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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018** in the Parish Office.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. **Apologies for Absence** were received and ***accepted*** from; Samantha Arlow (*unwell*) & County Cllr. Dr. Marie Strong.
2. **Declarations of Interest** were received; Jess Tutt, personal interest with regard item no. 8.1. & 8.2. as occasionally house sits.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 are signed as a true record.
4. **Guests** – No representative from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** present, and the standard monthly emails were referred to, but no specific monthly report for Blakeney.

### 5. **Chairman's Announcements**

- **Blakeney Harbour Association** is holding a public consultation event at Blakeney Harbour Room on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 5pm to 7pm in order to reply to a questionnaire received from the Marine Management Organisation, which may determine future controls of activity that are currently unlicensed in Blakeney Harbour. Attendance urged.
- **Party on The Pastures** held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018, and was a huge success. The Council commends everyone who helped organise it, stating that it was a great community event, great for our local area and really positive for the community as a whole, and that they fully support the Events Committee undertaking it again every year, should they wish to. We would specifically like to write to the members of the Committee who are not on the Parish Council, to thank them for their dedication and commitment to putting on this event. Special thanks also go to our Parish Clerk. A 2019 date will be set.
- North Norfolk District Council have set the dates for the **Public Consultation on the Blakeney Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan**. It will run from 10<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, when an exhibition will be held in St. Nicholas Church. In addition there will be an open meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in Blakeney Village Hall.

- **NNDC Big Society Fund** – Our District Councillor told us that our most recent application had been turned down again. Members of Blakeney Parish Council were very disappointed to hear this. There was discussion about the merits of a further approach based on (1) the perceived inequity that the District Council had funded some prevention in other areas, albeit not from The Big Society Fund, (2) Blakeney is a major contributor to The Big Society Fund having 47% of second homes and this is further evidence of inequity of treatment (3) the perception that Blakeney has large reserves is ill informed. There was discussion also about approach to the EDP if the position did not change.

## **6. Councillor Reports**

- 6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong. No report received.
- 6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward gave the following report.

**Planning Applications:** I can confirm that the revised planning application for 8 Wiveton Road has been called into the Development Committee. It will not come to the September Committee, but hopefully to the October Committee.

**Conservation:** The draft Conservation Appraisals for the Glaven Ports are now available for public review. The formal consultation commences on 10th September 2018 and runs for 6 weeks. In Blakeney the consultation materials will be sited in St Nicholas church. There will also be a public meeting for all residents of the four Glaven Ports held at Blakeney Village Hall on Friday 5th October.

**Local Plan:** At the most recent Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Party meeting (minutes available on NNDC website) the recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework were discussed. The major consequence of the publication of this document for North Norfolk is that it means we are unlikely to have a confirmed Housing Target in the near future, as the Government have indicated their intention to re-consult on the formula used to calculate the Objectively Assessed Housing Need. This is likely to have the knock on effect that it may delay the public consultation of the Local Plan to post the NNDC elections in 2019. This, in turn, means the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan will be running ahead of the Local Plan.

**7. Open Public Session** – No public wished to speak.

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

- 8.1. Application no. **LA/18/1385** – *Proposal; 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.** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have no objection.*

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- 9.1. Application no. **PF/18/1296** – *Proposal; Erection of single storey rear extension, garage extensions, lean to greenhouse, porch and improvements to access at, **Woodpecker Cottage, 4 Wiveton Road, Blakeney.*** It was **proposed & agreed** that we have no objection.
- 9.2. Members felt that the update from NNDC with regard the consultation: **Protecting our Green Space** in relation to the preparation of the emerging new 'Local Plan' had not fully addressed their concerns, and hence we will forward to Karen Ward for written clarification.
- 9.3. It was **proposed & agreed** that we go with Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October for 1 hr to look at the **Defra 'Magic Database'** with a 7pm start.

## 10. FINANCE

- 9.1. It was **proposed & agreed** that the **Accounts** totalling £8,805.15 are paid.
- 9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report**
  - Cashbook balances were given.
  - Concerns over the drop in Carnser income – meeting to be arranged with members of our Finance Committee and The National Trust.
  - Party on The Pastures – The Events Committee was given a budget of £2K, and the challenge of making it cost neutral to the Parish Council if possible. This was achieved, and with a small profit of just over £200. The Events Committee are wanting to do this event each year, and hence will set a date for August 2019 asap.
- 9.3. It was **proposed & agreed** that we enter into a 1 year service contract with **Rhino Security** following the installation of the bollards, and that we ask for the first visit to be just prior to Easter 2019 and the second visit in June 2019. We will also ask if they are able to advise a local contractor of our choosing, of a more regular (in between) maintenance/cleaning programme and we will budget for both going forward.
- 9.4. It was **proposed & agreed** that we will seek to obtain that third quote as per a recommendation, however given the number of people already contacted, and if we receive no further information, then we accept quote no. 2, subject to being satisfied with the grade of non slip floor tiles to be used/quoted for. This is as a replacement of flooring and upstands in the **Public Toilet** situated in the Village Hall Car Park.
- 9.5. Concrete anchor points for the **Art & Crafts** pitch on The Carnser in order to provide stable secure fixing points. It was **proposed & agreed** (other than 1 abstention) that we obtain an amended quote for; 2 anchor points to

hold the axle only. If we find this to be acceptable, then in turn we ask the trader to share this cost with us 50/50.

