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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 6th October 2015**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Present:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Glenn Aikens, Samantha Arlow, Margaret Benson, Alban Donohoe, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Roger Hall, Rosemary Thew & Neil Thompson. Also; County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong and District Cllr, Andrew Wells.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Wells Police SNT.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** from members – There were none.
3. **MINUTES** – It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the following are all signed as a true record.
 - 3.1. FULL COUNCIL – Tuesday 1st September 2015.
 - 3.2. FULL COUNCIL – *Extra ordinary meeting*; Wednesday 23rd September 2015.
 - 3.3. WAR MEMORIAL CHARITY COTTAGES TRUSTEES – Wednesday 23rd September 2015.
4. **GUESTS** –
 - 4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** brief report in their absence; 12 calls to the Police. 1 x criminal damage, 1 x burglary, 1 x theft.
5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
 - 5.1. **Keith Morley** – Letter of thanks from our Car Park Attendant for the kindness and consideration during the past 4 months following his wife's sudden illness.
 - 5.2. **Neil Thompson** – Sincere thanks to Neil for the continued effort put into moving the abandoned boats in the quay and on the marsh area. Especially for managing to dispose of the old steel rusty boat in the quay and the efforts in hand to dispose of the old rope testing barge.
6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –
 - 6.1. **District Councillor** - Andrew Wells gave a verbal report.
 - 6.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong.

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Coasthopper - Despite recent concerns I can now confirm that NCC has agreed terms with Stagecoach which will ensure the Coasthopper continues to operate throughout the winter. Additional good news is that the Coasthopper route, once the most heavily subsidised route in the county, will no longer require financial support from the county coffers. The agreement ensures that the service, the most popular route in the county which annually carries around 500,000 passengers, will run an hourly 'winter' service from October 12 between Hunstanton and Cromer until Easter 2016.

My thanks to all those who signed petitions – and to those who took part in the action day which found the then Minister Norman Baker slightly bemused as he travelled on the Coasthopper to be joined at each stop along the route with more and more supporters who 'hopped' on to seek his financial support for the continuation of the Coasthopper.

Local Housing Societies - I now have details from the three societies which operate within the Wells Division – Homes for Wells, Blakeney & Neighbourhood Housing Society, Holt & Neighbourhood Housing Society – and will be looking to see if they can be excluded from the government's proposal to 'enable the extension of Right to Buy'. There was a rumour of a change of heart when at the Home Builders' Federation (HBF) conference last week Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Communities invited a voluntary scheme from the HBF to allow flexibility on properties included for sale. This does not appear to go anywhere near the wish to exclude local housing societies.

Better Broadband - Better broadband for Blakeney went live i.e. became fibre enabled on 20 January 2015. There was keen interest in accessing fibre broadband that the cabinet has used its existing connecting capacity. I am sure you will appreciate that there has to be an estimation of how many people will want to buy into fibre, otherwise capacity is wasted to the potential detriment of other parishes.

The good news is that more capacity is being installed into Cley Cabinet 1 (Blakeney access) with an estimated availability date of 21 October. Since rumour indicates it may already have gone live I can only suggest you keep checking. Enter www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk, use your **telephone number**, follow the link through to confirm you can access fibre; **you will then see how many ISPs (internet service providers) are offering fibre broadband in your area, what packages are available and at what price.** You can then decide which provider and proceed with arrangements.

You will see from the above advice that there is no automatic 'switch' which your provider appears to have implied. Everyone rightfully has a choice of whether or not to be fibre enabled (which makes calculating capacity somewhat complex), and if so which provider.

Safety on Paths for Visually Impaired - I have received a number of messages from those having difficulty walking along some of our paths because of overhanging tree branches and shrubs. One such message came from someone who needs to

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use a guide dog, another from someone who is visually impaired. Could everyone with a path outside their property please check to see if it is time to cut back overhanging foliage?

*'Adjourned at 7.32pm for the **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** and reconvened at 7.33pm.'*

7. PLANNING –

- i) Application No. **PF/15/1208** Members had been in receipt of additional information from the agent in respect to both landscape and heritage assessments. *Proposal; Installation of 30 metre high shared telecommunications base station tower with six antennas and associated ground based equipment cabinets at, **Friary Farm Caravan Park, Cley Road, Blakeney**.* It was ***proposed & agreed*** that our previous decision as submitted to NNDC still stands.

Given the misinformation which has been submitted regarding this application it is worth noting that: Letheringsett & Glandford PC have supported this application, Morston PC have not decided either way and Cley PC meet to discuss this application this evening.

