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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th April 2015**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Present:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Glenn Aikens, Margaret Benson, Alban Donohoe, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Rosemary Thew & Ann Wootten.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received & ***accepted*** from Roger Hall (*work*) & Leanne Welch (*family*).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST from members – There were none.

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the following **MINUTES** are signed as a true record;

3.1. FULL COUNCIL – Tuesday 3rd March 2015.

3.2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Monday 9th March 2015. ‘

4. GUESTS –

4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – PC Jason Pegden reported that there had been 10 calls to the Police since our last meeting. 2 were thefts of outboard equipment, and the Police are advising people to use the Police engine covers or fit a tracking device to their engines. 1 call was an accident in the High Street, clipped wing mirrors.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were none.

6. PLANNING – *The Planning Committee will meet immediately after this Full Council meeting.*

6.1. Having attended the recent **Neighbourhood Planning** workshop at Dereham, Margaret Benson, Rosemary Thew and the Clerk reported back, and asked the members for their thoughts on producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. Members were interested in considering this further, however, due to how close the elections are, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we place this on the June agenda for the new Council to consider.

6.2. An application for a Lawful Development Certificate in relation to parking on land at The Pastures from **The Blakeney Hotel** – (Application no. CL/15/0317 refers) had been received. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we now officially object to this application and submit all the evidence that we can, and that we encourage as many individuals as possible to submit evidence against this 10 year usage claim.

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Brettle advised that there will be a site visit by the Development Committee which will take in; Greencroft (which Lindsay has had called in due to the number of objections), Three Owls and land adjacent Poppyland, likely to be on Thursday 16th April. Full details will be confirmed.

7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong.

Wells Recycling Centre – The plan to charge £2 for disposing of items from next year has been dropped. Instead there is to be a comprehensive review of all the County Council's recycling facilities, looking at ideas for how savings could be made up in other ways, for instance by generating income from business opportunities or looking at new and improved ways for residents to be able to recycle more of their rubbish. In the interest of safe-guarding our centre I hope we all continue recycling and composting more thereby reducing the amount of 'black bag' rubbish.

Concessionary Travel Cards - Please check your concessionary travel card, and that of your elderly friends and families, because anyone with a card has until 7 April to make sure their smartcard is valid before a new 'hot listing' system blocks free travel. The electronic system will show any cards reported lost, stolen, out of date and from 7 April will be retained by the driver. For enquiries about updating concessionary travel passes call the County Council on 0344 800 8020 or email concessionarytravel@norfolk.gov.uk.

Apprenticeships - Having repeatedly pressed at county for more support for apprenticeships across the county I am pleased that over 50 organisations in Norfolk have joined to drive growth to create more apprenticeship opportunities in the county. The Apprenticeships Norfolk Network, supported by Norfolk County Council and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, aims to increase the number, level, quality and range of apprenticeships available across the County. Members include secondary schools, employers, all the major colleges in the county, independent training providers and support organisations. The Network's website www.apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org aims to make it simple for employers and young people to find out more about apprenticeships and take the next step to recruiting.

Emergency Mobile Telephone Signals - There has been an understandable concern regarding the lack of even an emergency mobile signal in some parts of Norfolk. I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the Department for Culture Media and Sport (with responsibility for digital matters) has now released information on the Mobile Infrastructure Project for Norfolk. Whilst we have been in discussion with the Department for some time regarding this problem it is only now we can share the latest update regarding the DCMS's Mobile Infrastructure Project, which is making up to £150 million available across the UK to improve mobile coverage in areas where there is currently no emergency signal from any of the mobile network operators. RAF Neatishead, Itteringham, North Elmham,

Swanton Abbott, Blakeney, Hingham, Sedgeford, Elsing and Salthouse have all been identified in the project as potential locations that may have mobile phone infrastructure installed. Arqiva, who is running the project on behalf of DCMS, will continue to work with local communities to determine what infrastructure solution is most appropriate for each location.

*ADJOURNMENT for **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** was not required.*

8. FINANCE

8.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that **Accounts** totalling £8,218.51 are paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – up to date figures for the Car Park incomes and Cashbook figures were given. Thanks had been received from the Nfk Accident Rescue Service for the grant they received from the Community Fund. Our application to the Norfolk Community Foundation ‘Resolute Community Fund’ for £2,750 towards our recreation area project was unsuccessful on this occasion. Gray’s funfair will visit the parish and occupy the Carnser from Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd August inclusive.

8.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 against) that we purchase one additional aluminium framed **Marquee** from Whitehill to assist with our annual Bonfire & Fireworks Event, as opposed to borrowing.

8.4. Norfolk County Council had confirmed that both of our bids to the **Parish Partnership Funding Scheme** were successful.

i) It was therefore ***proposed & agreed*** that we proceed with the Preventative Parking Posts by Duck Pond and Back Lane – NCC allocated full sum requested of £625, BPC to put in the same as match funding.

ii) It was therefore ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 2 against) that we proceed with the Mooring/Overtopping Posts – Blakeney Quay – NCC allocated full sum requested of £9,000, BPC to put in the same as match funding, for which we have already budgeted.

8.5. Having received quotations for repairs and maintenance of the younger **Children’s Play Area**, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that so long as we can pin Wicksteed down to their price as they have received the full Play Inspection Report that we proceed with them.

8.6. Members were in receipt of information on the land coming up for sale by auction; **12 acre Arable Field** at Morston Road, Blakeney. It was ***proposed & agreed (other than 3 against)*** that we seek advice from the Head of Planning at NNDC with regard what can and cannot happen on this piece of land in terms of development both now and in the foreseeable future, and

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subject to the reply, decide whether or not the Parish Council should take any further action.

8.7. Members received and noted information on the current round of the **NNDC Big Society Fund** and were asked to spread the word.

9. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

None.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – The Clerk was asked to put an item on the May agenda to consider a request to move the Conservation Area boundary of the village westward.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. Members noted the correspondence from the **Blakeney Harbour Association** advising that they have sited an information buoy on The Carnser, of their intention to drop the word 'Boatman' from the title and that they will endeavour to correspond with us on a more regular basis, now that they intend to have more of a presence.

11.2. Correspondence with regard the administration of **Coronation Car Park** had been received from a second home owner. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we acknowledge the letter and that we reiterate that we stand by the decisions previously taken by the Parish Council.

11.3. Following a request from the 'Samantha Rose' **Trading Site** on the Carnser to produce and sell a new product, graphic designed t-shirts, it was ***proposed & agreed (other than 1 against & 1 abstention)*** that we are happy to permit this.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Chairman _____