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A meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** was held on **Tuesday 6th October 2020** commencing at 7.00pm in the Scout Hut.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling, Samantha Arlow, Jane Armstrong, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Jess Tutt, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. Apologies for Absence – *Accepted* Edward Hackford & County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong.

2. Declarations of Interest from members;

- i) Alban Donohoe – personal interest in item no. 8.3. Planning application no. PF/20/1596 for Pinetrees, Saxlingham Road, as I know the applicant's family.
- ii) Barry Girling - personal interest in item no. 8.3. Planning application no. PF/20/1596 for Pinetrees, Saxlingham Road, as I know the applicant's family.
- iii) Samantha Arlow – pecuniary interest in item no. 8.7. Trading Sites, as I am one of the current traders.

3. Minutes -

3.1. It was ***resolved*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 are signed as a true record.

4. Guests – PC Jason Pegden, from **Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)** apologised for his absence, and had sent the following report.

It has been a crazy year so far, firstly dealing with all the Covid restrictions and complaints about people breaching the rules, which unfortunately were far too regular. We dealt with hundreds of breaches across the area and I have to say that this has been one of the most challenging times in my entire policing career. Moving into Summer, and again I have never seen so many visitors here on the Coast, and the level of incidents has increased due to the influx of people. The calls and crimes recorded from the 1st August until the 5th October are; 17 Calls to the Police – Crimes were; 1 x Burglary, 1 x Criminal Damage, 1 x Theft.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were none.

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS –

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6.1. **County Councillor** - Dr. Marie Strong, had submitted a detailed and informative generic report (nothing Blakeney specific), which will be copied in the pages of the GVN.

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

Site allocation for the Local Plan - it has been confirmed that the site allocation for Blakeney will be discussed by the Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Party at their December meeting. I have asked for the evidence for both preferred sites BLA01 and BLA04 to be available and circulated to residents and Cllrs in advance of the meeting.

White Paper response - NNDC Members have had an initial discussion with Planning officers about our response to the White Paper and a subsequent meeting is scheduled for Friday 9th October. Following this I will finalise my response and circulate it. You will also get a copy of the NNDC response when it is ready.

We are replacing the technology platform for planning and building control, so there will be a period in late November/early December when the systems will be switched over. There will be communication from NNDC ahead of the changes so parish councils can prepare. I have briefed officers that Parish council meetings over the Christmas and New Year period need to be taken into account.

Local Planning issues –

Following objections to the siting of the oil tank at Quay House, a revised position has been agreed and this will enable the application to be approved.

PF/20/0293 - Grimes Caravan Site, Langham Road, Blakeney - The applicant has been granted the right to appeal this refusal decision by written representations.

PF/20/0622 - 10 Kingsway – The Parish Council have previously not objected to this application and unless new evidence has emerged that you wish to share with me, I am going to agree that this application can be decided under delegated authority.

Villeroche, Langham Road - The national planning context gives us very little powers in relation to sites like this. The case has been reviewed by our Enforcement board and the decision has been taken that the costs significantly outweigh the likelihood of success and therefore no further action will be taken.

Trading Sites - Finally, there will be no enforcement of trading restrictions until after the half term holiday (2nd November) and if an extended season is required then please contact the Economic Development team to provide support for your application.

7. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – 2 people spoke.

- *I am the applicant for the planning application at Pinetrees on Saxlingham Road. Since the previous application was submitted, I have met with officers from NNDC to try and overcome the objections which were raised. The revised application is for a smaller dwelling, moved away from the Saxlingham Road boundary, smaller footprint, built in a sustainable way. The current property on site, has inadequate living space by today's standards, it is very small inside. This new build will provide improved living conditions for us as a local family, that wish to continue living here.*
- *The Dinghy Park Committee itself did not ask for the release of the register to be on the agenda of the Data Protection Committee & Personnel Committee. With no starting time on said agenda, other than saying immediately after the full council meeting, people have told me that it would be difficult for them to attend. Could a start time be put on in future?*

Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived at this point.

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

- 8.1. Application no. **PF/20/1558** – Proposal; Construction of two single storey extensions at, **The Deck House, 6 Samphire Close, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.2. Application no. **LA/20/1593** – Proposal; Permanent removal of render and works to facilitate removal and enlargement to original size of two sliding sash windows to the front elevation at, **109 High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.3. Application no. **PF/20/1596** – Replacement 2 storey and part single storey dwelling with detached garage and annexe over at, **Pinetrees, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.4. Application no. **LA/20/1680** – Widening of existing opening between kitchen/dining room and partial infilling of opening between dining room/sitting room at, **93 High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.5. Application no. **LA/20/1592** – Works to remove existing cement render finish and to make good the original brick and flint walling; right hand side of the front aspect to have a sanded brickwork finish to remove remnants of the cement render at, **131 High Street, Blakeney.** **Resolved – No objection.**
- 8.6. In response to the **Planning White Paper Consultation** it was **resolved** that in addition to our joint local petition with Cley Parish Council, that we also object to the proposals, and support the

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objections and comments as made by CPRE and NNDC which cover many points of concern which would affect us.

Cllr Samantha Arlow left the meeting for the following item only.

- 8.7. **Resolved** that we would be supportive of extending the trading season for **Trading Sites** on The Carnser to include November 2020 and Half Term 2021. (As per of our District Cllrs update, we were advised that NNDC would only grant an extension until the end of the October Half Term, ie. 2nd November.)
- 8.8. Application no. **PND/USE/20/0001** – *Notification under Class R of Schedule 2, Part 3 of the GPDO, proposed change of use of agricultural building to a flexible commercial use within Class C1 (hotels) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order at, **Building west of Holt Road, Cley.*** (Our District Cllr advised that comments are not invited as this is a technical consultation. However, this application has not met the Class R test and the applicant now has to submit a full planning application.)

9. FINANCE

- 9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £28,617.12 are approved.
- 9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** - Members were in receipt of the cashbook figures todate.

An application to the NNDC Discretionary Grant Scheme for up to £20K, (due to loss of income, derived from the enforced closure of income streams due to Covid) had been submitted and we were awarded a grant of £10K. This has enabled us to approve the payment of our outstanding business rates, which totalled just over £17K.

A grant application has also been submitted to the Victory Housing Fund via the Nfk Community Foundation, for repairs to the play equipment. The panel does not meet until the 15th October.

A grant application has also been submitted to the Blakemore Foundation (Spar) for repairs to the play equipment. The panel aims to meet by 8th October.

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

- 10.1. **Resolved** to adopt the draft **Code of Construction Practice** for use in Blakeney, subject to the update regarding skips on the highway. The

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Clerk will then send this out whenever a planning application is received. (*One abstention.*)

- 10.2. ***Resolved*** to produce a simple set of questions for the **High Street Traffic Questionnaire** and to issue this to the High Street properties in November. However, we still believe that the main issue is lack of enforcement on the highway, ie. inappropriate parking, double yellow lines etc.

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

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 12.1. ***Resolved*** that the period of time for which a new **Commemorative Seat** which has had a concrete base installed at the cost of the donor, is permitted to be on site for is to be 10 years, ie. the same as any other seat.

Meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Chairman _____