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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:- Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe, Neil Thompson, Jess Tutt & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 4.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – ***accepted*** from Rosemary Thew (*long standing prior engagement*) & County Cllr Dr. Marie Strong.

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

3. ***Resolved*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2019 are to be signed as a true record.

Neil Thompson & Iain Wolfe arrived.

4. **Guests** – No report received from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)**.

5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong; written report received, nothing specific to the parish.

Samantha Arlow arrived.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward; written report received as follows.

NNDC News - An extra Cabinet Meeting in August was organised to make decisions about two projects inherited from the previous administration; Egmere Business Zone and Cromer Sports and Tennis Hub. A review of the business cases for both these projects concluded that both had considerable difficulties in delivery and neither project offered good value for the residents of North Norfolk. They have therefore been stopped. Other projects are still under review as part of the Corporate Plan process.

After declaring a climate emergency in April, we held our first Citizen's Environmental Forum on 15th August, and it was very well attended by a range of interested residents and local experts. Seven environmental themes were explored and lots of great ideas have emerged. These are now being prioritised and will be subject to further consultation with North Norfolk residents at the annual Greenbuild event on 7th & 8th September.

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Local Parish News - Queens Close – due to the extended medical leave of the Asset Manager, no further progress has been made, but this is due for review in the next fortnight.

Enforcement – Action is ongoing at the property to the rear of 8 Langham Road and as it is a live case, I cannot make further comments at this time. The owners of North Granary have been advised that planning permission is required for a flue on an outbuilding and the flue needs to be painted a matt dark grey. Concerns have been raised with the enforcement team regarding work that is taking place at the Red House Barns.

BPC wish it to be known that they are very pleased to hear of positive enforcement action being taken by NNDC across the district.

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/19/1149** – *Proposal; Demolish existing dwelling and erection of two storey detached dwelling at, **Shingle House, 5 Westgate Street, Blakeney.***

Resolved – Object; *as per our previous objections for this property, ie. Overdevelopment of site, which would suit a replacement single storey dwelling only, we still have concerns over the amount of vehicular traffic which is expected to use this entrance/exit point at a confined area in Westgate Street, and we note the points raised by neighbouring properties such as loss of light & overlooking/privacy (EN4). We continue to be aware of the fact that, via appeal to The Planning Inspector, permission was recently granted for 2 large houses adjacent, (in this yard) and hence our objections continue to reflect our immediate and wider concerns.*
 - 8.2. Application no. **PF/19/1333** – *Proposal; Single storey extension to annexe at, **The Whins, The Downs, Blakeney.** ***Resolved – No objection;*** *subject to the following condition: Only to be used as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling, not to be used as a holiday let/separate dwelling.**
 - 8.3. Application no. **PF/19/1105** – *Proposal; Single storey side extension; replacement roof with higher ridge level with dormers to north elevation; alterations to window openings at, **21 Kingsway, Blakeney.** ***Resolved – No objection.****

9. **FINANCE**

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9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £14,435.95 are signed as a true record.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

- Members were in receipt of the car park income figures to date and the cashbook figures.
- Royal Mail have confirmed that the postbox outside the Doctors Surgery will be replaced, and that they will endeavour to complete this within 12 – 16 weeks.

9.3. Norfolk County Council **Parish Partnership Funding Scheme** – The following were each considered;

- Pothole repairs on The Pastures driveway – ***Resolved to apply.***
- Embankment work on The Pastures – ***Resolved to apply.***
- Electric vehicle charge points at the Village Hall Car Park in association with Blakeney Garage – ***Resolved to apply.***
- Coronation Lane – ***Resolved to defer.*** In the meantime, approach the adjacent owners of the lane and gather their views.
- Village Entrance Signs/Gateways – ***Resolved to defer.***

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

10.1. Alban advised that himself, Victoria Egan (N/T) and Phil Dyke, Coastal Marine Specialist (N/T) had met today to discuss the pending projects of the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** ie. the issue of the eroding corner of the Carnser and the extension of the quay heading. This was a positive meeting and we look forward to hearing more.

10.2. **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** – The Clerk advised that the next step was for the Full Council consider the draft plan, and hopefully confirm that they are happy for it to go to out to public pre-consultation. BPC have an extraordinary meeting to discuss this on Tuesday 17th September. During the 6-week consultation period there will be a drop in event in the village hall on the 22nd and 23rd October.

10.3. **Party on The Pastures Committee** – Event was a great success. Committee was given a budget of £2,500 and tasked with trying to make it a cost neutral event. Expenditure this year was £3,775.96 and

income was £4,113.60, giving a surplus of £337.64, however, from these figures the P.O.P. committee agreed in advance to give the proceeds from the auction of promises (£881) and Blakeney Garage raffle (£181) to the Parish Councils 'Community Fund'. This reduces our income by £1,062.00 and means that we will have used £724.36 of our budget. Given that the 'Community Fund' has a budget of £3,000 the committee would like to ask the 'Bonfire & Fireworks Committee/BPC' to cap the amount raised at this year's event to reach the £3K budget and look to use anything over this figure to build up the 'Public Events budget', in order to improve these 2 free public events. The committee also needs to seek confirmation now, that it will be allocated at least £2,500 as a budget for 2020 as we need to start making bookings now.

Resolved – Budget of £2,500 will be allocated to the Party on The Pastures Committee and to cap the 'Community Fund' at £3,000 for 2019/20 subject to the Bonfire and Fireworks committee agreeing.

11. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None received.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. ***Resolved*** – Given the demographics of our village we do not grant permission for Clothes Aid to carry out **House to House Charity Collections** in Blakeney on behalf of Cancer Support UK. Should they wish, then we will look to see if our recycling area can take a collection bank for them in addition to the one we already have.

12.2. Members noted the report from the **Blakeney Sports Club** and would urge them not to lose the football element of the MUGA, but to come and speak with us.

13. **Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press/Public**

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

13.1. ***Resolved*** that subject to a minor amendment to point 12 (list of users & S.E. to cover legal costs associated with point 12) and point no. 19 to read; the Tenant will, as opposed to may, that we are happy with the draft Heads of Term in relation to the draft **Scout Lease**.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Chairman _____