan both current and proposed, in which Blakeney is seen as a 'Service/Growth Village, with the Blakeney Surgery being one of the reasons for this status, along with others. I have asked the clerk to see if we can appeal the decision by 'Eastlaw'.
- Is it worth the communities who would use Blakeney surgery to examine fund raising options has to how they can renovate the surgery? This is to prevent it being used as an excuse in the future.

9.4. **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* – NNDC have advised that they are working to ensure a referendum takes place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023. On 29<sup>th</sup> June, the completed referendum version of the Plan will become a material consideration in planning

decisions ahead of any referendum in the determination of any planning application.

**10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE –**

- 11.1. **Resolved** that Rosemary Thew and Nigel Sutcliffe will continue the conversation with the Blakeney Village Hall Trust regarding the **Village Hall Car Park** and that Michael Reed will join them as per the decision taken at the AGM. Trustees to maintain the village hall as per, and BPC will accept responsibility to maintain/manage car park.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that we look to replace/upgrade the **Webcam** and sound out the community with regard to the possibility of installing **CCTV** at Blakeney Quay as an addition. Look to try and obtain a second quote and undertake research around the installation of CCTV in a public area.
- 11.3. **Resolved** that we are happy with the updated information received via Norfolk ALC on the **.gov.uk Pilot** and that we are happy to proceed with the new/amended scheme. In addition, we wish to keep the blakeney.org.uk domain name.
- 11.4. **Resolved** that the topics to be requested for the forthcoming **Whole Council Training Session** will be; Roles & responsibilities, Powers and duties, Financial Management, Planning overview, Data Protection and Freedom of Information.
- 11.5. **Resolved** that having considered the offer from 'Creek' regarding sponsorship for; 1) **Crabbing Lines/recycling**; & ii) **Carnser Car Park Attendant Uniform** we, thank them for introducing a recycling scheme for the crabbing gear, and that we will update our signage along the quay and the uniform discussion will be had at our quarterly meeting with The National Trust, however, no strong desire to add a third party name to the uniform.

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

- i) **RV/23/0473 & RV/23/0457 – Red House, The Quay, Blakeney** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of listed building consent LA/21/0227 & PF/21/0226; (Works associated with replacement side extension following demolition of existing side extension) to allow amendment to design – **Approved.**
- ii) **PF/23/0472 – 1 Hilltop Retreats, Blakeney** – Insertion of two rooflights into south facing roof slope – **Approved.**

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- iii) **PF/22/2547 & LA/22/2548 – 16 Westgate Street, Blakeney** – External Alterations, including insertion of new window in reduced opening on south elevation. Reinstatement of west elevation window and replacement flat roof incorporating flat roof light – **Approved.**
- iv) **PF/22/2708 – Sandpipers, 3 Kingsway, Blakeney** – Extensions to front, side and rear of dwelling; alterations to front and rear dormers; changes to external materials; and the erection of a detached domestic outbuilding (garden room) – **Approved.**
- v) **PF/22/2279 – 18 Kingsway, Blakeney** – Single storey front, side and rear extensions, alterations, rendering and cladding of existing dwelling and detached two-bay cart shed – **Approved.**
- vi) **RV/22/2830 – 43 New Road, Blakeney** – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/3073 to allow rear porch addition to Plot 1 and brise soleil removed from west elevation of plot 2 – **Approved.**
- vii) **RV/23/0018 – Cranford, High Street, Blakeney** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/2307 (single storey extensions; removal of part of roof and extension to provide first floor accommodation; other external alterations) to allow additional window for bedroom 2 and relocation of air source heat pump – **Approved.**
- viii) **RV/23/0014 – Land East of 21 Queens Close, Blakeney** – Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 6 (parking) of planning permission (RV/22/2280 demolition of redundant garages and erection of 3 dwellings with associated parking) to allow for the addition of solar panels) to allow for amended parking arrangements for all properties – **Approved.**
- ix) **LA/23/0398 – 131 High Street, Blakeney** – Replacement of ground floor front window – **Approved.**

*Meeting closed at 9.21pm*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_