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Minutes of a '**Full Blakeney Parish Council Meeting**' which was held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014** at 7.00pm.

**Present**:- Jenny Girling (Chairman), Ann Wootten, Barry Girling, Margaret Benson, Mary James and Alban Donohoe.

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 2.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Tony Faulkner (*away*), Roger Hall (*away*), Louise Leonard (*no sitter*), Glenn Aikens (*stuck in traffic*) & Leanne Welch (*unwell*).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were none.

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

- 3.1. FULL COUNCIL – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- 3.2. AGM – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- 3.3. RECREATION COMMITTEE – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.

**4. GUESTS** –

4.1. Report from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – There were 12 calls to the Police since the last Parish Council meeting as follows; 1 x lost property, 1 x found property, 5 x suspicious circumstances, of these 2 turned out to be all in order, 2 were due to callers believing that someone had been onto their property, although no crimes were reported or discovered and 1 was due to the caller being stopped by someone asking if they wanted building work done.

The others were 1 x burglary, 2 x road related offences, reports of dangerous driving, 1 x call created by an officer for some enquires to be made and 1 x a concern for safety.

**5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Letter of thanks from the Bingo Club for the Community Fund Grant received.

**6. PLANNING** – *A meeting of the Planning Committee follows after this Full Council Meeting.*

**7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Brettle not present and no report due to holiday.

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7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong had sent a report in her absence, which covered a change in administration at County Hall, the Protected Area Byelaw and Regulatory Notices, of which only no. 3 affects this division. It is as follows; Regulatory Notice 3: protects *Zostera* spp. (eelgrass) beds and prohibits fishing with bottom towed gear in five restricted areas along the North Norfolk Coast between Blakeney and Brancaster. Dementia Friendly: wide promotion now taking place and the dementia friendly garden at Wells Community Hospital is now open. Finally; Rescue Wooden Boats; this visitor centre at Stiffkey is well worth a look.

*Adjournment for OPEN PUBLIC SESSION was not required.*

## **8. FINANCE.**

8.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that **Accounts** totalling £18,658.35 are paid.

8.2. Members received the **Clerk/RFO Report** which covered the balances held and Carnser income. Members were also reminded of the annual Summer Conference, a joint venture between the Nfk Association of Local Councils and the Nfk Society of Local Council Clerks, which is to be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July in Norwich.

8.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** to adopt the **Annual Return** for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

8.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** to adopt the new set of **Financial Regulations** following the changes which allow Parish & Town Councils to undertake more functions electronically.

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

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the date for the **Bonfire & Fireworks Event** on the Quay, will be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014, due to tide height and times, and the availability of the display organiser.

10. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None received in advance. Questions regarding grass cutting arose; verges in Queen's Close are the responsibility of Victory Housing and the green at the junction of Langham Road and other verges are the responsibility of Norfolk County Council, Highways department. 8 'A' board signs recently lined up on this green, but again the land belongs to NCC and concerns should be raised directly with them.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1. Members noted the information with regard nominating a project for the **North Norfolk Big Society Awards** but could think of nothing in the parish other than our own project for which we are about to submit the planning application.

11.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** to erect a few posters in problem areas, ie; the Carnser/Quay area and Queen's Close, asking **Dog Owners** to act responsibly, but to rethink the design.

11.3. Members received update from the **Environment Agency** following the recent meeting with Norman Lamb MP. In summary, The Freshes are of high nature conservation interest and are covered by environmental site protection legislation and it has been concluded that it is sustainable to conserve this site in situ in the short term (approx. 20 years). Meetings have been held with landowners along with the N/T, Natural England and NFU and we hope to develop firm proposals for implementing works later this summer regarding the sea banks and the drainage system to maintain the freshwater habitats and bird features. Contractors have been appointed to prepare detailed designs and estimates for some alternative approaches, and when this information is available the funding position will be finalised and we will be able to provide full details of the works we propose to undertake.

County Cllr. Dr. Marie Strong had asked the Clerk to mention that NCC will be writing shortly to advise that there will be a small pot of money to which we will be able to bid for funding for coastal repair work.

11.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we support the resolutions in association with the Sustainable Communities Act requesting the abolition of **Non Domestic Rates** on Public Toilets, Community Buildings, Cemeteries and Free Car Parks and that we will help where we can.

11.5. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we grant permission for the tenant of **No. 1 Memorial Cottages** to move his girlfriend into the property. He will remain as the sole named tenant.

Meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_