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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 2nd February 2016**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 10.

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

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

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the FULL COUNCIL – Tuesday 5th January 2016 are signed as a true record.

4. GUESTS – PC Jason Pegden from the **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** advised that there had been 5 calls to the Police since the last meeting, with no crimes having been recorded, and no accidents. There had been a few burglaries over the festive season, although one chap was arrested. A reminder to ensure that sheds and contents are secure and that Jason and PCSO Sarah Kirby will remain as our contacts under the Wells Team, despite recent boundary changes.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Due to the fact that item no. 8.5. on the agenda, (planning item) has had no official yellow planning site notices, which are to inform the public of the planning application, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that this item is deferred to the March meeting. NNDC has confirmed that the site notices for 39 New Road, will have been erected today and that the 21 days public consultation period will then commence.

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

6.1. **District Councillor** - Andrew Wells.

Planning - North Norfolk District Council have appointed 5 new Planning Officers who will be starting next month and that a new Planning Enforcement Officer has also started.

MCZ – Defra continue to release and update plans and at the moment Blakeney does not appear to be in the next tranche, however we must continue to watch this.

Budget – NNDC has prepared its draft budget and has a sum of £500k to turn some of the public toilets into cafes and shops etc. (Members advised that the facilities in Blakeney need to remain as public toilets.)

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Disabled Facilities Grants - £150k of grant funding had not been spent from the budget. This is a grant which allows applicants to adapt their homes. (NNDC to be asked to publicise this more, including an article for the Glaven Valley News etc.)

6.2. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong.

Broadband Question & Answer – Some people have reported that whilst it has been verified that their house can receive fibre broadband their ISP (internet service provider) tells them it is only available to BT or only to BT for the time being. I know the former is incorrect and am informed so too is the latter. Whilst Some ISPs do not wish to offer fibre based services there are over 100 which do. The following Ofcom website provides links to comparison websites which shows which ISPs offer fibre broadband, the speeds and costs. Other than BT it includes ISPs such as TalkTalk and Sky. <http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio/price-comparison/>

Local Housing Associations - The government's right to buy draft bill has just gone through its second reading in the House of Lords – the debate lasted for seven hours and contained references to local housing associations. The bill now moves in to committee stage where the lords will consider each clause in detail and debate amendments. Committee stage is mainly to test the opinion of the house and the response of ministers and is likely to take 7-8 days. I have provided information as to why small local housing associations should be excluded. Whilst as yet that has not happened there is support amongst the Lords that it should that it should.

Budget Consultation - The county council's re-imagining consultation 2016-19 closed at midnight on 14 January 2016. Over 3,100 individuals, groups and organisations have responded making this one of the largest consultations in recent years. The issues highlighted have helped us to develop Equality Impact Assessments to assess how the proposals may impact on different groups and potentially vulnerable people - this and the consultation findings have been reported to the following service committees - Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Communities Committee, Environment, Development and Transport Committee. Summaries of all the consultation proposals can be viewed at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/budgetconsultation. On the 8 February the Policy and Resources Committee will meet to consider the results of the consultation and the discussions from each of the service committees before recommending a budget to the meeting of Full Council on 22 February 2016 for final decision by all councillors.

Westminster and Mobile 'Phones - On 19th January I went to Westminster where together with Normal Lamb MP and Andrew Wells, District Councillor for Glaven Ward, met with Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture and Digital Economy to discuss infrastructure for mobile 'phones (masts) and specifically MIP masts – designed to eradicate 'not spots', where not even emergency signals can be made and additionally they also provide coverage for any call by all the major operators. On

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your travels in the late spring you should find excellent signals around Horning and Sedgeford where there will be two new masts.

Unfortunately proposed masts for Itteringham and Blakeney failed to meet the prescribed schedule. It was proposed that the Blakeney mast would have covered all or parts of Cockthorpe, Langham, Morston, Stiffkey, Saxlingham, Field Dalling, Letheringsett, Glandford, Salthouse, Newgate, Kelling, Cley-next-the-Sea, Wiveton.

On the bright side the Minister, who is very disappointed that not all the masts will be developed, is talking with George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, as to a new way forward to eliminate 'not spots'; Norman Lamb will be adding to this conversation. I have asked the Minister for more details as to the information he requires in support of this project but in the meantime you can express your view at www.norman.lamb.org.uk.

New exhibition at Norwich Castle: Not everyone knows that as well as libraries NCC is responsible for Norfolk's museums, the jewel being Norwich Castle. The next event at the castle is inspired by Cressida Cowell's 'How to Train Your Dragon' books. Brush up on your Dragonese and head to Norwich Castle for this new family friendly exhibition – includes storytelling with Thunderous Thor, Viking activities, drama performances, film screenings, glitter dragon tattoos, dragon art and craft activities and a Chinese dragon dance workshop. With daily activities throughout the Half Term and Easter Holidays, youngsters will be kept busy and entertained.

7. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

- Mobile Telephone Mast – Sorry that we have not got what we need, but would welcome a deeper look into the options available and local involvement from the start of any new talks. Dealings with 'Arqiva' were not good and wasted so much time.
- Blakeney Hotel and parking on The Pastures – The Hotel should manage its own on site car park facilities much more effectively and visitors finding themselves unable to park on site, should use the current alternative car park options, whether they be free or pay & display, thus putting back into the community.

