

Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 3rd March 2015**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 5.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received & ***accepted*** from; Margaret Benson (*away*), Roger Hall (*work*), Glenn Aikens (*away*) & Leanne Welch (*sitter*) and also from our County Cllr Dr. Marie Strong, who was attending a meeting at County Hall and Wells Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the FULL COUNCIL dated Tuesday 3rd February 2015 are signed as a true record.

4. GUESTS –

4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – No report received.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS –

5.1. **Parish Council Elections 2015** – Another reminder that the current Parish Council is up for election on Thursday 7th May. Anyone who is interested in standing for the Parish Council must complete a set of nomination papers, no one is automatically re-elected. The Clerk will request sets of papers once they are officially in circulation via NNDC.

5.2. **Changes to Blakeney Post Office** – Blakeney Post Office will close for refurbishment on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 5.30pm and will re-open on Thursday 26th March at 1.00pm. This will result in longer opening hours; 7.00am to 10.00pm Monday to Sunday. The counter will be moved to beside the retail tills. Further information is available from the Post Office.

5.3. **Annual Parish Meeting 2015** – A reminder that this meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th March** commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm.

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

6.1. **Affordable Housing for Local People** – We are in receipt of the Local Allocations with regard the 'Avocet View' development on Langham Road, as per the Local Lettings Agreement. The figures on 12th February as provided by NNDC show that there are still 83 households with a local connection in need of housing. As per our recent review of the '4 Year Strategy' where we have said that we will look to seek out

'Exception Sites', it has been suggested that we now try to take this forward by holding a meeting with the neighbouring Parish Councils. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we invite 3 members of each of the following Parish Councils; Cley, Langham, Wiveton, Field Dalling and John Seymour who is Chairman of The Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society as well as Edgefield Parish Council. Then arrange a meeting to which we invite representatives from the following Housing Associations; Broadland, Victory and Hastoe.

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Brettle advised that she would obtain a breakdown of where the low cost housing had been built throughout the district. The distribution of the NNDC 'Big Society Fund' had gone well, indeed Blakeney Parish Council was one of the recipients. NNDC have managed to freeze their element of the Council Tax. Tidal Surge repairs undertaken by NNDC will be met from their Reserves. Lots going on at Norwich Castle Museum, which is well worth a visit.

7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong had sent the following report in her absence.

Reference Areas – These areas are now to be known as 'Highly Protected Marine Areas'. Blakeney Marsh is not presently under consideration. What is under consideration is whether there is a need for Highly Protected Marine Areas within a network of marine protected areas (MPAs) in our waters. The work on this project commenced in September 2014 and will run until March 2015. I will endeavour to obtain information as soon as possible after the final report is ready.

ADJOURNMENT for OPEN PUBLIC SESSION was not required.

8. FINANCE.

8.1. **Accounts to be Paid** – It was ***proposed & agreed*** that accounts to date, totalling £10,097.05 are paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Members were in receipt of the up to date income figures for both the Carnser Car Park and Coronation Car Park, and balances held.

(Although advised on the 24th February that the current Rectory was about to go on the market and that Puddleduck House had been purchased via the Diocese, neither of these scenarios have actually 'completed' as yet, see February Parish Council Minutes.)

8.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we undertake a further one year contract with Cheryl Waugh for the ongoing hosting and **Website** maintenance, but that our Clerk now takes on some of the editing needs, especially those which are time sensitive.

8.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that accept their offer for someone from the **Citizens Advice Bureau** to come and talk to us about how the money (we have just given a grant) is spent, but at our 2016 Annual Parish Meeting.

8.5. *To receive & consider* information with regard the provision of the previously agreed **Fingerpost Sign**; 'This has been ongoing for some time. Members to decide, i) whether to proceed with installation and if so, agree locations, ii) what information should go on the sign.

It was ***proposed & seconded*** that *we scrap the whole project*.

An ***amended proposal*** was made and seconded, with the amendment taken first, that *we proceed with a generic fingerpost sign*. With 3 members in favour of the amendment and 4 against, this ***proposal was not carried***.

The original proposal was then voted on, ie. *to scrap the whole project*. With 5 in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention this ***proposal was carried***.

8.6. It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 abstention) that we reduce the ongoing future maintenance costs of the **Commemorative Seats** given that we have agreed to install seats made from recycled material from now on, down from £500 to £250.

8.7. Having received information and costs in order for the **Dinghy Park Signage** and stickers, in relation to permits and pay & display, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we now order these.

9. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

There were none.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – There were none.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. Having received a request from one of the **Trading Site** holders, asking for consideration to be given to allow trading on the Carnser from Saturday 28th March 2015 and having sought advice from NNDC, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we grant said permission to all 3 sites for this year only.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Chairman _____