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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** will was held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

**Present:**- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe, Neil Thompson & Jess Tutt.

**Clerk:**- Tracey Bayfield.

**Public:**- 2.

**1. Apologies for Absence** – **Accepted** from; Alban Donohoe (*work*), Barry Girling will join us, but will be a little late due to work. District Cllr Karen Ward (*work*) & County Cllr Dr. Marie Strong (*unwell*). Victoria Egan N/T (*away*).

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

**3.** It was **resolved** to accept the **Minutes** of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and to sign them as a true record.

**4. Guests** – **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – not present and no report received.

**5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** – A meeting has been arranged with representatives from NCC Highways on 16<sup>th</sup> April, at 1pm in the Parish Office, to discuss the issues raised with regard Westgate Street and traffic congestion as agreed previously. Interested Parish Cllrs, are welcome to attend, but please read the historic reports which are in circulation first.

## **6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –**

**6.1. County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong had submitted the following report in her absence.

**Voting in the May District Council Elections:** I ask all young women to honour the sacrifices women endured to get them - and me the right to vote - by registering to vote and using it. And there was a time when only a 'select' number of young men could vote so I hope that all young people make use of the power the vote can give.

**Kickstart Moped Scheme:** Our young people in rural areas often struggle without transport and this scheme offers then help to access post 16 education, training, apprenticeships or employment. The rural scheme provides a discounted scheme for young people 'Not in Education or Employment' and can be found on:

<https://www.kickstartmopeds.org.uk/kickstart-moped-scheme>

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**Changes to District Wards and County Divisions:** The process regarding district wards is complete and the changes will take place in line with the May District Council Elections. Discussions have now commenced as to how the county council divisions should be re-figured and such changes will take place in line with the county council elections in May 2021. Until then the parishes in the Wells Division will remain as shown at the end of this newsletter.

**Parking Infringements:** Easter approaches along with the understandable complaints from bus drivers about inconsiderate parking making a mockery of their timetable and from residents who struggle to leave their own driveway as a result of cars overlapping their exit. Send your complaints to [parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk) with as much information as possible such as time/day of week, location etc; one or two photographs can help.

**Blue Badges and Safety:** NCC Highways Officers attending Wells with regard to the traffic regs project have been shocked to see Blue Badge holders parking on corners putting themselves and others at risk. I gather this situation arises elsewhere so apart from common sense as to safety please remember a Blue Badge does not mean you can park anywhere and everywhere – read the details provided with your badge. Be Safe!

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward submitted the following report in her absence.

**Planning** - The Development Committee considered the **North Granary** application for increased garden walls. The applicant helped by illustrating clearly what was to be increased and where. The Committee felt that the proposed improvements to the wall's appearance when approached from the Coastal path were to be commended. Due to the raised height of the Coastal Path (so you look down onto the site) and the existing wall heights on the site, it was felt the proposed increases were not overbearing and the application was approved. I have subsequently spoke to the applicant who hopes to get the builders back to conclude the work ASAP so the site can be cleared.

**Blakeney Garage** - The changes to the gables were not permitted under a Non Material Amendment and a full planning application will need to be submitted. This should be with you soon. The builders uncovered original windows in either gable end and wishes to restore them, but this was not in the original planning permission. I can confirm that black out blinds are being installed so light from the cinema projections will not be visible outside the building. The applicant is mindful of the dark sky nature in Blakeney.

**Queens Close** - The Legal teams at NNDC and Victory are working on the agreement to transfer the land, so we can open access again. I hope this process does not take too long.

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**Openreach** have contacted Norman and I to confirm agreements have been reached to enable the mast to be removed.

I hope this will not be the last time I write to you as your District Councillor and that I will be back after the elections, but please rest assured that if I am unsuccessful I will make sure I do full handover of ongoing casework to your new Cllr.

*In her absence, and without prejudice, we thank Karen for all her work for the Glaven Valley Ward looking backwards.*

7. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – was not required.

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

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/19/0379** – Proposal; Two-storey extension to east elevations, new/altered dormers to front; render and vertical boarding to walls; replacement roof tiles at, **Tern Cottage, 1 Pintail Drive, Blakeney. Resolved** – no objection.
- 8.2. Application no. **PF/19/0354** – Proposal; Conversion of garage into office/utility room and replacement of flat roof with a pitched roof at, **Church Way, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – no objection.
- 8.3. Application no. **la/19/0497** – Proposal; Works to remove shutters to windows and making good of window frames at, **147 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved** – no objection.
- 8.4. Proposal; from **Blakemore Retail (Spar)** for a non illuminated sign on the end of their building to highlight Post Office and Spar. **Resolved** – no objection to the portrait style sign as shown.
- 8.5. A successful meeting was had with the Surveyor from Openreach with regard the **B.T. Mast on Mariners Hill** and a Wayleave has been signed on behalf of BPC authorising a small sunken unit to be installed at the rear of the picket fence on Mariners Hill, which will be at ground level, and therefore visually unobtrusive. This in turn, will allow the 8.2m pole to be removed from Mariners Hill at no cost to the Parish Council. In fact, a one off payment of £ 411.86 has been made to the Parish Council. We look forward to seeing this finally resolved and our thanks go to everyone who has helped us with this unfortunate scenario.

9. **FINANCE**

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9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £9,833.66 for the month of March 2019 are to be paid.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

- Members were in receipt of cashbook **balances** and car park income to date.
- Meeting needed with **Scout Executive** needed to resolve the lease; RT, JG, JT and EH all willing to attend as soon as we can arrange.
- **Gray's Funfair** will be on The Carnser from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August inclusive, and they will join us for the Party on The Pastures on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

*Cllr Barry Girling arrived.*

9.3. All three Norfolk County Council **Parish Partnership Funding** applications were successful, our thanks to all at NCC who approved our bids.

- Wilsons Way project – Repairs and remodelling of highways footpath and access to Wilson's Way – Funded by NCC and residents of Wilson's Way.
- Red House Land/Highways – Replacement posts at The Red House Land – Funded by NCC and Red House Land Trust.
- Replacement Posts at bottom of High Street – Removal of rotten wooden posts and replace with white bollards, on Quay at bottom of High Street – Funded by NCC and BPC.

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

- 10.1. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** have met with The National Trust and await their detailed reply as to the proposals. Will meet with BPC once they have these.
- 10.2. **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** met on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting was also attended by Stuart Harrison, Graham Connolly and Karen Ward from NNDC. Stuart gave feedback on our draft plan, following the 19-page document of comments which had been emailed to members of the group that afternoon, although most of the group had not had the chance to read it. We were advised that the comments were comprehensive and were given by various NNDC departments and were designed to be constructive.

Stuart advised that NNDC believed that more evidence was required to support the policies, and on behalf of NNDC he offered to provide workshops with officers from different departments to go through the draft NPSG policies with the members of the Steering Group. Dates are to be arranged. The NPSG are going to submit their own comments on the NNDC feedback to the group Secretary to aid future discussion.

- 10.3. **Resolved** that we support the proposed draft **Blakeney Quay Code of Conduct** from The Blakeney Harbour Association dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 as we believe that this is a good idea in principle. We would suggest that a leaflet drop is done on the boats.

11. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – There were none.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None at time of print.

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

- **PF/18/1889** – Erection of single storey detached outbuilding at, Three Owls Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney – **Permission granted.**
- **PF/19/0020** – Single storey side extension, demolition of rear seating area structure and installation of two roof lights at, Flinders, 132 High Street, Blakeney - **Permission granted.**
- **LA/18/2247** – Internal & external alterations at, Flinders, 132 High Street, Blakeney – **Permission granted.**
- **PF/18/1649** – 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 – **Permission granted.**
- **LA/18/1650** – As item no. PF/18/1649 above, but for internal works according to schedule of proposed works at, The Tanning House, Mariners Hill, Blakeney – **Permission granted.**

**12.2. Confidential Item – Exclusion of the Press/Public**

In the absence of The N/T this item will be carried forward to our May meeting.

12.2. Updates from The National Trust; i) Annual Carnser Car Park Agreement, incorporating the Service Level, ii) 2018/19 Year End figures.

Meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_