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Minutes of a '**Full Blakeney Parish Council Meeting**' which was held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014** at 7.00pm.

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

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 2.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received & ***accepted*** from Roger Hall (*work*) & Lindsay Brettle (District Cllr).
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** from members – There were none.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the FULL COUNCIL meeting dated Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 should be signed as a true record.
4. **GUESTS** –
  - 4.1. PCSO Sarah Kirby from the **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** attended and gave a report for the past month. The current priorities for the team are; i) Churches, ii) Poaching iii) Underage drinking in Wells.
5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** – There were none.
6. **PLANNING** – *A meeting of the Planning Committee follows after this Full Council Meeting.*
7. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –
  - 7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Brettle had sent a copy of the report which will be in the pages of the Glaven Valley News.
  - 7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong.

**Vodafone Sure Signal Programme:** When the first tranche of thirty successful communities across the United Kingdom included four Norfolk parishes, Hillington, High Kelling, Upper Sherringham and Blakeney, it was already worth all the effort taken informing all our Norfolk communities about the programme and Vodafone's requirements. Vodafone have announced a further thirty communities and this time seven, Croxton, Horning, Loddon, Salhouse, Saxthorpe, Reepham and Martham, are from Norfolk. I hope to see more Norfolk parishes in subsequent tranches.

**Mobile 'Phones:** Delighted as I am for all our successful communities what we want of course are good signals across the county and despite recent publicity there is not an easy answer to the problem but members on the NCC Broadband, Mobile 'Phone & Digital Working group which I chair will not be discouraged in the task. As one of

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the first steps I am pleased to say that representatives from the major providers EE (the company that runs EE, Orange and T-Mobile in the UK), O2, Three and Vodafone have now met with us. More news later.

**Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation:** A reminder that your opportunity to give your view on the NCC Budget ends 19 December 2014. Details as to how to respond are in the copy of 'Your Norfolk' or by going on line to the NCC website. You can comment on everything and anything from transport for young people to recycling centres, from increasing the council tax to not increasing the council tax. The budget will be set by Full Council, that is all 84 County Councillors, on 16 February 2015 and it will affect all of us so your contribution is important.

**Warm and Well:** We are again working with you to help vulnerable and older residents stay warm and well. Apart from tips for staying warm which you can share with vulnerable neighbours, Norfolk County Council has re-launched its Warm and Well Fund with grants of up to £2,500 available for projects that help those in the community who find winter the biggest challenge, including the frail elderly, people with chronic medical conditions and the homeless. Thirteen groups have already been awarded grants for such community projects as a 'soup and sandwich' club and to buy new cooking equipment to provide lunches for older people during the winter. For information go to: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/warmandwell](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/warmandwell) or call 0344 800 8020

*'Adjourned at 7.21pm for the OPEN PUBLIC SESSION and reconvened at 7.23pm.*

## **8. FINANCE.**

8.1. It was **proposed & agreed** that the **Accounts** totalling £54,040.86 are paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report – Bonfire & Fireworks Event** - Having taken into account the final income and expenditure figures for the 2014 Bonfire & Fireworks event, the sum raised and which will be put towards the outstanding Recreation Projects equipment is £1,402.35.

**Community Fund 2015** – It was **proposed & agreed** that we consider this one application as a priority given the nature of the group and it was subsequently **agreed** that we grant £250 via Graham Lubbock, Senior Flood Warden for the purchase of 2 rechargeable lights and waterproofs.

**Blakeney Parish Council: 120 Years Old** – On 4<sup>th</sup> December 1894 Blakeney Parish Council held its very first meeting.

8.3. A comparative quote for cutting **Highways Verges** was considered, however it was **proposed & agreed** that we leave these areas; Junction of A149/B1156 and Back Lane, Junction A149/Saxlingham Road, Junction B1388 near Village Hall and Kingsway & Queen's Close with Norfolk County Council for future cutting, as it would prove to be more cost effective.

8.4. **Parish Partnership Funding** for the 20mph signs near the school. It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 against) that we proceed with the bid, we note that we are still awaiting the exact quote from Wescotec, although are aware that 50% of the cost would be around £2,000, the Primary School to be asked if they could make a contribution. NCC also suggested bidding for poles along the quayside, and it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we obtain an up to date quote from Simon Strong (Glaven Landscapes) and that we consider this when we budget and that we apply for a grant.

8.5. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we accept the quotation for **Tree Work** on The Pastures, which refers specifically to the trees by the Timeshare Office, heading down the Hotel Driveway and that we action this as soon as possible.

8.6. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we add the following to the updated Parish Council **4 Year Strategy**; Carnser Car Park Annual Maintenance (*ongoing each year*), and to the To Be Actioned section; i) Look for possible Exceptions Sites for affordable housing for local people in Blakeney and the neighbouring parishes, ii) Try to gain support for producing a Parish Plan as it would help with planning and the future of the community. Say a group of 5 or

6, with half public and half Parish Cllrs. Take this suggestion to the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting, iii) Liaise with NNDC over preparing footpath plans.

## **9. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

9.1. Margaret Benson had given members a brief written report from the recent meeting of the **Village Hall Committee**. Rosemary Thew, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee advised that a further more detailed report would follow early in the New Year.

9.2. The Clerk had given the members a brief written report from the informal meeting/discussion held with the **Blakeney Sports Club**. The outcome being that they were encouraged to apply for grant funding and keep the Parish Council updated.

## **10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – There were none.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE** –

11.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we grant Mr Don Eade permission to remove one sycamore tree at the top of the **Playing Field**, subject to him obtaining all relevant permissions. We also accept his offer to replant a tree, but would ask that it is a Holm Oak, to be planted at the bottom of Mariners Hill.

11.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we grant permission for Keith Morley to borrow the **Parish Marquee** for the late May Bank Holiday and August Bank

Holiday 2015, subject to a £50 fee per event. Events being held in Weybourne.

11.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we note the letter from Sammy Withers the named tenant of **No. 2 Memorial Cottages** and that we are indeed happy for her, and her boyfriend to continue to occupy the property now that Oliver Withers has been allocated a property by Victory Housing, in Avocet View.

11.4. Members had received information from Norfolk County Council with regard **Budgets & Services 2015-18** and it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we repeat our previous comments, but with an emphasis on retaining; i) Children's Transport and ii) The Wells-next-the –Sea Recycling Centre.

11.5. Having received information from Norfolk & Suffolk Rehabilitation Company with regard **Community Payback** it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we speak to them about; i) grass cutting & ii) anything the Clerk would otherwise pay to have done, ie. at her discretion. This information can also be shared with other community groups.

11.6. Members had received correspondence from District Cllr, Peter Terrington with regard concerns over the **Vulnerability to Tidal Surges**. Our County Cllr, mentioned that he was particularly keen to revisit back to the Shoreline Management Plan. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we are aware that Morston is extremely concerned about any potential future threats and we would support them in their need for adequate flood defences.

11.7. **Co-option as Parish Councillor** –

It was ***proposed & agreed*** , that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, (private information from the applicant) it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 2 against), that we co-opt Mr Edward Hackford onto the Parish Council.

*Meeting closed at 9.07pm.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_