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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

**Present**:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe, Neil Thompson, Jess Tutt & Iain Wolfe.

**Parish Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 3.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received & ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe (*work*), and District Cllr. Karen Ward, and County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong.
2. There were no **Declarations of Interest** from members.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 are to be signed as a true record.
4. No report received from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** , apologies received. Clerk asked to remind them, that we do appreciate a more local update, than the generic one which is automatically sent out.
5. There were no **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**.

*Cllr Neil Thompson arrived at this point.*

**6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –**

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong, had advised that she would be happy to support the Parish Councils bids to the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme and urged the Parish Council to consider submitting a response to the NCC budget consultation.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward had submitted the following report in her absence.

You may have read in the Local Press that there have been a few changes at NNDC. We now have a cross party Cabinet, which reflects the makeup of the wider Council. I am no longer Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, but have been asked to join the Cabinet with responsibility for Planning & Housing. Do let me know what you think my priorities should be in this new role.

Planning - 8 Wiveton Road application has been approved by the Development Committee this month and Fairacre will be coming to the next Development Committee for consideration. Residents have also asked me to review the application at The Tanning House.

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The work being undertaken at Blakeney Garage was reviewed by the Enforcement team after a complaint from a resident and the work was passed as compliant with the planning permission. Work at North Granary is also under review by Enforcement and I have sought a meeting with the owners to ascertain their plans for the wider landscape in their ownership. I am awaiting an update on a couple of items in Back Lane and will report those separately once I have a response.

Please let me know if there are any other specific issues you need me to look into.

### **7. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

- BT/Openreach – The mast on Mariners Hill has now had the telephone line connected to the Church Hall Rooms. Tenant has expressed concerns to BT/Openreach about the pole used to provide just one line, but with no joy.

### **8. PLANNING** – PF = Full Planning Permission, PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters, LA = Alteration to Listed Building.

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/18/2049** – *Proposal; Demolition existing dwelling and erection of two storey detached dwelling at, **Shingle House, 5 Westgate Street, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we ***object*** to this application for the following reasons; as per the previous application no. PF/17/1880. We still consider this revised application to be overdevelopment of the site, which suits a single storey replacement dwelling only. We have continued concerns over the site access, in this confined area and extremely busy part of Westgate Street, which is just a few yards from Blakeney Quay and we do not believe that the overall design enhances the Conservation Area. We are also in receipt of letters of objection from residents and we continue to be minded of the fact that, via appeal to The Planning Inspector, permission was recently granted for 2 large houses adjacent, and hence our objections continue to reflect our immediate and wider concerns.
- 8.2. Application no. **PF/18/2035** – *Proposal; Single storey detached outbuilding for use as residential annexe at, **42 Morston Road, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that subject to the following condition being attached; that this residential annexe is used solely for ancillary residential accommodation and is not to be used as separate holiday accommodation, then we have ***no objection***.
- 8.3. Application no. **PF/18/1994** – *Proposal; Erection of single storey extensions to south and west elevations and single storey extension to north elevation with glazed balcony and sliding doors at first floor at, **Admirals Hill, Morston Road, Blakeney.*** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have ***no objection***.

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- 8.4. Application no. **LA/18/2158** – *Proposal; Replacement windows and door at, **Quayside Barn, The Quay, Blakeney**. It was **proposed & agreed** that we have **no objection**.*
- 8.5. Application no. **PF/18/2175** – *Proposal; Demolition of outbuilding and erection of two storey side and rear extensions and single storey rear extension at, **North End Cottage, 138 High Street, Blakeney**. It was **proposed & agreed** that we have **no objection**.*

*Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived at this point.*

## **9. FINANCE**

9.1. It was **proposed & agreed** that **Accounts** totalling £8,269.66 are paid.

### **9.2. Clerk/RFO Report**

- **Finance** – Members were in receipt of detailed income and expenditure since the last meeting and gave details of balances held.
- Advised that MW White could not help with a **cardboard recycling bank** and neither could KC Steward, however, enquiries are continuing.
- **BT Mast on Mariners Hill** – Openreach had written to advise that our complaint will be investigated by the Openreach Planning Team. A telephone message had also been left by Openreach advising that letters must be sent to BT Pole Disputes by Recorded Delivery, otherwise they will not be dealt with!

9.3. **Parish Partnership Funding** – Application for the Wilson's Way project has been submitted. The PP Fund will not support a scheme to address the lip at the west end of the quayside footpath as it joins the hard. An application to replace the wooden posts at the bottom of the High Street will be made as will an application to replace the wooden posts which affront The Red House Land, which stop vehicles from entering the land.

## **10. TRANSPORT/TRAFFIC RELATED ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

- 10.1. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** – Neil advised that the report from Exo Environmental was being considered and that the team were hoping to have a meeting with The Crown Estates and The National Trust.
- 10.2. **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** – Members were in receipt of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The next meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

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Members then worked through the copy of the **Emerging Policy (drafting)** in order that the Parish Council views could be taken to the meeting on Tuesday evening. The following points were **proposed & agreed**;

- *Item no. 1 – Built Environment (Flooding & sewerage) – under point C **add**: Saxlingham Road, and mains drain from The Blakeney Hotel and down the High Street to The Quay, and at the corner by The Manor Hotel.*
- *Item no. 2 – Built Environment (Affordable Housing for Local People) – **add a 5<sup>th</sup> point**; People who come to work in the village.*
- *Item no. 3 – Built Environment (Limit second homes) – with regard the St. Ives, Cornwall, Neighbourhood Plan, H2 Principle Residence Requirement – First para, under Policy **to read**: New open market housing, excluding replacement dwellings, may only be agreed to, where there is a restriction to ensure its occupancy as a Principal Residence.*
- *Item no. 3 – Para 2 **to read**: New unrestricted second homes will not be agreed to at any time.*
- *Item no. 4 – Built Environment – Good Design, Build for Life; 12 principles and dementia friendly communities – **Add**: Yes, where reasonably and practically possible. Note: Blakeney Parish Council would like more detail on what this would specifically mean.*
- *Item no. 7 – Built Environment – Affordable Homes and Exception Sites – Advice being sought from Nicola Turner and Iain Withington.*
- *Item no. 9 – Natural Environment – Open green spaces should be protected and biodiversity encouraged – **Remove the words**: unless it can be demonstrated that the benefit to the local community outweighs the loss.*

Where? – **Add**: Playing Field, Former School Field, The Pastures, Field opposite Bliss, 39 New Road, Young's Land (behind Blakeney Garage owned by The N/T, and Friary Field (opposite Blakeney Church, owned by The N/T).

- *Item no. 11 – Natural Environment – Light pollution – **Add**: Must be necessary, ie. for security, and access to property, by way of motion sensors only or singular lighting, as opposed to lots of ornamental lighting.*

**NPSG Vacancy** – There is currently one Parish Councillor Vacancy on this group due to the resignation of Cllr Alban Donohoe. It was **proposed & agreed** that our Parish Clerk takes this place on our behalf.

11. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – There were no questions.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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12.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we support the principles of the Norfolk County Council **Budget Consultation 2019/20**. We would also like to see the Council be more business like and make better use of resources, indeed we would be supportive of the move to a Unitary Authority being discussed once again.

12.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we will launch the **Outstanding Contribution to the Community Awards** in 2019 and that deadlines will be strictly adhered to.

12.3. **New Leader of NNDC**; Sarah Butikofer is the new Leader of the Council. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we ask her to focus firmly on these points which concern us; i) Planning; every aspect of the entire process, ii) Social Housing; both to purchase and to rent, iii) Second Homes in their entirety; and the current Council Tax loophole, iv) distribution of The Big Society Fund, in particular how those whose communities who have the highest percentage of Second Homes, seem to constantly miss out when it comes to this funding stream.

### **NNDC Planning Decisions or Updates, or any Planning Inspectorate Appeals since our last meeting.**

- **LA/18/1525** – External works to facilitate the installation of ground floor window to rear at, Benbow Cottage, 6B High Street, Blakeney – **Granted**.
- **PF/18/1296** – Erection of single storey rear extension, garage extensions, lean-to greenhouse and porch at, Woodpecker Cottage, 4 Wiveton Road, Blakeney – **Granted**.
- **LA/18/1385** – Internal and external alterations to facilitate the erection of single storey rear extension, front porch, glazed link and conversion of outbuildings into habitable accommodation at, Woodpecker Cottage, 4 Wiveton Road, Blakeney – **Granted**.
- **PF/18/1792** – Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) 6 (details of balustrading) of planning permission PF/17/1905 to allow for change of balustrade material from glass to brick and flint at, North Granary, The Quay, Blakeney – **This application has been withdrawn**.
- **PF/18/1823** – Erection of outbuilding to include a roof terrace and increase existing garden wall height at, North Granary, The Quay, Blakeney – **This application has been withdrawn**. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we ask NNDC to ensure that this does not come back as a retrospective planning application at some point, and to point out the state of both the official path and the diversion path to NNDC, both of which now have turned into a bog as opposed to a useable footpath.

**12.4. Confidential Item – Exclusion of the Press/Public**

It was ***proposed & agreed*** that due to the confidential nature of the business about to be considered, **BPC & N/T Carnser Car Park Agreement**, it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded.

Members worked through a proposed Carnser Remodelling document as received from The National Trust, and were pleased to note that the new scanning machine is due to be installed in readiness for the 2019 season and were pleased to note the details surrounding new Member Credit fees. Other than this, members were extremely disappointed by the Trusts response to our proposals and unanimously reject the counter proposals, which seem to be weighted entirely in favour of The National Trust.

*Meeting closed at 9.15pm.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_