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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5th July 2016** commencing at **7.00pm in the Parish Office.**

Present:- Tony Faulkner (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Margaret Benson, Alban Donohoe, Barry Girling, Roger Hall, Rosemary Thew, Neil Thompson & Iain Wolfe. Also, County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong & District Cllr, Andrew Wells.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 4.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received & ***accepted*** from; Edward Hackford (*away*) and Samantha Arlow (*unwell*). Alban Donohoe may arrive a little late.

Welcome to welcome our newest member, Iain Wolfe, having signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office',

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST from members –

- Rosemary Thew declared a personal interest in item no. 8.vii. – Planning application for 39 New Road, Blakeney, as the applicant is known in a social capacity.
- Iain Wolfe declared a pecuniary interest in the same application being an immediate neighbour.

3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the FULL COUNCIL meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016 are signed as a true record.

4. GUESTS –

- 4.1. PCSO Sarah Kirby of the **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** advised that; since the last meeting there have been 2 crimes recorded for Blakeney, one being a theft from a shop and the other a theft from a shed. An outboard and trailer have been stolen from Morston in that time and rural crimes are up, especially thefts of batteries.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were none.

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

6.1. **District Councillor** - Andrew Wells updated members with regard **The Blakeney Hotel** planning application scenario (ie. in reality NNDC are no further forward with this) and advised that Nicola Baker (Head of Planning at NNDC) has asked if a meeting could be held with a couple of representatives of the Parish Council and Andrew. Tony, and either Margaret or Rosemary would be happy to attend. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that BPC stands firmly by all of its decisions and comments to date.

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

Devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk: 74 of NCC 84 councillors were present to debate Devolution on Monday 27 June. The vast majority from all groups spoke. Reference was made to the potential benefits of the proposal, such as additional funding and transfer of certain decision making from the government. Concerns were also expressed such as potential ministerial changes related to the proposals; a mayor and a deputy with a 'cabinet' for each county in turn creating a third tier of local government.

Full details of the proposed scheme with the powers and money on offer are to be found on eastangliadevo.co.uk . In addition here is the link to the NCC Committees Page on Vimeo with a recording of NCC councillors debating the proposal:
<https://vimeo.com/user8603574>

It has been decided that a consultation is to take place from 4 July to 19 August. The outcome of the consultation will be submitted to the Secretary of State in early September with a further meeting of NCC by the end of October to consider the Secretary of State's view of the consultation and to debate the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for the two counties. (Similar process will take place for Suffolk.)

Safeguarding Adults: Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) has mailed information and material to all Norfolk parish and town councils. Parish and town councils play a vital role in safeguarding adult work and are key partners in helping to make Norfolk a safer place. To support ongoing links with parish and town council colleagues NSAB is hosting two partnerships events, one in September and another in November this year. Look out for the item at council meetings.

EDP/Norfolk County Council "Write On Norfolk" competition: aims to encourage Norfolk's youngest residents to keep up writing and literacy skills over the long summer holiday and complements the county's Big Read challenge run during the summer in all of Norfolk's libraries. Open to Norfolk children between five and 13 years old, the competition calls for an original piece of creative writing. Entries can be submitted now and until 31 August. Prizes of Jarrold book tokens worth £75, £50 and £25 and the winning entries will be published in the EDP and used as part of Norfolk County Council Libraries' Autumn storytelling festival. Details can be found on www.norfolk.gov.uk/writeon

Syrian Refugees: The situation regarding Syrian refugees in relation to Norfolk can be found on the NCC website for the Policy and Resources Committee which met on 31 May. The matter will now be discussed at full Council on 25 July the agenda for which will appear on the NCC website ten days before the meeting.

Parish Partnership: I am repeating details regarding this very useful partnership because there is a long list of parishes which have not applied in the past. It is the scheme whereby a town or parish council puts forward an application for a project and the county matches the funding. The SAM2 speed warning system has been

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popular and other ideas include trods (simple footway), small lengths of formal footways, improved crossing facilities, street furniture (cycle racks/benches at bus stops), improvements to Public rights of Way. As well as councils getting their thinking caps on there is no reason why residents could not put ideas to their parish council. The 2016/17 successful schemes are now underway and invitations to make bids for 2017/18 have been issued with a bid deadline of December with approvals next March.

7. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION –

- Very concerned with the thoughtless parking outside Spar, ie. vehicles parked right outside the entrance door, not leaving enough space for mobility scooters to access the shop. *(Clerk will ask for the lines to be repainted.)*
- Residents also concerned about the number of vehicles (especially vans) parked on pavements in recent weeks, particularly in Morston Road and Langham Road. *(Clerk will ask Parking Enforcement Team to remind/reinforce.)*

8. PLANNING –

PF = Full Planning Permission

PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters

LA = Alteration to Listed Building

- i) Application No. **LA/16/0704** – *Proposal; Internal and external alterations to facilitate erection of single and two-storey extensions to side and rear at, **95 High Street, Blakeney**. It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 2 abstentions) that we **object** to this application as it will overshadow the garden and conservatory of the neighbouring property. (Policy EN4 ‘Design’ states that proposals should not have a significantly detrimental effect on the residential amenity of nearby occupiers.)*
- ii) Application No. **PF/16/0559** – *Proposal; Erection of single and two-storey extensions to side and rear of dwelling at, **95 High Street, Blakeney**. It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 2 abstentions) that we **object** to this application as it will overshadow the garden and conservatory of the neighbouring property. (Policy EN4 ‘Design’ states that proposals should not have a significantly detrimental effect on the residential amenity of nearby occupiers.)*

Cllr Alban Donohoe arrived midway during the discussions relating to 95 High Street.

- iii) Application No. **PF/16/0699** – *Proposal; Erection of detached 4 bed chalet bungalow at, **8 Langham Road, Blakeney**. It was ***proposed &****

agreed that we **object** to this application as we feel that it is overdevelopment of the site, far too close to the neighbouring boundary, and will result in the loss of privacy and light to the neighbour. Also we have real concerns over the proposed vehicular access as proposed, as it is immediately adjacent The Blakeney Surgery Car Park, where parking during surgery hours are at best more than dangerous at times. This proposed additional access point onto the highway in Queen's Close, is in a very precarious position and should be looked at on site during morning surgery hours. (Policy EN4 applies, due to the significant detrimental effect on the neighbouring property and also the entrance route and access point, with regard it's location.)

- iv) Application No. **PF/16/0723** – *Proposal; Erection of two-storey rear extension and modifications to the existing, to minimise flooding and future damage to the property at, **Greencroft, 10 Morston Road, Blakeney.*** It was **proposed & agreed** (with 1 abstention) that we have **no objections**.
- v) Application No. **LA/16/0680** – *Proposal; Internal alterations to relocate the bathroom, update the kitchen and replace the staircase at, **102 High Street, Blakeney.*** It was **proposed & agreed** that we fully support this application. The proposals clearly outweigh the concerns which have been mentioned by the Conservation, Design & Landscape Officer. It is imperative that such alterations are permitted in order to allow the continuation of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society to provide affordable housing for local people, therefore allowing the older local people to remain in their home and their community. Such housing provision is the main source of social housing in this village and they must be fully supported. A staircase which is unfit for use, is no good to this property or the long term housing provision. (We therefore feel that the benefits outweigh the points listed in Policy EN8 'Protecting & Enhancing the Historic Environment'.)
- vi) Application No. **PF/16/0786** – *Proposal; Erection of two storey extension at, **8 Langham Road, Blakeney.*** It was **proposed & agreed** that we **object** to this application, and would refer you to our comments made in relation to application no. PF/16/0699. This application would result in serious overlooking from the balcony and first floor windows and the balcony and windows of the second floor at the rear. This is also overdevelopment of the site when combined with the additional application just mentioned for this site. (Policy EN4 'Design' applies.)
- vii) Retrospective Application No. **PF/16/0825** – *Proposal; Construction of earth bank and fencing at, **The Orchard, 39 New Road, Blakeney.*** (I.e. this work was undertaken by the applicants in October to December 2015 without permission from NNDC.)

Cllr Iain Wolfe, left the meeting at this point having declared a pecuniary interest.

It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we **object strongly** to this retrospective application as it very clearly begins to sub divide the Open Space and should not be permitted. (This work which has already been completed is contrary to Policy EN1 'Nfk Coast AONB, Policy EN2 'Protection & Enhancement of Landscape and Settlement Character' & of course Policy CT1 'Open Space Designation.)

