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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 3rd November 2015**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Present:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Margaret Benson, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford & Rosemary Thew.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 4.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received & ***accepted*** from; Glennes Aikens (*away*), Roger Hall (*unwell*) & 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 6th October 2015 should be signed as a true record.

4. **GUESTS** –

4.1. PC Jason Pegden, gave the following report on behalf of the **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – A reminder that we are always keeping an eye out for marine based theft in the area as boatyards are targeted, so please all be vigilant, and if you can capture a number plate more so than the colour and description of the vehicle involved so much the better. Jason Pegden will no longer be the PC for this area, he will be replaced by Graham Gower-Smith from Holt.

5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

5.1. Thanks to everyone involved in any way whatsoever, this years **Bonfire & Fireworks** event was a tremendous success, thank you and well done to everyone.

5.2. The **Abandoned Boats** are disappearing thanks to the efforts of Neil Thompson the National Trust and others. Recently 'Petronella' and one other have gone.

5.3. The NNDC (Planning) Development Committee will undertake a site visit in relation to the proposed **Mobile Telephone Mast** on Thursday 5th November. (*Tony Faulkner will attend and speak as the Chairman of the Parish Council.*)

6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

6.1. **District Councillor** - Andrew Wells was not present and no report received.

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

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Local Housing Societies - The charity Campaign to Protect Rural England has come out with a strong voice of support for local societies, such as those in this division, saying that – ‘Helping people to fulfil the dream of owning their own home is an admirable ambition. But it must not come at the expense of the rural inhabitants who rely on the chance to rent

Better Broadband for Norfolk - As more of our parishes are able to access fibre broadband, and in some cases parts of a parish are able to access it at different times, it is perhaps simpler to remind readers how to find out if you can access fibre. As previously I suggested, you enter www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk, use your telephone number, follow the link through to check if you can access fibre; if the answer is yes 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 you prefer and proceed with arrangements. Another website to access for information is <http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio/price-comparison>. You will see from the above advice that there is no automatic ‘switch’. Everyone rightfully has a choice of whether or not to be fibre enabled and if so which provider to use. Next month I will provide a detailed update of the BBfN programme.

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 use a guide dog, another from someone who is visually impaired. It is easy to overlook how our shrubs have started to overhang onto adjacent paths and now is probably a good time to check and see if any overhanging foliage needs cutting.

Silica Sand Resources - News has again been generated regarding the Single Issue Silica Sand Review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocations. Whilst town and Parish Councils will be told whether or not there are silica sand resources located within their boundary, I can confirm that the Wells division is not underlain by silica sand resources. (It would seem useful for readers if I copy below the town and parish councils in Wells division.*)

2026 deadline for registering historic public rights of way - I am sure this item will be of interest to our rural parishes, many of which have already seen rights of way disappear. After 1 January 2026 it will be difficult to get historic public rights of way recorded and protected; parishes should commence proceedings now to save any unrecorded public rights of way which were established in their parish before 1949. If there are any historic (pre 1949) public rights of way in your parish which are not registered on the County Council’s Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, you need to act now to prevent them from being extinguished forever. 2026 may be ten years away but it can take several years to complete, depending on responses to consultation and whether cases have to be referred to the Planning Inspectorate. You have until 1 January 2026 to make applications to the County Council’s Legal Orders and Registers Team for the registration of historic routes. (It will be possible for you to apply after 2026 for routes which have come into being since 1949, where you can prove they have been used by the public for 20 years without the

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landowners permission.) Councils should already have a copy of the Definitive Map to check whether any of the historic routes are recorded and below are links to the County Councils Highways map and Historic maps. For councils wishing to know more about how to make historic applications (under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) they should contact the Legal Orders and Registers Team by email to denise.bales@norfolk.gov.uk . Any emails received will be passed to a Case Officer for attention.

http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Public_Rights_of_Way/Map/index.htm and <http://www.historic-maps.norfolk.gov.uk>

**Wells Division: Whilst there are 36 parishes and hamlets below are the twenty Town and Parish Councils:- Barshams and Houghton St Giles, Binham with Cockthorpe, Blakeney, Brinton with Sharrington, Field Dalling & Saxlingham, Glandford with Letheringsett, Great Snoring, Great & Little Walsingham, Hindringham, Holkham, Langham, Morston, Sculthorpe, Stiffkey, Stody with Hunworth, Thornage & Little Thornage, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton & Wiveton.*

7. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – Q. to County Cllr about the Coasthopper interim service and charges. Normal service should resume on the 9th November, any problems, then please let Marie Strong know.

8. **PLANNING** –

PF = Full Planning Permission

PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters

LA = Alteration to Listed Building

- i) Members were advised that The National Trust has lodged an objection to Application No. **PF/15/1208** – *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.***
- ii) Members had ***no objection*** to application No. **PF/15/1354** - *Proposal; Erection of extensions to side and rear of dwelling at, **The Nest, 57 New Road, Blakeney.***
- iii) Application No. **PF/15/1312** – *Proposal; Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at, **Larkfields, 144 Morston Road, Blakeney.** It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 abstention) that we have ***no objection***; however we would like to draw Policy HO8 to the attention of NNDC, although we feel that the site can take this proposal.*
- iv) Members had ***no objection*** to application No. **LA/15/1415** – *Proposal; replacement of staircase at, **The Seaside House, 90 High Street, Blakeney.***

9. FINANCE.

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that **Accounts** totalling £8,838.00 are paid.

9.2. The **Clerk/RFO Report** – Provided members with the up to date cashbook figures and income for both the Carnser and Coronation Car Parks. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we aim to keep the balance in the Co-operative Current Account at around £70k and that we automatically transfer to the Bank of Ireland account monthly or as and when needed.

9.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we accept the quotation with regard **Christmas Lights** in relation to The Pastures for this year from Stolworthy Electrical.

9.4. **Parish Partnership Funding Scheme**; in particular do we now submit a bid for, i) 'SAM2' – Speed Activated Message Sign, after much investigating, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we do not proceed with this item ii) 8 more wooden posts for Back Lane (highways have suggested this number), it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we do submit a bid for this iii) Pothole Repairs, it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we do not proceed with this, as we feel that potholes should be dealt with wholly by Highways, however we do appreciate their help and support with other highways issues.

10. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

10.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** to introduce the following change in criteria for **Residents Passes** as of next year by using the Council Tax bill as evidence of residency in addition when need be, at the Clerks discretion.

10.2. Members noted the information on the election of Community Representatives 2016 for the **Norfolk Coast Partnership**.

10.3. Members noted the minutes of the **Wash & North Nfk Coast** (European Marine Site Advisory Group) meeting which was held on 9th July 2015.

11. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None received at time of print.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1. Rosemary Thew kindly volunteered to attend a discussion event on **Norfolk's Rural Economy** at Wells Maltings on Friday 11th December from 4pm to 6pm.

12.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we do not to proceed with the idea of **Adopting BT Kiosk** in High Street, after seeking further information.

12.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we wait for D. T. Leisure to install the **BMX Track** and they have said that it will be first on the list in either April or May 2016, as they have taken the decision to only build these now during the Spring and Summer months.

To note NNDC Planning Decision; Taken & Update; as well as any Planning Inspectorate Appeals.

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 5 revised planting scheme at, Greencroft House, 22 Morston Road, Blakeney. NNDC: Consent given.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman _____