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

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

*Also attended: Karen Ward (District Cllr) & PC Jason Pegden.*

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public**:- 6.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were ***accepted*** from Shirley Everett and County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong.

2. **Declarations of Interest** from members under the Code of Conduct.

- Rosemary Thew – personal interest in item no. 4.1. as knows some of the neighbours who have objected.
- Iain Wolfe – pecuniary interest in item no. 8.1. as this property adjoins my own.

3. **Minutes** -

3.1. ***Resolved*** that the minutes of the extraordinary **Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 are to be signed as a true record.

3.2. ***Resolved*** that the minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 are to be signed as a true record.

3.3. ***Resolved*** that the minutes of the extraordinary **Full Council Meeting** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 are to be signed as a true record.

4. **Guests** –

- 4.1. **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – PC Jason Pegden reported that there have been 7 calls to the Police since the last meeting, 1 theft from a dwelling, 1 online blackmail and 2 persons caught in possession of a controlled substance on the Quay. Also will be sharing direct email address and mobile number for public use.

5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** – We now have the wreaths for the Remembrance Day Services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov; Chairman happy to represent BPC.

6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

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6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong, although unable to be with us, had earlier in the day forwarded an email advising;

**Consultation on Division Boundaries:** the Local Government Boundary Commission for England began this 10 week consultation on 24<sup>th</sup> September, it closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> December (the Parish & Town Councils seem to be unaware of it). The draft recommendations will be published in 2020 and a further consultation on these recommendations will be held.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward gave the following report;

**Queens Close:** I met with Flagship Victory last week to discuss the ongoing dispute about parking and disabled access to properties in Queens Close. Whilst it has not been possible to find a satisfactory resolution to the land transfer proposal to enable parking on the green, I am pleased that the work to provide a safe, level pedestrian access has been agreed. A new path will be constructed which will allow a vehicle to pull up and for a passenger to disembark directly onto a flat surface and then proceed to their home on the flat. This makes the access much safer than the current steep slope. This work is scheduled to commence before the winter season sets in.

**Enforcement:** NNDC enforcement are already working with the owner of the land to the rear of the Red House. A stop notice has been issued to ensure no work is undertaken without the necessary permissions.

**Outdoor shower on the Quay:** Officers at NNDC have been asked to look at the feasibility of installing an outside shower on the external wall of the NNDC toilet block on Blakeney Quay. As the Parish Council owns the land adjacent to the toilet block, you will need to decide if this is a proposal you wish to support. (*BPC supported and thus forwarded this initial request to NNDC last month.*) I have asked Officers to provide a brief report on the proposal so Blakeney PC can consider it at a future meeting.

## **7. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

- *Applicants of 4 Whitefriars, Back Lane presented their thoughts on their planning application and the reasons for it.*

*Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived.*

- *Neighbours of 'Otium', formerly 'Seven Bells, New Road', presented their reasons for objecting to the current planning application.*

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

8.1. *Cllr Iain Wolfe left the meeting for this item.*

Application no. **PF/19/1632** – Proposal; Two storey detached dwelling following demolition of existing single storey dwelling at, **'Otium' (formerly Seven Bells), High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – Object;** Due to the potential overlooking (Policy EN4) of 41a New Road (bedroom, bathroom and garden) and Byways, High Street. Concerns have been raised over the land ownership and rights of way and these should be determined as we are led to believe that they do not accurately indicate the shape and size of the site. We would also want to know where the air source heat pump is to be placed.

- 8.2. Application no. **PF/19/1681** – Proposal; Two storey and part single storey detached dwelling and detached double garage with annexe accommodation above following demolition of existing dwelling and garage at, **Pinetrees, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney.** **Resolved – Object;** (An initial proposal of no objection was not seconded.) We have concerns over the size/mass which we consider to be overdevelopment on this site, concerns over the close proximity to the boundary of the property known as 'Cobbles' and over the garage becoming an additional building.
- 8.3. Application no. **LA/19/1743** – Proposal; Replacement windows to north & west elevations at, **Anchor Gift Shop, High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.4. Application no. **PF/19/1373** – Proposal; Alterations and extensions (inc. partial demolition) to form new first floor accommodation following removal of part of existing roof and alterations to windows at, **4 Whitefriars, Back Lane, Blakeney.** **Resolved – Object;** We consider the materials to be most unsuitable for use in this sensitive location which is highly visible from the Coastal Path, and want to see the gable end kept as it is, given that this is part of one large property. We would want to see brick and flint used on this building which lies within the AONB and the Conservation Area. (NNDC are reminded of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for Blakeney which they have adopted.)
- 8.5. Application no. **ADV/19/1297** – Proposal; Erection and display of 1 x illuminated fascia sign and **1 x illuminated hanging sign** at, **5A The Granary (Blakeney Cottage Company), High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – Object;** Our previous reasons for objecting still stand; ie. this illuminated hanging sign proposed for the north, is totally out of keeping and in a conservation/heritage area, and would simply look awful on this wall which marks the historic flood heights. Does nothing to protect or enhance the area and goes against our Dark Skies policy. Also we objected to the one facing east (High Street) side if it is to be illuminated but would have no objection to this one sign, if non-

*illuminated. (NNDC are reminded of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for Blakeney which they have adopted.)*

- 8.6. Application no. **LA/19/1488** – Proposal; Works to initially remove and later fully restore existing chimney stack (to carry out conversion works to second floor below) at, **The Manor Hotel, Blakeney**. **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.7. Application no. **PF/19/1871** – Proposal; Replacement of 2 no rooflights with 2 no. dormer windows to rear at, **Squirrels, Old Rectory Lane, Blakeney**. **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.8. Application no. **PF/19/1785**- Proposal; Erection of one and a half storey detached dwelling (part retrospective) at, **8 Langham Road, Blakeney**. **Resolved – Object;** The number of retrospective applications for this property show a blatant disregard for the planning system and any permissions that may or may not have been granted and we therefore object outright to this application. We ask that NNDC takes strict enforcement action against this property/applicants. There are now 4 windows in the upper part of this dwelling for which there is no planning permission.

## **9. FINANCE**

- 9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £15,332.84 are paid and approved.
- 9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Members were in receipt of the cashbook figures to date.
- Also two Cllrs from each Parish Council are invited to a meeting with the Local Police Inspector for the Fakenham area, Inspector Ed Brown on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1pm in Hindringham Village Hall. Rosemary Thew will attend. (Noted that a time of 1pm during the working week, is most unsuitable.)
- 9.3. **Finance Committee** will next meet on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in order to work towards presenting budget and precept recommendations to Full Council.
- 9.4. Members noted the satisfactory completion of the **2018/19 Audit**.

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

- 10.1. Alban Donohoe, Chairman of the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** updated members on recent informal discussions. The N/T has asked BPC to consider the issue of the eroding corner of

the Carnser and the extension of the quay heading and whether to defer any N/T action in lieu of wider conversations. **Resolved** – With no plans to consider, we are therefore unable to defer. We need to know if the N/T are simply choosing not to make a decision on this work or if they are in fact unable to. A meeting between the BC3T was held 3 months ago, and they are yet to receive any feedback.

## **11. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

- Item for next agenda; to receive a report from The Blakeney Village Hall Trust.
- Dog Bins – emptying programme, costs etc.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 12.1. **Tree Planting Scheme** – The Trustees of The Pastures have already agreed and instructed for a mixed beech hedge to be planted and we will enquire via our District Cllr if this could come under the umbrella of the tree planting scheme that NNDC have with the Woodland Trust.

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

- **PF/19/1105** – Single storey side extension; replacement roof with higher ridge level with dormers to north elevation; alterations to window openings at, 21 Kingsway, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **PF/19/0768** – Change of use of land (paddock) to enable the relocation of an existing static caravan business at, Caravan Site, Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **PF/19/1037** – Single storey building for use as holiday let. **APPEAL RECEIVED.**
- **PF/19/1431** – Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission PF?18/0932 to allow omission of western chimney breast at, Fairacre, 72 Morston Road, Blakeney – **Granted.**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

*Chairman* \_\_\_\_\_