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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th January 2020** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe.

Invited Guests:- Ross Bullard (Came & Co Insurance) & Victoria Egan (The National Trust)

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 40+ after fair item 7

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received and ***accepted*** from; Jess Tutt and Samantha Arlow and also District Cllr, Karen Ward.

2. The following **Declarations of Interest** were received;

- i) Rosemary Thew – personal interest in item no. 12.5. as I know one of the applicants socially and hence I shall not vote.
- ii) Jenny Girling – personal interest in planning application no. PF/19/2207 for Bramley Cottage, Coronation Lane, as I know the applicant.
- iii) Barry Girling – personal interest in planning application no. PF/19/2207 for Bramley Cottage, Coronation Lane, as I know the applicant.

Item no. 7 (Open Public Session) was pulled forward and taken, and was followed by item no. 9.4. (Rescission notice/Gray's Funfair). However, for the purpose of these minutes, they remain in order of the published agenda.

Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived during the Open Public Session.

3. **Minutes** -

3.1. It was ***resolved*** that the minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 are signed as a true record.

4. **Guests** –

- 4.1. No report from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** this month.
- 4.2. Ross Bullard of 'Came & Company Insurance Brokers' explained to members the benefits, detail and costs with regard **Cyber Insurance**. This is designed to protect the Parish Council and members and can be taken out as a 1 year agreement, it does not have to form part of any long term agreement. Ross will send through further information for reading. ***Resolved*** to consider this further at a future meeting.

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

6. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS** –

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong reported that Norfolk County Council's Environment Policy report is available to read on the website. Free fire safety checks for the vulnerable are being offered by Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service. Norwich Bus Station is to be revamped, with no planned closure during the four month work period. Review of the Norfolk County Council Boundary Divisions is currently taking place and the public consultations period ends on 11th February 2020, with the new electoral arrangements coming into place in 2021 and will then last for years.

6.2. **District Councillor** – Karen Ward had sent a written report in her absence.

Planning enforcement - We have two new active enforcement cases ongoing: The Acreage and Stratton Long Boatyard site. Investigations are ongoing and stop notices served where needed. I will keep you informed of any developments.

Queens Close - Flagship/Victory have now undertaken the work on the new path in Queens Close to make it easier and safer for residents to have pedestrian access to their vehicles without navigating a steep slope. BPC welcomed this.

Postbox Queens Close - There has been a Pre-App submitted for the Post Box outside the Doctor's surgery. I have a meeting on Friday with the Planning Officer to understand why it needs planning permission when it is a replacement box. I will be pushing for a speedy resolution.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points - I have been told that officers are liaising with Blakeney Garage with regards to electric charging points and it is moving along.

7. **Open Public Session** – 10 members of the public spoke in relation to Gray's funfair.

- *Fair has been attending Blakeney on The Carnser for 117 years, reminiscing of previous visits.*
- *A petition asking for support for the fair to remain on The Carnser has received over *200 signatures. Upset with the way the decision was made at the Finance Committee of the Parish Council.*
- *Having grown up with the fair, have lots of happy memories. Read some extracts from facebook.*
- *Agree with what has been said and wonder how the lorries and rides would manage to navigate The Pastures. Like the view of caravans and fair as you come in from the sea. Feel that it would be an eyesore on The Pastures and offer a second rate experience. Suggest that the Parish Council makes the Village Hall car park pay & display in order to raise income. The fair being on*

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The Carnser does not mean lost income to the village, the village has never had the income.

- *On the whole I have the greatest respect for the Parish Council, but feel that this decision should have been made at a public meeting. Happy to help with any fundraising the Parish Council may wish to undertake as are many others in the community.*
- *Don't charge the fair a huge fee and do not give any money to The National Trust.*
- *You never had the money in the first place.*
- *Feel that the Parish Council has lost sight of the tradition.*
- *Thank you for allowing us to speak and have our say.*

***Post Meeting Note:** *The petition was presented at the meeting & has since been analysed. It bore the names of 184 people. (Not all are signed by the named person, some are not signed at all.) 70 of them are registered Blakeney Electors, representing 11.6% of the Blakeney electorate.*

