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Minutes of a **Full Blakeney Parish Council Meeting** which was held on **Tuesday 4th November 2014** at 7.00pm.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 4.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received & ***accepted*** from Alban Donohoe (*work*).

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

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the FULL COUNCIL meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2014 are signed as a true record.

4. GUESTS –

- 4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – PCSO Sarah Kirby advised that there had been 2 crimes in the parish since the last meeting. Both related to criminal damage to fencing in Queen's Close.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- 5.1. Sincere apologies from the Chairman for not being able to help on the night with this year's bonfire and fireworks event. Huge thanks to all who did help.
- 5.2. Tony Faulkner has been asked to be on the panel of the University of East Anglia public meeting entitled ' 2013 North Norfolk storm surge: Environmental & social impacts'. He has agreed and will represent the Parish Council.
- 5.3. Remembrance Day and laying of the Poppy Wreaths – Ann Wootten will lay the wreath at the Church on Sunday 9th, Rosemary Thew will lay the one at the War Memorial on Sunday 9th and Tony Faulkner will lay the one at the War Memorial on Tuesday 11th November.

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

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

- 7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Brettle. This report is in full in the pages of the GVN. Summary; A reminder on the new NNDC recycling arrangements, the Nfk Coast Partnership met in Blakeney and were able to inspect the work being

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done by the Environment Agency to repair the breaches caused by the December 2013 tidal surge. NNDC's in house legal team, 'Eastlaw' has been awarded the Halsbury In House Legal Team of the Year award.

7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong was not present, however a report was circulated after the meeting.

'ADJOURNMENT for OPEN PUBLIC SESSION was not required.'

8. FINANCE.

8.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that **Accounts** totalling £10,373.69 are paid.

8.2. Clerk/RFO Report –

- i) Up to date figures were given on the bank balances held, and Carnser & Coronation Car Park income.
- ii) Work yesterday started on Phase One of the Recreation Area Project, and this tranche should take 3 weeks. The BMX track is due to be installed at the end of the year.
- iii) Although final income and expenditure figures are not yet known, the Bonfire & Fireworks event seems to have achieved a slightly higher income than last year, which is amazing given the sudden downpour just as the fireworks were ending.
- iv) The Environment Agency has advised that they will be undertaking some minor works at the sluices, which will involve installing a new set of steps to one of the sluices and running a pathway to the second sluice, this will be on the marsh side of the bank, and they will be working on the folding.
- v) A request had been received for a Workers Permit for Coronation Car Park. Members felt that the request for a temporary permit came under their remit for builders permits and therefore granted it.

9. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

9.1. Roger Hall had prepared a written report for members, after he and Margaret Benson had attended the Morston Parish Council Meeting, which discussed the North Norfolk **Sea Defences**, in particular those which affect Morston including the interaction with the Blakeney flood defences.

To summarise; Steve Hayman noted that the minor damage to the Morston bank had been repaired and that it held during the December 2013 tidal surge, but that the water level was close to the top. At Blakeney the East

bank protecting The Freshes has been reinstated but to a lower level and is expected to overtop on the highest tides and that a significant amount of salt water will go onto the Blakeney Freshes. No new sluices are being installed but the two current sluices are being overhauled, with the aim of clearing sea water away within 9 days. The level of this bank had not been chosen with the aim of reducing flooding risk at Morston, which he believed had to be dealt with, if it was to be dealt with, by local measures at Morston.

A future suggested topic for consideration, is more robust sea defences for Blakeney in the long term and what thoughts we could come up with. These to be shared with Steve Hayman.

9.2. Tony Faulkner will attend the Wash & **North Norfolk Coast** Advisory Group meeting which is to be held on Thursday 6th November, 7pm – 9.30pm.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None received in advance.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

11.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we are very interested in the **Mobile Infrastructure Project** which a publicly funded programme is sponsored by the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) to provide mobile phone coverage in areas where there is none at present.

11.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we put a formal request to NCC asking to amend the licence regarding use of the **School Field** to allow use up to 12 times a year for car parking at busy times, noting the conditions which they would wish to impose.

11.3. A request to remove a sycamore tree at the top of the **Playing Field** had been received. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we defer this item to the December meeting, as not everyone had managed to go and take a look, but felt that they should before making a decision.

11.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we allow the current **Arts & Crafts** site to sell items such as; buckets, spades, crab lines and nets etc, none of which encroach upon our two other trading sites.

Meeting closed at 7.58pm.

Chairman _____