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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017** at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

**Present**:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Jennet Tilley, Jess Tutt, Alban Donohoe, Edward Hackford, Iain Wolfe and Neil Thompson.

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 3.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received & ***accepted*** from; Jenny Girling, Barry Girling & Shirley Everett (*all away*). Also from our District Cllr, Karen Ward (*working out of the country*).

**2.** There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** from members.

**3.** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the following **MINUTES** are signed as a true record.

3.1. FULL COUNCIL – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

3.2. FULL COUNCIL – Extraordinary Meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**4. GUESTS** –

4.1. PC Jason Pegden of the **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** advised that there had be no calls from the parish to the Police since the last meeting. There had been 1 x road rage office. The public are reminded to be vigilant and keep a watchful eye for oil related thefts.

**5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** – If any.

**6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

6.1. **District Councillor** - Karen Ward had submitted the following report in her absence.

**Local Plan** – Following last month's update on the Local Plan, there has been no further meetings of the Planning Policy Working Group. I will provide a more detailed briefing next month.

**Planning Updates** –

i) Three Owls – NNDC have received a Non-Material Amendment application and a Discharge of Conditions (materials) application. Although neither application requires consultation under current planning guidelines, Officers agreed to a meeting with Friends of North Norfolk to address their ongoing concerns about this site.

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- ii) The Acreage – Nicola Baker met with the agent on 22<sup>nd</sup> September to review the change of use application. There are a number of outstanding questions which need resolving. I will keep you informed once I have further information.
- iii) Larkfields – A new pre-application has been received. Officers are reviewing the proposals and will publish their guidance on the NNDC website in due course.
- iv) Blakeney Hotel – No further news. I hope to meet with the Hotel during October to discuss progress on the planning applications.

**Conservation Area Review Update** – The tender document is being prepared to enable us to procure the necessary expertise to undertake the review. I am disappointed by the lack of pace and continue to chase for progress. The review was agreed to in March and I had hoped we would be on the ground by now.

**Community Housing Fund** – NNDC remain very supportive of the Blakeney schemes and are keen to see progress made. In addition to the existing provision, Cabinet aim to approve a new category of housing – a product called 'Local Homes' will be offered for sale in areas with high levels of second homes to residents with local connections at 20% less than market value. I will give a full update on the details next month.

**Queens Close Parking** – I have circulated a survey to all residents in Queens Close and will collate the responses this week. Once I have prepared the report I will meet with the residents to discuss the preferred solution. I can then make a proposal on next steps. One possibility is that we use the Community Housing Funds to make a contribution to a parking solution.

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

**Better Broadband for Norfolk:** Not everyone who can receive fibre broadband is aware it is available. To check go to <https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/adsl.htm> - Search by phone number if you are a BT Internet Service Provider (ISP) customer. Customers of other ISPs should use the Address Checker option. Once a fibre solution is available a "VDSL" option will be shown. Anyone with a low speed should also check because there is a Government Subsidy Scheme which provides access to a range of alternative technologies, satellite, wireless and 4G based solutions. Details and an application form can be found at: <http://www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk/better-broadband-subsidy-scheme/>

**Reporting Highways Problems:** Anyone can report Highways problems (and not just potholes) direct to Norfolk County Council Highways department.

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Go to <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>. Report a problem regarding Highways, Public Rights of Way or Norfolk trails. If you give your contact details you can keep updated on progress. (For anyone without a lap top or iPad staff at our libraries will help you make your report on a library computer).

**Foster Carers:** There is a national shortage of foster carers and like other councils across the UK, Norfolk needs to recruit more people who can offer a loving and secure home to some of our most vulnerable children. The council is particularly keen to find carers for teenagers. There are just over a 1,000 looked after children in Norfolk with around a third aged between 13 and 16. A new video has been produced as part of the campaign showing how a foster carer changed one young person's life. Watch 'Change a life – foster in Norfolk' at [goo.gl/j6n9ew](http://goo.gl/j6n9ew)

**Fire Prevention in the Home and Work Place:** We are all being reminded by Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) of the importance of ensuring fire doors are kept shut. We will not be surprised that fire doors have proved to reduce the risk of fires spreading and increase the chance of people evacuating a building quickly and safely - but they are no use if they are propped open. What is very useful, and particularly for new businesses and holiday lets, is the offer of free 'home' fire risk checks to residents and commercial buildings. For tips on reducing the fire risk in your home or arranging a safety check visit [bit.ly/2xhN9RV](http://bit.ly/2xhN9RV) and information for businesses can be found here: [bit.ly/2f1CQuV](http://bit.ly/2f1CQuV)