Jonathan Gray – *felt that the fair worked well last year, after a productive meeting with the Parish Council. We brought the helter skelter and ferris wheel, moved the caravans as agreed and are happy for the rear of The Carnser to be used as a P&D car park. We would like to work positively with the Parish Council and remain on The Carnser. We could arrive and set up on the Wednesday instead of the Monday, this would give a full 2 days' car park trading back to the parish and of course we pull off in the early hours of the Sunday morning, hence we only need The Carnser for 4 days, Wednesday to Saturday inclusive.*

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

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/19/2170** – *Proposal; Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at, **16 Morston Road, Blakeney.** Resolved – No objection.*
- 8.2. Tom Harrison (Chair of J Bunn Homes (Blakeney) Ltd, promoters of development at, **Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney** gave a very helpful presentation with regard the submission of a further 4 planning applications over the next few months.
- 8.3. Application no. **PF/19/2207** – *Proposal; Construction of replacement detached garage/shed; alterations to/refurbishment of existing dwelling; and construction of single storey extension to northern elevation of dwelling following demolition of 2 timber sheds, detached garage, conservatory and low garden walls at, **Bramley Cottage, Coronation Lane, Blakeney.** Resolved – No objection.*

- 8.4. Application no. **PF/19/2198** – *Proposal; Alterations and extension to form new first floor accommodation following removal of part of existing roof and alterations to windows at, **4 Whitefriars, Back Lane, Blakeney.** Resolved – No objection.*

9. Finance

9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £11,239.40 are paid and approved.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Members were in receipt of the cashbook figures to date. With The National Trust present members asked about the reliability of the new Metric P&D machine and the response times for fixing the machine. This will be discussed in detail at the scheduled operational meeting with the Chairman and Clerk later this month.

- At the November meeting I was asked to place ‘**Dog Bins**’ on the December agenda, for a discussion on the emptying programme and costs etc. The Finance Committee looked into all of this in great detail. The member who asked for this to be discussed is a member of the Finance Committee and received the full report. The committee was fully satisfied with the thorough review and no further action will be taken.
- The Parish Council agreed to make an application to the **Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme** for each of the following, by the deadline of 6th December 2019; Pothole repairs on The Pastures driveway, embankment work on The Pastures and electric vehicle charge points at the Village Hall Car Park. The first two have been applied for, but sadly the timescale did not allow for a third party to obtain the information needed to submit an application for the electric charging points this time, however the scheme is still being looked into and they are obtaining details.
- Our thanks have been expressed to Mark at Blakeney Garage (direct & via the GVN) for the major pothole repairs and shingle which have been spread over the **Village Hall Car Park Surface**. This crossed with us contacting local contractors asking for quotes following our review of the area. Blakeney Garage did this as a goodwill gesture ahead of election day etc, and we have therefore amended our request to the contractor to ask for a price for the outstanding areas.
- **Beech Hedge** on The Pastures; this has now been planted as per the decision of The Trustees of The Pastures. There was then a call at a BPC meeting (not a Trustee meeting) for this to form part of the Tree Planting Scheme and our District Cllr was asked if this could come under the umbrella of the tree planting scheme that NNDC have with the Woodland Trust. After initial enquiries, our District Cllr Karen Ward advised me that she would give a verbal update at the December PC meeting and that in the meantime I should proceed with the planting scheme as already instructed.

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- **Recycling Waste** – From 1st January 2020 our bottle bank collections costs will increase from £10 per ton to £15 per ton.

9.3. It was **resolved** to defer the decision in relation to **Village Hall Car Park Repairs** to the February meeting, as not all quotes had been received in sufficient detail.

9.4. A **Rescission Notice** with regard **Gray's Funfair** and the decision made by the Finance Committee on 13th November 2019 regarding the location and rent had been received, meaning this item is to be reconsidered and a decision reached.

The Chairman read out a statement to set the scene (appendix 1). The County Cllr confirmed that a petition indeed counts as 1 letter.

Resolved – Gray's funfair to remain on The Carnser, but subject to a separate discussion outside of this meeting with Jonathan Gray regarding the 2020 visit and going forward.

The National Trust to be part of this meeting.

(Post Meeting Note: for members:- PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS (Standing Order no. 7) as this will now apply.

- a A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least (4) councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.
- b When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved for a further six months.)

10. Transport/Traffic related items & Representatives on other bodies

10.1. Alban Donohoe in his role as chairman of the B3CT presented the 'Project Plan' for the Carnser Corner as prepared by Don Glaister on behalf of the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** in order to update members of BPC and explained that the initial conversations started back in 2011 between BPC and John Sizer, the then Property Manager at The National Trust. The current proposed scheme would consist of a similar staging wall to that which took place at 'Bournes Corner' a few years ago. We would be looking to start from the point of erosion at the corner by the concrete of The Carnser, up to the first slipway, which is now itself suffering from erosion underneath. We hope to hold a public presentation by March 2020. B3CT are happy to project manage such a scheme, but does not have the money, neither does BPC or the N/T, hence the need to seek funding. The B3CT next meet tomorrow evening.

Victoria Egan (National Trust) confirmed that she will be attending the B3CT meeting tomorrow evening and would hope to give clarity to said meeting having had further conversations with Phil Dyke, also N/T. The N/T has received 2 quotes to undertake a temporary repair at the corner.

Victoria is also happy to attend any Parish Council meetings and thanked the Parish Council for the number of productive partnership meetings over the past few months with regard future working in general.

- 10.2. Rosemary Thew gave an update on the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan**. The last meeting was held in mid-December. The draft plan had produced 37 responses from the public consultation. These had been partly worked through, the biggest response, which was not entirely positive was from NNDC. Our consultant is working through this and our next meeting which was due to be held tomorrow has been postponed and we now await a revised date.

11. **Councillors Questions** – None received.

12. **Correspondence**

- 12.1. ***Resolved*** that our reply to the consultation questions on Strengthening Police Powers to tackle **Unauthorised Encampments** is that we fully support and would welcome the proposals to make this a criminal act, but we would urge the need for adequate support and resources to the police in order to see this through on the ground.
- 12.2. ***Resolved*** that we defer our response to the consultation on **Division Boundaries for Norfolk**, which is being reviewed by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England until the February meeting, in the hope that we will have sight of what both NNDC and NCC are proposing. We have a desire to remain in the same division as Cley.
- 12.3. 2 members are invited to attend the first of 4 meetings organised by the North Norfolk Parish & Town Forum & NNDC to improve communications between **Local Councils & NNDC**. ***Resolved*** that we have no one able to attend, however, we feel that we are very well represented in any matter we raise via our District Cllr Karen Ward and her reports and attendance at Parish Council meetings is very good.
- 12.4. ***Resolved*** that the **Annual Parish Meeting** due to be held on 19th March will continue with the topics as last year; i) the emerging Bakenev Neighbourhood Plan, ii) the emerging NNDC Local Plan, iii) the B3CT as presented this evening and iv) if we are able to give an update on the Social Housing concept for Blakeney in addition to the usual items, then we shall.

12.5. Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public

*Resolved that due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted; **Co-option of a new Parish Councillor**, it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.*

The two applicants, Jane Armstrong and Trevor Meeks were present, and were invited to stay and speak with the Council members before being asked to withdraw, which they both did.

Resolved that we hold a signed ballot for the current **Parish Councillor Vacancy**, which is to be filled by co-option this evening. The result being that Jane Armstrong received a majority vote and is therefore duly co-opted.

For information only; NNDC Planning Decisions or Updates, or any Planning Inspectorate Appeals since our last meeting.

- **PF/19/1871** – Replacement of 2 rooflights with 2 dormer windows to rear at, Squirrels, Old Rectory Lane, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **PF/19/0549** – Replacement and additional windows (including some new windows and altered openings and first floor glazing); extended pump island with new kiosk; use of part of ground floor for car sales and first floor as cinema; associated external alterations (part retrospective) at, Blakeney Garage, Morston Road, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **LA/19/1488** – Works to initially remove and later fully restore existing chimney stack (to carry out conversion works to second floor below) at, Manor Hotel, The Quay, Blakeney - **Granted.**
- **PF/19/1632** – Two storey detached dwelling following demolition of existing single storey dwelling at, Otium (formerly Seven Bells, High Street, Blakeney – **This application has been withdrawn.**
- **LA/19/1560** – External alterations to facilitate 1 x illuminated fascia sign and 1 x illuminated hanging sign at, 5A The Granary (Blakeney Cottage Company), High Street, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **ADV/19/1297** – 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 – **Refused.**

Meeting closed at 9:41pm.

Chairman _____