It should be noted by the Development Committee that this application relates directly to previous planning applications which have been refused by NNDC, ie. PF/15/1898 (Erection of two storey dwelling and detached garage) & PF/15/0483 (Erection of a detached two storey dwelling) and hence this compartmental use of an Open Land area is significant to the future use of this land.

9. FINANCE

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that **Accounts** to date totalling £6,480.02 are paid.

9.2. Members were in receipt of the **Clerk/RFO Report** which gave the up to date figures for the Carnser and Coronation Car Parks and the cashbook figures to 28th June. Members asked for a comparative column for the 2015/16 income for Coronation Car Park to be added.

9.3. Contact had been made with 8 contractors asking for information including costs on taking over responsibility for the NCC Highways **Grass Verge Cutting** in the village. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we take over this role from Highways as soon as possible, that we accept the annual sum from them (currently around £780.00 per year) and that we place our contract with Stuart Clarke (Secret Gardens). This will result in around 14 cuts per year (from mid/late March to mid/late October) as opposed to the 5 undertaken by NCC.

9.4. Cost of current, and additional emptying of the **Dog Bins** in the village. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the 2 bins at the entrance to the dinghy park continue to be emptied all year round and that the following bins, be changed to a weekly collection throughout the season; top of The Pastures (nr Little Lane), bottom of The Pastures (nr Westgate St), slipway near The Red House Land, and on The Quay, by the public toilet block. All other bins to remain on the fortnightly empty all year round. This new routine to commence as soon as possible.

9.5. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that based on the advice received so far, with regard being able to move the new build project forward on the **Memorial Cottages Site** ie. due to the Charity Trustee and Parish Council relationship, we need to seek further professional legal advice as soon as possible.

In light of planning officers comments and neighbours concerns members reconsidered the draft drawings/plans. It was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 objection) that we ask SMG Architects to consider two alternatives; i) reverse the use of the rooms upstairs and place the bedrooms at the back as this would only overlook a garage end wall, and place the velux windows at the front, or ii) keep the dormers at the front, as they are aesthetically pleasing and by changing the upstairs internal layout, place opaque glass in the front facing bathroom window and the other would be a stairwell. (Tony will contact SMG.)

10. TRANSPORT ITEMS & REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

10.1. Members were in receipt of information from NCC re; the new round of **Highway's Parish Partnership Funding** and were asked to feed in ideas for further investigation. One scenario had already been brought to our attention, a possible request to enter into a bid for work on the private road 'Wilsons Way', with residents paying the Parish Council the 50% share, as the schemes and proposals have to be between the two local authorities. There was real concern over this option, and it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we will not enter into a 3 way scenario for works on unadopted roads, as the responsibility lies fully with the property/land owners.

11. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None received by deadline. (The Clerk advised that any complaints to do with business signage on the green here at the junction of the A149 should be passed directly to NCC Highways now as the landowner as BPC has spent hours on this in the past. Concerns over the recent road diversions had already been forwarded to NCC and will be re-emphasised.)

12. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

To note NNDC Planning Decisions Taken & Updates as well as any Planning Inspectorate Appeals.

Application No. **PF/16/0403** – *Proposal; Erection of first floor and ground floor extensions at, 65 Morston Road, Blakeney. NNDC: Granted.*

Application No. **NMA/15/1000** – *Proposal; Non material amendment to change fenestration to approved extension from casement to vertical sliding sash windows to match original house at, Blakeney Downs, Morston Road, Blakeney. NNDC: Granted.*

Application No. **PF/16/0442** – *Proposal; replacement door and erection of open porch at, Harbour Room, 139 – 141 High Street, Blakeney. NNDC: Granted.*

Application No. **PF/15/1847** – *Proposal; Demolition of detached dwelling and erection of 2 detached two and half-storey dwellings with associated garages at, Michaelmas Cottage, 1 Langham Road, Blakeney. NNDC: Granted.*

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Application No. **PM/15/1684** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 of Reserved Matters approval ref: 14/0773 to allow detached annex building to be used for holiday accommodation at, **Flinders, 132 High Street, Blakeney.** NNDC: **Granted.***

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman _____