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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5th February 2019** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. **Apologies for Absence** were received and ***accepted*** from; Barry Girling (*unwell*) & County Cllr Dr. Marie Strong (*unwell*).

2. **Declarations of Interest** from members – Jenny Girling declared a pecuniary interest in item no. 9.4. as a quote had been submitted by a family member.

3. **Minutes** -

3.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 are to be signed as a true record.

4. **Guests** –

4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – PC Jason Pegden was present and updated the meeting as follows; There have been 5 calls to the Police since the last meeting, no reported crime. To be aware however, that there have been a number of high value burglaries in neighbouring villages. Also thefts from farms are high, in particular red diesel and quad bikes. We have a new Police boat which we hope will help deter marine crime. And we will be undertaking foot patrols in the evening. The time of year, acts as a reminder to all to be vigilant with regard heating oil and theft. The Police are looking for volunteers to join them, anyone interested should contact the Wells SNT.

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

6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong had submitted a generic report in her absence. The Clerk will contact her direct, to follow up on a couple of local items.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward gave the following update.

- BT Openreach Complaint - I have now received the details of a point of contact within BT/Openreach who deals with parliamentary complaints and will be forwarding all correspondence for review. Norman Lambs Office is also working with me to continue to lobby the relevant Minister. I have the

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details of the Ombudsman to begin a formal complaint, but have been advised that this is not a quick process.

- Queens Close Parking - David McQuade, the CEO of Flagship Housing has kept his promise and a meeting with the residents is scheduled to take place on 5th March. It is hoped that a resolution to this long running issue can be found.
- Rear of 8 Langham Road - the applicant does have planning permission for a vehicular access from Queens Close and NNDC does not have enforcement powers during the construction phase. Norfolk County Council is the Highways authority, who will need to give permission for the drop kerb.
- Draft Local Plan - the latest news on the timetable for the consultation on the draft documents is that all residents will be informed about the upcoming consultation in a briefing note contained within the annual Council tax mail out. The consultation period will run for six weeks and there will be local events for residents to review the draft documents in addition to an online consultation portal.
- Corpusty and Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Plan is going to out for referendum and the result should be known in early March.
- Kimberley - An extension of time has been granted and a meeting has been booked with the applicant to review the objections.

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.

Planning Applications;

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/19/0020** – *Proposal; Single storey side extension, demolition or rear seating area structure and installation of two roof lights at, **Flinders, 132 High Street, Blakeney**. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we ***object*** for the following reasons; Policy EN 8 – Protecting & Enhancing the Historic Environment; this application adversely affects the character and appearance of the Conservation Area in terms of the visual impact. Policy EN 4 – Design; this proposal would have an adverse effect on neighbouring residential property due to overshadowing. We concur with objections raised by a neighbouring property owner.*
- 8.2. Application no. **PF/18/23212** – *Proposal; Erection of summer house with roof terrace, and raising height of existing garden walls at, **North Granary, The Quay, Blakeney**. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we ***object*** for the following reasons; Policy EN 1 – Norfolk Coast Area of*

Outstanding Natural Beauty; We believe that this proposal would be significantly detrimental to the special qualities of the Norfolk Coast AONB, particularly given the vast increase in height of the garden wall. If permitted then this application would become rather dominant and adversely affect the relationship between the property and the Grade 11* Listed, Red House, to which it historically served as a granary/store and was subservient. NNDC recently commissioned a Blakeney Conservation Area & Management Plan, which we would suggest is referred to.

- 8.3. Application no. **PF/18/2335** – *Proposal; Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 6 (balustrading) of planning permission PF/17/1905 to allow for change of balustrade materials to a mix of glass and flint at, **North Granary, The Quay, Blakeney**.* It was **proposed & agreed** that we **object** for the following reasons; The plans and drawings are misleading and very confusing. The vast increase in height to the garden wall is of great concern, and again to note the recommendation within the pages of the Blakeney Conservation Area & Management Plan, which NNDC commissioned, and the recommendation that this property is given a Local Listing status. Again Policy EN 1 applies. We also object to the type of material being proposed.
- 8.4. Application no. **PF/18/1649** – *Proposal; Conversion of attached garage to living accommodation, including changes to fenestration. Extension to link building, including external courtyard staircase, balcony, pitched roof to replace existing lean-to roof, and first floor extension to North West elevation of existing lean-to building at, **The Tanning House, Mariners Hill, Blakeney**.* Also application no. **LA/18/1650**, internal works according to the schedule of proposed works. It was **proposed & agreed** that we **object** for the following reasons; The property lies within the Blakeney Conservation Area (Policy EN 8) and sits beside a number of listed buildings, in addition to be itself being a Grade 11 listed building. We believe that it will have an adverse effect on these neighbouring buildings, some of which it overlooks (Policy EN 4 – Design). The proposed materials and design are not sympathetic to the immediate area. We consider the plans inaccurate and misleading. We also have concerns over the highway/access and would refer you to comments made over a similar type of scenario under application no. PF/12/0094, due to the transport impact/parking provision under, and we have the same concerns with this application (Policy CT 5 & CT 6).
- 8.5. Application no. **PF/19/0062** – *Proposal; Installation of roof lights, Juliet balconies, enlarging dormer windows, fenestration alterations, part conversion of garage into habitable space, re-cladding front gable, driveway alterations and rebuilding of front boundary wall at, **Turnstone, 17 Back Lane, Blakeney**.* It was **proposed & agreed** that we have **no objection**.