8. PLANNING –

PF = Full Planning Permission

PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters

LA = Alteration to Listed Building

- i) Application No. **LA/15/1810** - *Proposal; External alterations to facilitate replacement of timber double glazed windows on front elevation at,*

Corner Cottage, 9 High Street, Blakeney. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have no objection.

- ii) Application No. **PF/15/1799** – *Proposal; Removal of condition 4 of 12/0094 to allow construction without compliance with code level 3 at, **Chaffinch Cottage, Mariners Hill, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have no objection.
- iii) Application No. **PF/15/1853** – *Proposal; Erection of replacement two-storey dwelling at, **White Sails, 75 Morston Road, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 3 abstentions) that we have no objection.
- iv) Application No. **PF/15/1847** – *Proposal; Demolition of detached dwelling and erection of 2 detached two and a half-storey dwellings with associated garages at, **Michaelmas Cottage, 1 Langham Road, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we object to this application as we feel that i) This would result in over development of the site and ii) We would echo the concerns expressed by the Highways Officer, in that the access point for additional vehicle movements to and from this site onto the B1156, Langham Road, which is defined as a main distributor route so close to the junction of the A149, raises concerns due to visibility and safety issues.
- v) *This application is to be deferred to the March meeting as per previous comments.* Application No. **PF/15/1898** – *Proposal; Erection of two-storey dwelling and detached garage at, **Land at front of The Orchard, 39 New Road, Blakeney.***
- vi) **North Norfolk Local Plan;** North Norfolk District Council are asking for sites to be put forward in the parish which may then be considered for future development, known as the ‘Call for Sites’. The deadline is May 2016. Can we submit suggestions for ‘Exceptions Sites’ only? This question will be asked.
- vii) Further action with regard the future of a **Mobile Telecommunications Mast** following the meeting between Ed Vaizey (MP), Norman Lamb (MP), Dr. Marie Strong (County Cllr) & Andrew Wells (District Cllr), following their feedback above. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we write to Ed Vaizey, copying in Norman Lamb, asking that all sites be looked at, and to establish the way forward.

9. FINANCE.

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Accounts** to date totalling £22,111.27 are paid.

9.2. The **Clerk/RFO Report** gave up to date balances held and figures for both The Carnser and Coronation Car Parks.

9.3. **External Audit** – It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we do not opt out of the external audit arrangements that Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited (SAAA) is putting in place. The new arrangements will take effect from 1st April 2017 and will mean that our arrangements with regard external audit for 2017/18 and subsequent years will be the same as they are now, with the return being submitted to the auditor appointed by the SAAA.

9.4. Applications for the **Community Fund** were received by members. It was ***proposed & agreed*** to distribute the sum (maximum £6,100) as follows; i) Blakeney History Centre - £480, ii) Blakeney Scout Group Executive Council - £480, iii) Blakeney & District Scout Group - £280, iv) The Methodist Church Café - £280, v) Coastal Rowing Association Blakeney - £150, vi) Blakeney Royal British Legion Bowls Club - £480, vii) Blakeney Village Hall Trust - £580, viii) Recreation Field Committee - £1,230, ix) St. Nicholas Church - £1,230, x) Blakeney Football Club - £380, xi) Blakeney Youth Group - £330, xii) Holt Area Patients Participation Group - £200. (As in previous years, these groups will each be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to receive their grant and say a few words.)

9.5. Members received information on a range of 6 alternative **Banking Arrangements** as we have to close our account with the Bank of Ireland. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we open a Business Instant Saver with The Nationwide, and that we have the same arrangements and signatories, if possible as we do with our Co-Operative current a/c.

10. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

10.1. How to address the issue of the recurring hole at the entrance to the **Carnser Car Park** – Questions over a grid system v extending the apron were discussed, and it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we obtain information on grids systems, and that we look again at the options we were presented with back in 2012 from NCC Highways Engineers which would extend the concrete entrance.

11. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1. Members considered options on the **Commemorative Seat** recently installed on the Quay, and future orders in terms of colour. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we use our currently stored seat for this site, which is in dark brown, and move the commemorative plaque (Dash) to the new replacement dark seat, and accept the new indented free back slat from Glasdon and ask Chris Lubbock to replace all. All future seats to be in the '*dark brown*'. (The 2 tone seat will go on the Playing Field by the BMX track, ie. a straight swap.)

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12.2. 2026 is deadline for registering **Historic Rights of Way** on the County Council's Definitive Map. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we will now look to obtain one large map and ask the public to help us with this mission to establish whether there are any missing rights of way. We will promote this via various means including the Annual Parish Meeting.

12.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we amend the contracts of employment for the **Car Park Attendants** for the 2016 season to reflect that there will be 3 staff members working on a 4 day on, 8 day off rota and that the first working day will be 'Good Friday', 25th March and that the Carnser Car Park may be open as an attended P&D car park during the Fair visit, subject to finer detail being addressed and hence the rota will continue.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Chairman _____