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

- 11.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we are happy for Alan Collett to take the place of Rod Jeffries as a representative of the Blakeney Sailing Club on the **Dinghy Park Management Committee**.
- 11.2. Alban Donohoe gave a verbal update/report on the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team**. Last meeting had to be cancelled, still looking for a new Project Manager, BCCCT is in a holding position at the moment but is almost ready to talk to all stakeholders, great information/reports from Exo Environmental, currently out of money but applying for funding, waiting to hear back from The National Trust in particular with regard the east corner of the quay and backfilling of The Carnser associated with tidal flow.
- 11.3. Alban advised that a good meeting of the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** had been held last night, and that progress was being made. Lots of data had been shared from the most recent public consultation event and the group feels close to deciding the 10 or so policies that they would like to be included. It was suggested that in order to include the widest representation of the local community as possible, that perhaps a weekday evening should be considered for the next public consultation event, as for those working in the hospitality and tourism trade in the village, a Saturday was not easy for them to attend. Possibly a Thursday eve could be considered, certainly not a Friday evening.
- 11.4. The next meeting of the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** is to be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- 11.5. Members were in receipt of the minutes of the **North Norfolk Advisory Group** meeting which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Our Chairman advised that going forward she would consider the agenda content and its relevance to Blakeney, in association with our reserve member Iain Wolfe, before attending.

11. There were no **Councillors Questions**.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. Our Chairman advised that there had been a total of 6 incidents since Easter this year, which had been reported to **Anglian Water** and that the Chief Executive had been contacted and made aware of our concerns in no uncertain terms. A meeting had been held with representatives of A/W

regarding the sewage system in the village, and we are hopeful that they have now addressed some of the concerns and will continue to do so moving forward.

Of particular interest to A/W is the grease management system of food premises. They have visited 7 premises in the immediate area to undertake a kitchen audit of their systems and practices in place to prevent food waste, fat, oils and grease from entering the sewer. 5 had adequate systems in place, 1 will be revisited as they did not have time to speak with A/W and the 7<sup>th</sup> was found to be a significant contributor to the waste entering the sewer. They will work together to improve the grease management system.

Cameras have been sent down the system to view the sewers and A/W will undertake the routine jetting of our sewers more often and will continue to monitor the situation. A campaign to educate the public, homes and businesses will also take place and a report will go in the GVN.

12.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we are happy to grant the request for the RAF to hold a **Street Collection** in Blakeney in Westgate Street on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

12.3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we would be delighted for **Macmillan** to bring their Mobile Information Unit to Blakeney, as they were unable to join us for The Party on The Pastures. They are welcome to locate themselves on The Carnser or the Village Hall Car Park, whichever and whenever suits them best.

12.4. Members received and considered the article and associated information on **Tourist/Traffic overcrowding**, which was in the main based on Cornwall, but which we had been asked to consider in relation to the scenarios and how similar scenarios affect Blakeney. However members felt that the situation in Cornwall was different to that of Blakeney, in terms of visitor numbers, infrastructure, etc and felt that there was a fine balance needed here, as our businesses rely on the tourism and that we would not wish to do anything to jeopardise this. Therefore ***proposed & agreed*** that we merely note this article.

12.5. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that Rosemary Thew will attend the NNDC **'North Norfolk Local Plan'** update event on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November and that 1 other Councillor, yet to be confirmed will take the second place, on the same day or on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

12.6. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we will try and organise the following for the, 'Battle's Over', **A Nation's Tribute** in addition to the lighting of the beacon on Mariners Hill on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

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- Purchase 2 of the metal silhouettes; 1 to be placed behind the beacon on Mariners Hill on the night. The other to be placed next to the War Memorial.
- Arrange for the 'Last Post' to be played live on the eve if at all possible. (Local people to be asked, Neil offered to learn as a backup!)
- Ask the Royal British Legion for their plans for this commemorative event.
- Ask if the Old Wild Rovers could attend and sing War Time Songs.
- Elgar's Cello Concerto procession music to be played if possible.
- Check if we are able to read the names of those from the War Memorial, and those which have in recent years been read in addition.
- Will we receive a pack of Poppy seeds. Where to sow them?
- Research biodegradable poppies.

*Meeting closed at 9.07pm.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_