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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2014 at 7.00pm** in the Parish Office and was followed by a meeting of The Planning Committee.

Present:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Mary James, Barry Girling, Roger Hall, Margaret Benson, Glenn Aikens and Alban Donohoe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 10.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received & ***accepted*** from Leanne Welch (*prior personal commitment*), Jenny Girling (*away*) & Ann Wootten (*family celebration*).

The Chairman welcomed our guests.

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

Adjourned at 7.43pm for the OPEN PUBLIC SESSION and reconvened at 7.58pm.

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 are signed as a true record.

4. Sea Defence Repairs (Steve Hayman - Environment Agency) – Updated members with the information which had recently been circulated by Adam Thurtle who is the main contact for the Blakeney works along with Sophie Fallon. The information has been circulated to the public also and shows, plans and dates. The main points are that the crest/top will be much wider with a much flatter slope on the marsh side. The core will be made from clay material which will be brought in and it will be covered using the material left following the breaches, with no excavation of the marsh. It is anticipated that it will be breached once in every 5 years on a normal tide with still water. Defra is financing the works to the sum of £750k. The Freshes will change over the next 30 years or so.

The E.A. appreciate that there are concerns over drainage and understand that there is a desire for the discharge from Bridge Creek not to go straight across the creek, but for the marsh drainage to be directed to the north to improve the channel, something which the Parish Council via one its committees is currently looking into. The Shoreline Management Plan from a few years ago may assist with this. Even if the dates tied up, any material dredged, could not be used for the repair project as it is unsuitable. Would suggest that the PC may like to speak with Victoria Egan at the National Trust about raising levels and creating a bird reserve area, which could possibly assist the local scenarios.

Coastal Community Fund (Dr. Marie Strong & John Jones – Norfolk County Council).

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Communities and businesses in the Norfolk coastal towns can apply for a share of a new £250k fund for schemes which could help protect properties and lives from the effects of coastal flooding. Bids should be submitted which could protect from erosion or flooding from the sea. All applications have to be endorsed by the local County Cllr and the deadline for receipt of applications is 15th September 2014. Priority will be given to schemes unlikely to be funded by other sources or which have already secured partial funding towards a required total.

5. Vodafone has launched the national programme for delivery of the Vodafone Open Sure Signal technology. Up to 100 rural communities across the UK will apply for the opportunity to have Vodafone 3G mobile coverage in their area. In Blakeney, this would mean coverage in other parts of the village. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we should look into this further as a means to obtaining coverage in other areas of the village. The Clerk will sent a list of initial questions to aid the consideration and Roger Hall and Alban Donohoe would be happy to assist and pull any submission together.

6. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Accounts** for the month ending July 2014 totalling £10,630.42 are paid.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman _____