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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

**Present**:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Margaret Benson, Edward Hackford, Rosemary Thew & Ann Wootten.

**Clerk** :- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 20.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received & ***accepted*** from; Glennes Aikens (*away*), Barry Girling (*away*) & Roger Hall (*work*). 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 meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 are signed as a true record.
4. **GUESTS** – The following report was received from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – There have been no crimes recorded since the last Parish Council meeting. Calls received; a report of a fail to stop Road Traffic Accident, whereby a parked car received damage and there was also one report of suspicious behaviour.
5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Chairman thanked all current members for their commitment during the current 4 year term of office, of which this is the last scheduled Full Council Meeting.
6. **PLANNING** – *The Planning Committee will meet immediately after this Full Council meeting.*

A request to move the **Conservation Area** of the village westward had been put forward by Cllr Barry Girling, however as he was not present to present this proposal, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that it is placed on an agenda when the proposer is present to speak or have submitted a report for consideration.

**7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –**

7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Bettle had called in before the meeting commenced to say a quick goodbye. In her absence it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we formally offer our thanks to Lindsay for her support during her term of office.

7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong gave the following report.

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**Local Producers** - Here is a chance for local producers to showcase their products on the North Coast Partnership website. The Partnership will be familiar to many as the organisation whose motto is 'Protecting an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. I am told that as long as you are a 'genuine' local producer you just need to contact either [aonb@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:aonb@norfolk.gov.uk) or [steve.tutt@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:steve.tutt@norfolk.gov.uk) and provide some basic details. If you are interested please look at the website and you can see what details are required - .  
(<http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/pages/pspage.php?PageID=1014>).

**Norfolk Trails Photographic Competition** - Norfolk County Council is launching another Norfolk Trails photo competition – from 28 April - 1 November - with prizes for the first, second and third winners and an under 16s winner. All winners will receive their image as a canvas print. Photos can be entered by emailing them to [norfolktrailscomp@gmail.com](mailto:norfolktrailscomp@gmail.com) or uploading them to FlickrR at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/atrailforallseasons/>. For under 16s entries there is a special email address [U16trailscomp@gmail.com](mailto:U16trailscomp@gmail.com). More details about the competition including full terms and conditions can be found at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trailsphotocomp](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trailsphotocomp). We have so many, many beautiful scenes in our division and I am sure these will feature in the competition.

**Park and Ride** - For travellers it will be good news that a new park and ride contract, which will bring brand new buses and better passenger facilities for bus travellers visiting Norwich, has been signed by Norfolk County Council and Konectbus. From September 2015 Norfolk-based Konectbus will run all six Park and Ride bus services on behalf of Norfolk County Council, The change will mean a re-launch of Norwich Park & Ride with a new look and a range of improvements 'designed to confirm its place as a flagship public transport service that underpins Norwich's vibrant economy'. Two very practical points to note the overall the overall costs of running the services will save the council £0.5m each year of the contract. And toilets at Park and Ride stations are being re-opened.

**Coastal Footpath** – Members of the Coastal Working Party will meet at various sites on 12<sup>th</sup> May (Blakeney time to be confirmed) and we would welcome members of Parish Council who are able to join us. We were delighted to have been able to give £21k to this project.

*Members took the opportunity to thank Marie and NNC as they felt that the finished footpath and its surface is fantastic.*

***ADJOURNMENT for OPEN PUBLIC SESSION at 7.17pm and reconvened at 7.23pm***

## **8. FINANCE.**

8.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Accounts** totalling £18,855.02 are paid.

8.2. The **Clerk/RFO Report** gave up to date balances held.

8.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we replace the street name sign for **Little Lane** which appears to have been stolen and that we place the order as per the quotation with GG Street Name Plates as used by NNDC. NNDC will not do this as 'Little Lane' is unadopted.

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

There were none.

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

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1. Members noted the correspondence from the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society** with regard their AGM which is on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 7pm at The Methodist Chapel.

11.2. Members received correspondence from The Blakeney & District Wildfowlers Association with regard some proposed new **Signage at the Duckpond** . It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we are happy for them to add an additional arm/finger to the sign already at the bottom of the High Street, subject to Highways etc giving approval, we are also happy for them to place something as part of their information point, but we would not support one on the bank, which they would need to speak to the Coastal Footpath team about in any case.

Meeting closed at 7.31pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_