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Minutes of a '**Full Blakeney Parish Council Meeting**' which was held on **Tuesday 7th October 2014** at 7.00pm.

Present:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Glenn Aikens, Margaret Benson, Alban Donohoe, Roger Hall, Rosemary Thew and Ann Wootten.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 3.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received & ***accepted*** from Jenny Girling (*away*), Barry Girling (*away*) & Leanne Welch (*no sitter*). Also our County Cllr. Dr. Marie Strong.

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 2nd September 2014 are signed as a true record.

4. **GUESTS** –

4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – PC Jason Pegden reported as follows; since last months meeting there have been 4 domestic calls to the Police. There have been 2 crimes, 1 being the theft of a pedal cycle from the quay and the other, a cash collection stolen from St. Nicholas Church.

5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

5.1. A letter of **Resignation** from the Parish Council, was received from Mary James on the 4th September 2014. The Clerk has informed NNDC and the procedure and appropriate dates will be advised shortly.

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

7. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

7.1. **District Councillor** - Lindsay Brettle reported that a Coastal Update and Adaption papers had been printed by NNDC, and she left copies of these with us. In the Langham Lynx newsletter, there is an interesting article worth looking out for, 'Villages at War', all part of the WWI Centenary. Under the Graham Allen Awards, The Old Rectory at Blakeney was commended as was The Langham Dome. The Holt Caring Society, won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. The Chairman thanked Lindsay for the support given in opposing the recent planning application for Three Owls, Saxlingham Road.

7.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong. In her absence, just to note that she is aware that we have the NCC budget consultation information and that of the

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newly released Parish Partnership Funding Scheme. Also an update for our parishioners, that the 680 properties in Blakeney are all in Phase 5, of the Superfast Broadband Scheme, which is due for completion at the end of March 2015. The vast majority of the properties will have access to superfast speeds following implementation, but will need to contact their ISPs to discuss packages.

ADJOURNMENT for OPEN PUBLIC SESSION was not required.

8. FINANCE.

8.1. It was **proposed & agreed** that the **Accounts** as presented, totalling £10,340.05 are paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Members were in receipt of a report showing the balances held and details of the Carnser income. The Coronation Car Park P&D machine, had been in operation for just over one week, and is working very well.

We have been advised by our Tree Specialists that a **Tree on Quay** by the NNDC owned public toilets, but at the bottom of Mariners Hill, is dead as a result of the salt water damage from the tidal surge. Simon Case (Tree Preservation Officer NNDC) has confirmed that he is happy for this to be removed as soon as possible, and that he would be happy for a replacement 'Holm Oak', to replace it anywhere on the site, which he advises, is salt resistant and easy to manage. It was **proposed & agreed** that we accept the recommendation.

8.3. Norfolk County Council **Parish Partnership Funding**. Details of the new scheme have been released. It was **proposed & agreed** given the complex issue with regard land ownership presently being looked into at the brow of Morston Hill by Morston Parish Council , the Woodland organisation who claim ownership and NNDC, that we leave this footpath scenario for now and that we ask Blakeney Primary School is they would like us to bid for part time 20mph signs with flashing warning lights for outside the school.

9. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

9.1. Recent member resignations mean that we now a vacancy on each of the following **Committees**; i) Planning, ii) Personnel, iii) Recreation and iv) The Trustees of v) The Pastures. It was **proposed & agreed** that Rosemary Thew joins each of these committees.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None received.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. It was **proposed & agreed** that this year, we will not be able to erect the **Christmas Lights** along the quayside this year, given the lack of upright

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timber posts, but will continue our communications with the Blakeney Harbour Boatman's Association in hope that we will be able to erect the lights next year. In the meantime we will write to The Blakeney Hotel, who kindly provides the electricity for us and update them and thank them for the wonderful display which they also provide.

11.2. Members received further information with regard the removal of the **Glass Bottle Banks** in relation to our own recycling facilities and were presented with information from Indigo Waste Services Ltd, Kier and Viridor Waste Management. Based on costs to the parish, lengths of contracts, clauses and specific recycling arrangements offered, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we enter into a 6 month contract with Indigo Waste Services Ltd, for a mixed glass facility to be emptied on an as and when needed basis and to review the need for this at the end of the 6 month period.

11.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we give further thought to any possible solutions with regard the sometimes cramped space at meetings within the **Parish Office**. Various options and venues were discussed and ruled out due to other users of the other locations. Tuesday evenings suit the Parish Councillors and the Clerk and to change to a Wednesday or Thursday would mean losing people, due to other events in the parish which are attended. Mondays and Fridays are to be avoided as they involve people often being away and Bank Holidays.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Chairman _____