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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020** in the Parish Office, commencing at 7.00pm.

**Present**:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Jane Armstrong, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe, Jess Tutt & Iain Wolfe. Also District Cllr, Karen Ward.

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield

**Public**:- 5

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received & ***accepted*** from; Samantha Arlow and County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong.

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

- i) Iain Wolfe – pecuniary interest in item no. 8.1. planning application no. PF/19/2219 for Otium (formerly Seven Bells), High Street, as this is my neighbouring property.
- ii) Edward Hackford – personal interest in item no. 9.2. Community Fund applications; as the Blakeney Village Hall Committee (of which I am Chairman) has submitted an application.
- iii) Alban Donohoe – personal interest in item no. 9.2. Community Fund applications; as the Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team (B3CT) (of which I am Chairman) has submitted an application.
- iv) Jane Armstrong – personal interest in item no. 9.2. Community Fund applications; as I am a member/Secretary to the Blakeney Sailing Club.
- v) Iain Wolfe – personal interest in item no. 9.2. Community Fund applications; as I am a member of the B3CT.

3. It was ***resolved*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 are signed as a true record.

4. **Guests** – PC Jason Pegden from the **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** was present and gave the following report; There have been 6 calls to the police since the last meeting, but no crime. The Wells Police Station is going to open once every two weeks for members of the public to call in, the next dates are the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb and the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, between 10am and 12 noon. I did hold a drop in session here in the Parish Office this morning for an hour. We have a police drone and thermal camera now in use, which is an excellent piece of kit for this remote area. One outboard was stolen from Wells last week. The police patrol boat will be in operation again very soon.

5. **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5.1. **Nfk Association of Local Councils** have sent an invitation to members to attend the Greater Norwich Local Plan, NCC Local Transport Plan & the Rail Prospectus on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at South Norfolk District Council. Members are asked to advise the Clerk should they wish to attend.

5.2. **Ambulance Response Times Meeting** - the minutes of the meeting hosted by Victoria Holliday on behalf of Cley PC on 23<sup>rd</sup> January had been circulated by email. Next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> May, members are asked to advise the Clerk should they wish to attend.

5.3. Given that BPC have agreed to undertake a **Car Park Strategy Review** members had been asked to advise the Clerk if they wanted to be part of an initial working party to start the discussion and considerations. Rosemary, Nigel, Alban and Iain would like to take part.

## **6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –**

6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong had submitted a report in her absence, which advised that an extension for responses to the **Boundary Commission Review** of Norfolk County Council divisions had been agreed to 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Regarding flooding on **Saxlingham Road**, the Highways engineer has reported that they have cleaned out some grips and back drains further up the road to try and reduce the flow of water to the low point. Chambers were checked last week after rainfall and both were full. An additional soakaway is the likely way forward which Highways will try and install this spring/summer, subject to funding being available. A date cannot be given as yet, because budgets have yet to be set. However, he is endeavouring to source funding from other 'pots' that may be available.

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

The planning application for **The Acreage** was withdrawn as a more detailed planning application is needed.

Areas of **Hayward Close** are concerning residents in terms of 'debris' for want of a better description. Victory Housing have been asked to take a look.

The planning application for **8 Langham Road** was refused by NNDC, however as appeal was received within 24 hours and hence no enforcement action can be taken in the meantime.

There is nothing more that can be done with regard the ongoing concerns over light pollution at **The Nest, New Road**, unless the names of those affected are now given to NNDC. The Chairman will follow this up.

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There are a couple of new documents which BPC may be interested in, especially the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group;

- i) NNDC Monitoring Report 2018/19 evidences what has changed in the past 12 months. Will send a link through.
- ii) 'Living with Beauty' document – this has just been published and shows recommendations on sustainability and design. Will find a link and send.

With regard the **Boundary Commission Review** NNDC agreed the second version recommendation.

