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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

**Present**:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling & Jess Tutt.

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 5.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received & ***accepted*** from; Edward Hackford (*away*), Iain Wolfe (*work*), Neil Thompson (*family commitment*) & County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong.

2. There were no **Declarations of Interest** from members.

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

3.1. AGM – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

3.2. FULL COUNCIL – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

4. **GUESTS** –

4.1. Report from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** PC Jason Pegden, who is on rest days. There is a new protocol now in which means that we will not be regularly attending Parish Council meetings unless specifically required to do so, however please continue to send the invitation, and I will attend if it falls on my working shift and working operations allow. There have been 7 calls to the Police since the last Parish Council meeting, one being a road traffic accident in the High Street. No crime reported. We have experienced some marine crime along the coast. Please be vigilant and call anything suspicious in to 101 or non urgent matters by email.

*Cllr Samantha Arlow arrived at this point.*

4.2. Members thanked Victoria Egan (Interim General Manager, Norfolk Coast, Blakeney, National Trust) for coming along and giving her take on the public consultation from Natural England on **Access & Restrictions to Saltmarshes**. The N/T are very supportive of coastal access paths and have responded to the consultation, and want no change on their land in Blakeney. Blakeney Point is also not restricted by these new proposals. Stiffkey and Brancaster has separate issues to consider in terms of the saltmarsh and what is known as the spreading area. *BPC have already replied to this consultation and have received acknowledgment from Natural England.*

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Having studied the documents on behalf of The National Trust, Victoria was also able to offer her understanding of the NCC **Norfolk Access Improvement Plan**. (See *item no. 12.2.*) Conclusions; a very generic document, not specific to Blakeney at all. Of interest would be the creation of circular trail routes, nothing to cause alarm in my opinion.

5. There were no **Chairman's Announcements**.

### **6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –**

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong asked for our feedback on item no. 10.1. and number 12.2.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward shared the following report.

The main issues to report since you last met are as follows:-

- Advertising in breach of planning conditions: As requested I followed up the overt breach in the advertising of Michaelmas Cottage Annex. Unfortunately, the advertising is covered by different legislation and professional bodies and NNDC enforcement can only take action under planning legislation, if the house is sold and then the occupant starts to use the garage as a separate dwelling. I was deeply frustrated by this, so have made direct representations to Sowerbys and if I do not get an adequate response, I will submit a formal complaint to the Estate Agents' professional body.
- Queens Close: North Norfolk Radio took up the story and came out and interviewed the residents. The coverage was on their website and ran on the main bulletins on Saturday morning. A local resident is co-ordinating the response. With their agreement, I am going to contact Look East and also seek a meeting with the CEO of Flagship Housing.
- Enforcement: Change of use at Nest - New Road. Neighbours have asked me to refer this Development to the Enforcement & Environmental Health teams on the basis of change of use with no application and extreme light pollution which is impacting neighbours' amenity.
- Change of personnel: NNDC has held its annual meeting when the Chairs & Vice Chairs are elected for the overall Council and its committees. The Council remains in No Overall Control. Cllr Nick Coppack (Independent) is now Chair of the Council and Cllr. Brian Hannah (Lib Dem) is the Vice Chair. The Leader of the Council continues to be Cllr. John Lee (Conservative). The Cabinet Members are conservative councillors and the Chairs of Committees are either Independent or Liberal Democrat Councillors, so there are effective checks and balances now in place.

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- Poppyland – Planning ref. no. 14/1658; Members of the Parish Council had been made aware of concerns from members of the public with regard recent action at Plot 1, Poppyland, Back Lane, Blakeney. Apparently Tree Surgeons have been on site, and taken trees down, all of which is contrary to the planning permission/conditions granted. It is believed that Simon Case at NNDC has been informed. *Karen confirmed that she would follow this up as a matter of urgency.*

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

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

**Planning Applications**; *In order to reduce the number of extra ordinary meetings called, any applications which have been received by the Parish Council since the publication of the agenda and the actual meeting, will be considered at said meeting, unless the Parish Council decide otherwise. In order to advise the public, any such applications will have been listed on the Parish Council Facebook page and website.*

