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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Monday 10th June 2019** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Non Attendance:- Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 3.

1. Apologies for Absence – Were ***accepted*** from; Edward Hackford (*away*), Neil Thompson (*Blakeney 12 meeting*) & Jess Tutt (*Holiday*).

2. Declarations of Interest from members were;

- Item no. 8.1. – Nigel Sutcliffe; Personal interest as neighbour to no. 69 Morston Road.

3. Minutes -

3.1. ***Resolved*** that the minutes of the **AGM** which was held on Tuesday 7th May 2019 are signed as a true record.

3.2. ***Resolved*** that the minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 7th May 2019 are signed as a true record.

4. Guests –

- 4.1. Written report received in the absence of **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** – Since the last Parish Council meeting there has been: 1 x report of criminal damage, 13 calls to the Police, no traffic accidents. We have had a number of farm burglaries and a number of thefts at Morston Quay involving thefts from boats. We have a number of Police volunteers crewing the Police boat with PC Jason Pegden, and have undertaken patrols at Blakeney/Morston and Wells and conducted foot patrols on the quay at Blakeney, having moored alongside the quay wall and spoken to several members of the public. There has been information received of suspicious craft landing at isolated beaches with possible drug or people trafficking. This must always be called into 101 or 999 and we will act and inform Border Force.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

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

Wells-next-the-Sea Recycling Centre Re-use Shop – latest information: The centre will be open for business no later than Saturday 8th June 2019.

BBfN Norfolk and New Housing Developments: Happily I am hearing more about plans for affordable housing for local residents. And to ensure such housing is equipped for broadband it is important for developers of new sites to register with 'Openreach'. It is important because State aid rules mean NCC's Better Broadband for Norfolk programme can only provide a solution for postcodes that existed at the time when its contract was being created. For sites of 30 units or more Openreach install Fibre to the Premises at no cost to the developer. For developments smaller than 30 units there is now has a sliding scale. The link for developers to register is: <https://www.ournetwork.openreach.co.uk/property-developers/site-registration.aspx>

Children's Centres: If you google 'Action for Children' you will find information regarding this organisation which has been appointed to run the remaining 15 children's centres. We await its plans. On behalf of all who have made use of the children's centres I extend my thanks to the staff for their services and hope that anyone whose services are no longer required will swiftly find employment.

Mobile Libraries: Due to a change of staff at the central office there has been a delay in circulating upto date information regarding provision of mobile libraries to all parish councils. However, I am assured this situation has been rectified. Contained in the information are details of how to request additional stops. I would ask local councillors to please publicise information regarding this excellent service.

Cabinet System: Norfolk County Council has now moved back to the cabinet system. For details follow this rather tortuous google search: '*Norfolk.gov.uk*': Look for the sub-menu: '*What we do and how we work*' and select the option: '*Councillors, meetings, decisions and elections*'. Then from the next group of menus select '*Committees, agendas and recent decisions*' and then select '*Cabinet*' which lists cabinet members and is then followed by a link to '*Committee details, including meeting dates, members, agendas and minutes*'. It is the latter which will show you decisions taken which affect your life. (The meetings are now made available on YouTube but presently the link is not made available until each agenda is issued. So at least for now you will need to access the agenda as detailed above.)

Traffic Signage and Foliage: Always a dilemma for Highways and those local councils which have responsibility for grass cutting – and for owners of hedges – as to when to cut and how much to cut. Spring and summer foliage is lovely to see but please ask the question is visibility adequate for safety and to view warning signs. Also are the 'gates' paid for by local councils with NCC support sufficiently visible for the intended job i.e. to show drivers they are approaching homes, children playing, elderly walking. (At the same time I continue to support NCC's 'roadside nature reserves' and have asked to be kept informed as and if further funding allows for an extension of the scheme.)

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

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NNDC in general - We are working on our corporate plan for 2019 – 2023 and have identified four overarching priorities:

1. Putting residents at the heart of everything we do
2. Financial sustainability – investing in local communities
3. Tackling climate change and ensuring environmental sustainability across all areas of responsibility
4. Local Homes for Local People

We have commissioned an external independent Capacity & Capability Review of all parts of NNDC. This has commenced and will report by mid-July. This will inform our decisions about where changes need to be made and where we need to make additional investments. In addition, we are working with a mentor from the Local Government Association to ensure we have access to best practice examples from across the UK for each portfolio area.

