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Minutes of the meeting of **BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL** which was held on **Tuesday 3rd February 2015, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.**

Present:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Ann Wootten, Barry Girling, Roger Hall, Margaret Benson, Glenn Aikens and Rosemary Thew.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 2.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received & ***accepted*** from; Edward Hackford (*away*), Alban Donohoe (*away*) & Leanne Welch (*no childminder*). Also District Cllr. Lindsay Brettle (*away*) & County Cllr. Dr. Marie Strong (*attending another meeting*).

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 6th January 2015.

3.2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Tuesday 6th January 2015.

4. GUESTS –

4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – PCSO Sarah Kirby advised that since the last meeting, there had been 1 burglary. In the wider area, burglaries during daylight hours were becoming more common, and these were from homes of permanent residents. Hence for everyone to be alert. Look out for anything suspicious, as the Police would rather attend, even if it turns out to be a false alarm. Also, do not be fooled just because someone is wearing a hi viz jacket, a ploy being used to look legitimate.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. **The Rectory & Affordable Housing** – We understand that the Diocese has now purchased ‘Puddleduck House’ at the top of Back Lane, and that this will become ‘The Rectory’. The current one is now for sale on the open market, and hence our discussions with The Diocese in terms of turning the current Rectory into affordable housing units for local people have come to an end.

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

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

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7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Brettle, nothing to report in her absence.

7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong, nothing to report in her absence.

*Adjournment for the **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** was not required.*

8. FINANCE.

8.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Accounts** to date, totalling £3,907.23 are paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Members were in receipt of the up to date bank balances and car park income figures.

8.3. The following applications for the 2015 **Community Fund** were ***proposed & agreed*** - £400 to each of the following; Blakeney History Centre, Blakeney Scout Group Executive Council, Blakeney Methodist Church, Blakeney & District Scout Group, Blakeney Sports Club, Blakeney Royal British Legion Bowls Club, Blakeney C.E.V. A. Primary School and £150 to the Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney and £266 to each of the following; Norfolk Age UK, Norfolk Accident Rescue Service & Norfolk Rotary Clubs (specifically for smoke alarms for the elderly).

8.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we give a grant of £300 to the Mid Norfolk **Citizens Advice Bureau** for which there is a specific power, hence the reason it is not part of the community fund.

8.5. Members received an update from the Blakeney Harbour Boatman's Association with regard the proposed **Parish Partnership Funding** application for upright timbers along the quayside. However, as the application had been submitted we will await the outcome.

8.6. The members ***proposed & agreed*** an application to the **Parish Partnership Funding Scheme** for the installation of wooden parking posts by the duck pond and Back Lane.

8.7. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we accept the estimate for the repairs to the **Carnser Car Park** from Glaven Landscapes of £3,840.

8.8. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we accept the estimate for the repairs to the **Village Hall Car Park** from Glaven Landscapes of £430.

8.9. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we instruct T.T. Jones Electrical Ltd to undertake an up to date **Street Lighting Inventory** on our behalf.

8.10. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we enter into a Full Year Inspection Service with The **Play Inspection** Company which would mean that each play area would be inspected 4 times throughout the year.

9. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we erect some small signs to try and stop the **Parking** in the entrance to the Village Hall car park, given the problems and implications it causes for other traffic trying to enter and exit the car park.

9.2. A report was received from Margaret Benson, having attended recent meetings of the **Village Hall Committee**. We were asked to consider if we knew of people who would be happy to help 'hands on' so to speak with putting on events in the hall.

9.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Bonfire & Fireworks Event** for 2015 would be held on Sunday 1st November, with some slight time changes; 5pm BBQ and various attractions, 6.30pm bonfire lit and 7pm fireworks.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – There were none.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that from now on we will install **Commemorative Seats** made from recycled material as opposed to wood, with the 'Elwood in light oak' replacing the 'Larbreck', both supplied by Glasdon.

11.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we invite the following to speak at the 2015 **Annual Parish Meeting** which is on Thursday 19th March;

- **Broadland Housing** in conjunction with **The Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society** in relation to Affordable Housing for Local People and 'Exceptions Sites' and how these two bodies currently work together.
- Steve Hayman from **The Environment Agency** explaining the works which have now been completed on our Flood Defence Bank.
- Keith Morley, **Blakeney & District Wildfowlers** to give an up date on the works at The Duckpond.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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