### **7. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – 1 member of the public spoke.

- *Not happy that the petition as presented at the last meeting with regard Gray's funfair has been analysed and made public.*

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

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/19/2219** – *Proposal; Two storey detached dwelling following demolition of existing single storey dwelling at, **Otium (formerly Seven Bells), High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – Object** for the following reasons; the raised height of the balcony will mean overlooking and thus intrusion of the neighbouring property and hence a loss of privacy. Concerns over the light pollution from the roof light. Any air source heat pump would need to be conditioned with regard noise.*
- 8.2. Application no. **LA/19/2177** – *Proposal; Retention of replacement windows and repairs to roofing (replacement of felt and battening) at, **11 Westgate Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.***
- 8.3. Application no. **PF/20/0030** – *Proposal; Application of lime render to existing brick wall to rear garden at, **Flinders, 132 High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.***
- 8.4. Application no. **PF/20/0081** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission no. PF/18/1263 to allow for amended design at, **8 Wiveton Road, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No comment.***
- 8.5. Application no. **PF/20/0153** – *Proposal; Demolition of lean-to and erection of two storey front and side extension, single storey rear extension, single storey link to garage, installation of dormer windows and erection of detached outbuilding at, **Poppyland, Back Lane, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.** (Noted that the District Cllr, will be asking for the detached outbuilding to be conditioned.)*

**9. FINANCE**

9.1. ***Resolved*** that the **Accounts** totalling £10,519.16 are approved.

9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Members were in receipt of the cashbook figures to date.

9.2. **Community Fund Applications** – ***Resolved*** to award the total sum of £3,000 using S.137 Power as follows;

- i) Blakeney Area Historical Society - £195
- ii) Blakeney Village Hall Trust - £270
- iii) Blakeney Duckpond - £235
- iv) Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team - £1,450
- v) Coastal Rowing Association Blakeney - £250
- vi) Blakeney Toddler Group - £150
- vii) Blakeney Sailing Club - £155
- viii) Blakeney Primary School - £255
- ix) Glaven Valley News - £40

9.4. Quotes in relation to **Village Hall Car Park Repairs** were received and ***resolved*** as follows; No. 1 will be instructed to undertake the installation of 1 x new wooden post, fill the potholes & supply additional shingle, No. 2 will be instructed to lift, move and relay the current speed bump, No. 3 will be instructed to repair the wooden fence around the recycling area.

The budget for the **Carnser Car Park** will be amalgamated with the village hall car park budget in order that both car parks can be repaired within the overall budget ahead of the 2020 season. Denny's will be instructed regarding The Carnser, in line with the previous discussions with The National Trust.

9.5. ***Resolved*** to request an updated quote for **Cyber Insurance** ahead of the June insurance renewal, as per the presentation last month.

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

10.1. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** – Alban Donohoe reminded us of last month's report, still on track.

10.2. **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** – Update by Rosemary Thew. Last met on 30<sup>th</sup> January and went through the lengthy consultation response from NNDC in detail. We have previously considered a large number of responses from the public, and with a few left to consider, the members were tasked with reviewing these and submitting their comments within the next week.

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The consultant will draw up the revised plan ahead of public consultation and an update will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

- 10.3. **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** – Update by Edward Hackford. Sadly two of our committee will be retiring this year, we hope to have found a replacement for one. We have an ongoing insurance claim against the hall, this is being dealt with by a great legal team. The fundraising for the new toilet block is going very well.
- 10.4. **Blakeney Scout Group** – Update by Jenny Girling. The Executive now has a local solicitor on board and we meet next week to discuss the draft lease renewal and will update BPC soon after.
- 10.5. ***Resolved*** that Jane Armstrong would fill the following **Committee vacancies**; i) Finance, ii) Affordable Housing.

The following vacancies remain and can be considered at the AGM if need be; i) Dinghy Park Management x 1, ii) Bonfire & Fireworks x 1.

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

## 12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 12.1. The consultation deadline on **Division Boundaries for Norfolk**, which is being reviewed by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has been extended to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, hence ***resolved*** to defer this item.

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

- **LA/19/1938** – Replacement of timber sash windows and doors at, Flinders, 132 High Street, Blakeney – **This application has been withdrawn.**
- **PF/19/1950** – Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission PF/18/1263 to allow for amended design at, 8 Wiveton Road, Blakeney – **This application has been withdrawn.**
- **PF/19/1037** – Single storey building for use as holiday let at, Villeroche, Langham Road, Blakeney – **Appeal lodged.**
- **PF/19/2022** – Construction of dormer window to the southern elevation of the property at, Cottontail Cottage, Back Lane, Blakeney – **Granted.**
- **PF/19/1930** – Alterations and extensions to existing house and annex and carport at, 69 Morston Road, Blakeney – **Granted.**
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- **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 8.44pm.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_