- ii) Application No. **PF/15/1219** - *Proposal; Variation of conditions 2, 7, 10 and 13 of planning permission ref: PF/15/0070 to permit reposition of plots 3 & 4 and revised planting scheme at, **Greencroft, 10 Morston Road, Blakeney**.* It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 2 abstentions) that we have no objection.
- iii) Application No. **PF/15/1136** – *Proposal; Insertion of dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion (re-submission) at, **30 The Pastures, Blakeney**.* It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 abstention) that we have no objection.
- iv) Application No. **PF/15/1214** – *Proposal; Demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey extension at, **79 High Street, Blakeney**.* It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 3 against) that we have no objection.
- v) Members were in receipt of additional information with regard the 'Blakeney Hotel' and **The Pastures** from Spire Solicitors, regarding a registered covenant in relation to this land. It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 against & 1 abstention) that we ask our solicitor to write to their solicitor pointing out that there is a covenant on the land and that this covenant has been registered. It would appear to be for open air sports use only. We would like the covenant to be applied.

8. FINANCE.

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8.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Accounts** totalling £9,244.05 are paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** on the current financial balances was given to members. It was noted that the compensation arrangements under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme for the Co-operative Bank is now up to £75,000 and for the Bank of Ireland it is £85,000.

9. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

9.1. **Residents Permits** for Coronation Car Park. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that permits as per the applications are granted for Laura Sayer and Barney Broom.

9.2. Information from our MP Norman Lamb, with regard the planned withdrawal of the 2/2A service by **Konnectbus** which operates between Holt, Sheringham, Cromer and Norwich, which is planned to stop early November was considered. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we write to Norman Lamb giving our support for keeping this service and that we encourage individuals to do the same. This will also affect students getting to Norwich City College. Samantha Arlow will contact them and ask them to make representation.

9.3. Neil reported on the minutes from **Blakeney Harbour Association** meeting which was held on 21st August. Worthy of note, is that Charlie Ward is now the Secretary, Helen Ward the Treasurer and Neil Thompson the Environmental Officer. Anyone to do with the Harbour, will be invited along to the AGM and can have a little stand to share with those attending, what it is they do and how they are involved. With help from the National Trust, Neil is working to clear abandoned boats from Blakeney.

9.4. Reports from the **Blakeney Village Hall Committee** had been circulated. The Chairman advised that bookings had begun to creep up and that recent changes and provisions appeared to have been a success. The crack in the Village Hall wall has been examined by the insurance underwriters and there is a recommendation from the insurers that drain repairs be effected. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that BPC will pay to have the drains inspected to see if there is any damage.

9.5. **Almshouse Association** with regard the 'Right to Buy development on 24th September 2015: Voluntary Settlement with Housing Associations.' Nothing more to add to the update given by Andrew Wells. Official update from the government is expected on 7th October.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None received by deadline.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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11.1. Craig Weston (Ice Cream Shop) has advised that he and his wife will be happy to deal with the ongoing future maintenance of the **2 Large Flower Tubs** which are sited at the bottom of the Guildhall flats from early next year. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we thank him and advise that we would like to see them painted cream and that we would be happy to supply a good quality masonry paint for this purpose.

11.2. The **Norfolk Association of Local Councils AGM** is to be held on Saturday 17th October at Norwich. Rosemary Thew will attend as may Edward Hackford, who will confirm.

To note NNDC Planning Decisions Taken & Updates aswell as any Planning Inspectorate Appeals.

Application No. **PF/15/0893** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 17 of planning permission ref: PF/15/0070 to allow first floor en-suite window on northern elevation of Plot 7 only, to be obscure glazed at, Greencroft House, 22 Morston Road, Blakeney. NNDC: Consent given.*

Application No. **AN/15/0767** – *Proposal; 4 non-illuminated signs painted onto walls of building and 1 hanging sign at, White Horse Hotel, 4 High Street, Blakeney. NNDC: Consent given.*

Application No. **PF/15/0483** – *Proposal; Erection of detached two-storey dwelling at, Land at Little Lane, Blakeney. NNDC: Refused.*

Application No. **PF/15/1071 & LA/15/1072** – *Proposal; Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling and boat store extension to annexe at, 50 High Street, Blakeney. NNDC; Consent given.*

Application No. **PF/15/0762** – *Proposal; Demolition of bungalow and outbuildings and erection of a two storey dwelling and detached three car garage at, Three Owls Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. NNDC: Consent given.*

Application No. **PF/15/0814** – *Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension with balcony above at, Watermark, Langham Road, Blakeney. NNDC: Consent given.*

Meeting closed at 8.59pm.

Chairman _____