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- 8.6. Application no. **LA/19/0125** – *Proposal; Internal works to include part removal of internal wall at ground and first floor and creation of downstairs WC at, **Anchor Cottage, 31 High Street, Blakeney**. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have **no objection**.*
- 8.7. Application no. **LA/19/0133** – *Proposal; Internal alterations to include reconfiguration to studwork walling on the first floor and repositioning of the lounge door at ground floor level at, **80 High Street, Blakeney**. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have **no objection**.*
- 8.8. In light of the unsatisfactory correspondence from Openreach, with regard the **B.T. Mast on Mariners Hill** it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we will take the following action; first contact Anglia News, as well as the contact at BT/Openreach that deals with Parliamentary complaints, then EDP, County Court. We contact CPRE, Open Spaces, NCC etc and look to find a planning specialist to draft out all our issues and help us take this forward.

9. FINANCE

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Accounts** totalling £8,022.51 are paid.

9.2. Clerk/RFO Report

- **Finance** - Members were in receipt of detailed income and expenditure since the last meeting and balances held.
- Questions were raised over the lack of any further income being paid by **The National Trust** from the Carnser Car Park for the months of November, December 2018 & January and February 2019. The Clerk and Chairman advised that an update was due from The National Trust, following a meeting with a member of their Finance Team at the end of last year. This would be chased, and they would be asked to come and explain any outcome to the Full Council.
- Members were happy to endorse the decision of the **Dinghy Park Management Committee**, appointing Theresa Schrem as a member of said committee.

9.3. **Community Fund Applications** – It was ***proposed & agreed*** to allocate the total sum of £2,811.00 as follows; Blakeney Area Historical Society £210, Blakeney Scout Group Executive Council £260, Blakeney Village Hall Trust £310, Blakeney Bingo £110, Blakeney Conservation Duckpond £210, Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team £260, Coastal Rowing Association Blakeney £310, Glaven Caring £271, East Anglian Air Ambulance £60, Pam & John Peake (Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute Display) £250,

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Open Spaces Society £50, Wells Community Hospital £50, North Norfolk Community Transport Scheme £50, Age Concern North Norfolk £50, Blakeney Primary School £180 & Blakeney Toddler Group £180.

Cllr Jenny Girling left the meeting at this point.

9.4. Two quotes had been received for **Redecorating** Parish Office, Hallway and WC. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we accept the lower of the quotes which was from Mr J Girling.

Cllr Jenny Girling re-joined the meeting.

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

10.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we ask our County Councillor to seek a review to the application criteria and issuing of on street **Parking Dispensations** and that we make an official complaint, as these are detrimental to our local businesses.

10.2. Members were in receipt of the most recent sets of minutes from the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** including most recent minutes. Alban Donohoe as Chairman of the group, gave an additional update, and they will continue to update us using these methods or an additional written report via Alban if need be.

10.3. Rosemary Thew, our representative on the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** advised that a meeting had been held last night, and that the draft document is progressing. The BPC reps on this group would like to bring the draft policies to the next BPC meeting for their consideration, as the final Neighbourhood Plan will be used by BPC to help determine future planning applications.

11. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – There were none.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1. Members considered and ***agreed*** the following in relation to future **Commemorative Seat** installations;

- Quayside = 21 in total (inc one to be sited) no additional seats, we consider this number to be sufficient.
- Mariners Hill = 5, no additional seats, this number is sufficient.
- Carnser Bank – Land owned by Environment Agency, ie. Sea Defence – Sufficient and BPC will make no further applications.

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- The Pastures = 3 - We feel that this site could take 3 more, however, final decision would lie with the Trustees of The Pastures.
- The Red House Land = Decisions here lie with the Trustees of The Red House Land/Bournes Corner.
- Playing Field = 2 – We feel that this could take 2 additional seats.
- Church Hall = 2, by Ice Cream Shop = 1 – No additions.
- Dinghy Park = 1 – No additions.
- Doctors Surgery = 1 – No additions.
- Langham Road = 1 – No additions.
- We will redraft our information on commemorative seats and will look to include the following; BPC reserves the right to reposition the seat, after installation each seat becomes the property of the village, should we no longer have a need for the seat then it will be offered back to the family, the aim will be to have identical seats along the quayside, made from the dark recycled material and hence over time those on the quayside will change.
- A request had been received to site a commemorative Picnic Table/Seat on the Playing Field – It was ***proposed & agreed*** (carried on Chairman's casting vote) that we are happy to grant permission for a commemorative bench only.

12.2. Members were advised that after 34 years as a **Red House Land Trustee** Godfrey Sayers has stepped down as a trustee, and was thanked in his absence. With no new trustee coming forward from the Parish Council this evening the vacancy will be advertised to the general public.

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

- **PF/18/2172** – Detached double garage at, Pippin House, Cley Road, Blakeney – **Application withdrawn.**
- **PF/18/1994** – 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, Waters Edge, (previously known as Flat D) Guildhall Flats, High Street, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **LA/18/2296** – Internal & external works at, 22 High Street, Blakeney – **Granted.**

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- **PF/18/2235** – Erection of single-storey rear extension and loft conversion with new rear dormer window at, 24 Queens Close, Blakeney – **Granted**.

12.4. Confidential Item – Exclusion of the Press/Public

*It was **proposed & agreed** that due the confidential nature of the business about to be considered, it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded.*

12.4. (i) – Affordable Housing going forward – **Proposed & agreed** (other than 1 abstention) to continue discussions with regard possible potential sites with Broadland Housing, Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society and landowners.

12.4. (ii) – Land adjacent Red House Land – **Proposed & agreed** to register this piece of land with the Land Registry.

Meeting closed at 9.57pm.

Chairman _____