**In Good Company:** Local shops, pubs, parish councils and other community based organisations can apply for the new In 'Good Company Quality Mark' launched to recognise and reward the work done to combat loneliness in Norfolk. There is no doubt that reducing social isolation in Norfolk's communities is vital if more people are to retain their independence and reduce the need for health care intervention. Applications can be made at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/ingoodcompany](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/ingoodcompany). There is no deadline for applications and awards will be made quarterly. Successful recipients of the award will be able to show how they engage with those who may be feeling isolated, as well as actively publicising and promoting anti-loneliness events and encouraging staff to get involved. (I know there are a good number of organisations in our villages which would be eligible for this award. Talk to me if you are interested.)

**Health & Wellbeing books:** Particularly useful for anyone with a long term illness the full book list is available in our libraries and on the library buses or go to: <https://reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/long-term-conditions>. Books can be reserved free from your local library, bus or on [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries).

**Mobile Phone Coverage:** Ofcom <http://maps.ofcom.org.uk/check-coverage> - enter your postcode to access coverage maps for each of the four main mobile phone providers. Choose an operator for best coverage at home or where you most use your mobile phone. We are also aware that the anticipated mobile phone signal via the Church Tower here in Blakeney, is still waiting for 'Openreach'.

**7. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – No public wished to speak.

**8. PLANNING** –

- 8.1. Application no. **LA/17/1512** – *Proposal; Installation of replacement casement windows at, **The Dolls House, 13 High Street, Blakeney, Blakeney.*** Members had **no objection**.
- 8.2. Application no. **PF/17/1544** – *Proposal; Erection of front and rear extensions, alterations to roof including raising height and insertion of dormer windows & roof lights to provide first floor accommodation at, **17 Morston Road, Blakeney.*** Members had **no objection**.
- 8.3. Application no. **PF/17/0930** – *Proposal; Erection of single storey rear extensions, garage extension, lean to greenhouse, porch and widening of vehicle access at, **Woodpecker Cottage, 4 Wiveton Road, Blakeney.*** It was **proposed & agreed** that 'whilst we have **no objection**, we would like a condition added, stating that the garage/outbuilding/utility is only to be used an ancillary to the dwelling.
- 8.4. Application no. **LA/17/0931** – *Proposal; Internal and external alterations to facilitate erection of rear extension including retention of works already carried out at, **Woodpecker Cottage, 4 Wiveton Road, Blakeney.*** It was **proposed & agreed** that 'whilst we have **no objection**, we would like a condition added, stating that the garage/outbuilding/utility is only to be used an ancillary to the dwelling.

PF = Full Planning Permission, PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters,  
LA = Alteration to Listed Building

**9. FINANCE**

- 9.1. It was **proposed & agreed** that **Accounts** totalling £8,759.91 are to be paid.
- 9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** advised of balances held and Car Park income.
- 9.3. It was **proposed & agreed** (7 in favour and 1 against) that Blakeney Parish Council will introduce their own admin fee of £8.00 in relation to **Coronation Car Park** fines, when they are waived as a goodwill gesture.

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

10.1. Rosemary Thew, had submitted a written report of **Village Hall Trustees** following the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This was her final report as Chairman of the BVHT having decided to stand down from the Trust. Jenny Girling had confirmed that she would be happy to take over the role of representing Blakeney Parish Council.

BPC confirmed that they would be happy 'in principle' for the Village hall to piggy back of the Parish Council wifi, if this were possible following the research by Jill Tibbetts, new Chairman of the BVHT.

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

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. Katie Mcelligott, Trainee Solicitor at NNDC, had written to advise that the application and subsequent additional information submitted by BPC with regard the **Assets of Community Value**; Land at top of The Pastures, NNDC had categorised the nomination as *unsuccessful*, and cited; Insufficient evidence of community use. Blakeney Parish Council will look to appeal against this decision.

12.2. The Chairman, Clerk and possibly Iain Wolfe will attend the **Campaign to Protect Rural England** Campaign Alliance Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm, North Walsham, therefore it was ***agreed*** that our November Parish Council meeting, will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_