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/18/0860** – *Proposal; Variation of Conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission no. PF/17/0653 to change the external appearance of the ancillary studio building from red bricks to rendered thermalite blocks to match Sundown Cottage, at, **Sundown Cottage, The Downs, Blakeney.** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have ***no objection.****
- 8.2. Application no. Application no. **IB/18/0671** – *Proposal; Erection of 8.2m pole to facilitate provision of broadband at, **St. Nicholas Church Hall, The Quay, Blakeney.** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we ***object strongly*** to this application for a whole host of reasons, all of which have already been commented upon by Adam Afford, Trainee Planning Assistant, NNDC in his reply to Ms Patel, Openreach dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. To mention just a few of our concerns; Conservation Area, AONB, close proximity to a Grade II Listed Building, ie. The Guildhall on the same site, Protection of the Landscape etc. This application very clearly goes against all of these policies and many more. It is totally out of keeping with the surrounding area, and would be a complete eyesore and blot and the landscape.*
- 8.3. Application no. **PF/18/0932** – *Proposal; Erection of single storey extension; alterations to rear elevation including new dormer windows and raised patio at, **Fairacre, 72 Morston Road, Blakeney.** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have ***no objection.****
- 8.4. Application no. **PF/18/0889** – *Proposal; Replacement and additional windows (including some additional and altered openings); extended pump island with new kiosk; use of part of ground floor for car sales and first floor as cinema and associated alterations at, **Blakeney***

**Garage, Morston Road, Blakeney.** It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we support this application. *(As requested, District Cllr Karen Ward, will check whether this cinema is solely for private use or public use.)*

## **9. FINANCE**

9.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **Accounts** for the month of May totalling £11,534.7 are paid with the exception of holding back £500 of the sum due to NORSE until we have resolved our concerns over the grass cutting of our Open Spaces.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** gave details to the end of March 2018, as all figures had been received. The Clerk advised that a meeting of the Finance Committee would be called shortly, to discuss the workings of The Carnser Car Park with The National Trust going forward. The report for the first two months of this new financial year was verbally reported. All those who had been nominated for the 'Volunteer Community Awards 2018', had been in touch to say how delighted they were to have been nominated.

9.3. Members worked through the **Annual Return** for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we confirm that all answers to Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 are 'yes', other than question no. 9 which is not applicable, and that we approve and adopt this statement. We also confirm that the statements made in Section 2 – Accounting Statements for 207/18 are correct and that we approve and adopt this section also.

9.4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we now confirm our installation requirements in respect of the **Preventative Parking Bollards** as discussed previously with 'Rhino Security' and that we proceed before the start of the School Summer Holidays having taken our budget plans into account.

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

10.1. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we support the request from a member of the public asking NCC to install a sign at the entrance to **Saxlingham Road** on the B1156 and another at the A149 entrance to warn drivers that this is a single lane road, and is unsuitable for HGVs.

10.2. Members were in receipt of the **Code of Construction Practice** as produced and adopted by Cley Parish Council, and it was ***proposed & agreed*** that we should produce a version for Blakeney and submit to NNDC and ask that they send this out to all who apply for planning permission in Blakeney.

10.3. Alban Donohoe gave a comprehensive update/report from the latest meeting of the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team.**

- 10.4. Members were in receipt of the minutes from the most recent meeting of the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**. Of particular note, is that the fact that the next Community Consultation Event will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018, in Blakeney Village Hall from 10am til 2pm. *(District Cllr, Karen Ward advised that as Chairman of the NNDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee, she can confirm that there is to be a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, at which the emerging Local Plan will be considered. She will then email a report out to the Parish Council, as it falls the day after the next PC meeting.)*
- 10.5. Members were in receipt of the minutes from the meeting of the **North Norfolk Coast Advisory Group** held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- 10.6. HM Government Consultation: **Powers for dealing with unauthorised developments and encampments** ; deadline for comments to NorfolkALC is 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that as a majority of the questions were not applicable to us, that we seek a copy of the response submitted by Norfolk Association of Local Councils and NNDC and consider whether we have anything to add.

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

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. A request to consider installing **Low Level Lighting** along Blakeney Quay Footpath following an accident had been received from a member of the public. NCC had been contacted as the landowner and confirmed that it was not something that they would consider for this location, but that the Parish Council were welcome to consider an application for street furniture or via the next round of Parish Partnership funding. Given the nature of the area in question, it was ***proposed & agreed*** (other than 1 against) that we do not install any such lighting.

12.2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we have no comments that we wish to submit in response to the consultation on the NCC **Norfolk Access Improvement Plan** (107 pages). Worthy of note, is the exercise we embarked upon only a year ago, looking into our footpaths in association with the definitive map.

12.3. It was ***proposed & agreed***, that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

*Two of the three applicants were present and invited to stay, and introduce themselves and address the members of the Parish Council members which they did. They were then asked to leave the meeting.*

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Members were in receipt of the three applications for the current **Parish Councillor Vacancy** in order to fill the vacancy by co-option this evening.

A signed ballot was requested, and hence 2 rounds of voting, by elimination took place. The person duly co-opted was Mr Nigel Sutcliffe. All three will be contacted by the Parish Clerk.

*Meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_