Portfolio – Planning & Housing - The emerging Local Plan consultation concludes this week. The Planning Policy & Built Heritage Working Party will then convene on a monthly basis to consider the feedback and work towards a final version of the Local Plan. I have proposed that the Working Party does not only meet in Cromer but holds its meetings out in the communities which are most effected by the proposals. This will enable residents to listen to the discussions and decision making without needing to travel to NNDC offices. I hope this increases participation and buy-in to the Local Plan.

Blakeney Local Issues –

Queens Close – talks ongoing. On the agenda this evening

BT Openreach mast – connection work being undertaken out of hours on Weds 12th June

Norfolk Day photos – Sailing Club, Rowing Club & Blakeney Hotel

Blakeney Garage – Planning officer has been on site and advised applicant re signage, lighting and flue

Kimberley – I am awaiting report from Officers

Article 4 Directions – to be considered at Portfolio meeting this coming Friday

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.

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/19/0671** – *Proposal; Alterations and extensions including raising the roof height and pitch to facilitate additional first floor accommodation to main house and annexe resulting in a self-contained annexe, changes to fenestration and installation of Juliet balconies to north and south elevations at, **69 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved – Object** for the following reasons (one abstention); Affects to neighbouring property include; loss of light,*

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shading, overlooking and privacy, in addition we feel that this is overdevelopment of the site, and the scale is disproportionate.

8.2. Application no. **PF/19/0768** – *Proposal; Change of use of land (paddock) to enable the relocation of an existing static caravan business at, **Galley Hill House, Blakeney**. **Resolved – No objection.***

8.3. North Norfolk District Council first draft **Local Plan** – **Resolved** to reply as follows;

- Having received representations from a member of the public regarding the possible development of the NNDC areas designated BLA01 (Land South of Morston Road) and BLA09 (Land West of Langham Road) in the draft Local Plan, we have urged the author to make their views known to NNDC, and we would ask that NNDC review this on its merits.
- Second Homes and change of use from residential to holiday accommodation – We would like these to be subject to a change of use application.
- Second Homes – We would like to see them levied with a higher Council Tax, which then goes back into the village, towards new affordable housing for local people.
- New development – We would like new properties to be solely used as principle dwellings only, no new additional second homes.
- Local Employment – We would like to see development proposals that create new employment.

9. FINANCE

9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £15,209.53 are paid.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

- Members were in receipt of balances and car park income figures to date.
- Nigel Sutcliffe has confirmed that he is happy to join the Affordable Housing Committee.
- We are now entering the second year of a 3-year long term agreement with our insurance providers. The BMX track surface is not covered by insurance.

9.3. **Resolved** that we adopt the following sections of the **Annual Return** for the year ended 31st March 2019. Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 and then Section 2 – Accounting Statements for 2018/19.

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

10.1. ***Resolved*** not to accept the gift of the grassed area of land at **Queens Close** (by the bungalows) from Flagship/Victory Housing to Blakeney Parish Council. Having considered all aspects including legal and financial, we feel that it is best if Flagship/Victory, gift this piece of land to North Norfolk District Council, and we would urge them to then resolve the parking issues.

10.2. ***Resolved*** to accept the offer from the **Antiques Fair** to engage a person to try to prevent people from parking in the entrance area and by the no parking areas at the village hall. We are happy to see how this goes and thank them for the offer.

10.3. Our representative, Alban Donohoe on the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** advised that they are still liaising with stakeholders, and will come to us in due course.

10.4. **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**, our Chairman advised us that the independent review of our draft plan was currently in progress and that we hope to have the report by the end of this week.

11. There were no **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1. ***Resolved*** not to give financial support to the **Open Spaces Society** to help save public highways on common land in Dorset.

12.2. ***Resolved*** to look into costs for a replacement **Cricket Net** on the Playing Field.

12.3. ***Resolved*** to add an item to our **4 Year Plan**; to facilitate and support local rural enterprise, in particular start up businesses, by being proactive in trying to secure start up units. Raise this with NNDC via the Local Plan feedback, as per item no. 8.3. and ask NNDC to consider the now redundant garage blocks in Queens Close and also to consider mixed use allocation ie. business units with flats above for example.

12.4. Nfk SLCC & Nfk ALC **Joint Summer Conference** at Norwich City FC on Friday 12th July. The Chairman and Parish Clerk will attend.

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

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- **PF/19/0619** – Erection of first rear extension at, 32 Morston Road, Blakeney – **Granted.**

12.5. Confidential Item – Exclusion of the Press/Public

Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be considered, it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded.

Resolved to accept the revised and updated Annual Carnser Car Park Agreement, incorporating the Service Level with The National Trust.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Chairman _____