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Minutes of a virtual meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 2nd March 2021**

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Jane Armstrong, Alban Donohoe, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe. Also, County Cllr, Dr. Marie Strong for part.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 3

1. Apologies for Absence were accepted from Shirley Everett & Jess Tutt.

2. Declarations of Interest – from members were received as follows;

- Nigel Sutcliffe – pecuniary/prejudicial interest in item no. 7.6. as immediate neighbour.
- Alban Donohoe – personal interest in item no. 7.6. as a friend of the applicant.
- Edward Hackford – personal interest in item no. 7.5. as a friend of the applicant & also 7.8. as a friend of the applicant.
- Barry Girling – personal interest in item no. 7.6. as the developer has been a customer in the past.
- Samantha Arlow – pecuniary/prejudicial interest in item no. 12.1. as a current trading site operator.

3. Minutes – It was ***resolved*** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 are signed as a true record.

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

5. Police, County & District Councillor Reports -

5.1. *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – PC Jason Pegden had submitted the following report in his absence; Since the last Parish Council meeting there have been 30 calls to the police, 14 of which were Covid related breaches. 1 x criminal damage and 1 x theft.

5.2. *County Councillor* - Dr. Marie Strong had submitted a generic report in advanced which had been shared with the members, which will be copied in the pages of the GVN.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Currently on extended leave. The Chairman reminded the meeting, that anything normally picked up by our District Cllr was being directed to an appropriate member or officer at NNDC in the meantime.

6. Open Public Session – 1 member of the public spoke.

- *Various concerns over this and hence object to Planning application no. PF/21/0337.*

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

To receive & consider the following **Planning Applications** (ref. no's shown);

- 7.1. **LA/21/0227 & PF/21/0226** – *Proposal; Works associated with replacement side extension following demolition of existing side extension at, Red House, The Quay, Blakeney. Resolved - No objection.*
- 7.2. **PF/21/0255** – *Proposal; Extension and replacement roof with raised ridge height and including dormers to north elevation and balcony to south elevation to form 9 additional staff bedrooms at, The Blakeney Hotel, The Quay, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

Item no. 7.11. was in fact brought forward and discussed at this point, in order that the three applications for The Blakeney Hotel, could be considered one after the other. For the purpose of these minutes however, it is recorded in the same position as the published agenda.

- 7.3. **LA/21/0254** – *Proposal; Internal and external works to 'The Granary' to facilitate the conversion of the roof space to additional guest suites and new entrance hall extension at, The Blakeney Hotel, The Quay, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*
- 7.4. **LA/21/0118** – *Proposal; Works associated with replacement of window and entrance door at, Jolly Boat Cottage, 46B High Street, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*
- 7.5. **PF/21/0245** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for changes to the layout of first floor and insertion of rooflight at, Poppyland, Back Lane, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe left the virtual meeting for the next item.

- 7.6. **PF/21/0337** – *Proposal; Change of use; detached building to front of dwelling to a holiday let at, 73 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved – Object; and agree with the objections put to us; it would appear from the outset that although the previous applications were for a garage to which there were no objections, it has not been set up for use as a garage at all. A studio apartment is not a suitable use for a double garage in a front garden which impacts upon the privacy of the*

neighbouring properties which it faces. Car headlights will shine into neighbouring properties.

- 7.7. **LA/21/0362 & PF/21/0361** – Proposal; Internal and external works to facilitate first floor extension/first floor extension to provide library/group space at, **Blakeney C of E Va Primary School, Wiveton Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – Support this application.
- 7.8. **PF/21/0348** – Proposal; Demolition of part dwelling; first floor extension and roof terrace over garage; first floor roof terrace with external alterations including insertion of rooflights at, **Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – Object due to dominance and design within the countryside.
- 7.9. **PF/21/0390** – Proposal; First floor and single storey extension rear extensions, including balcony to first floor; external alterations to garage including single storey link to house at, **The Wells, 3 The Pastures, Blakeney. Resolved** – Object; we consider this to be overdevelopment of the site and have concern over the proposed balcony which we feel would have a negative effect on the privacy of any neighbours.
- 7.10. **Resolved** to resubmit the Parish Councils previous planning application no. **PF/17/0270** – Previous proposal; 200 space overflow car park for use up to 60 days per year at, **Former School Field, Langham Road, Blakeney**, with one amendment; that being that the revised submission has no limitation on the number of days. (County Cllr Dr. Marie Strong advised that she would be happy to support our resubmission.)
- 7.11. **PF/21/0253** – Proposal; Demolition of detached outbuilding (The Folly) and erection of 3 storey building to provide additional guest suite. Conversion of roof space to ‘The Granary’ with addition of dormers and rooflights to form two guest suites and erection of extension to east elevation to form entrance hall. Replacement windows in north elevation to part of second floor of the main hotel building at, **The Blakeney Hotel, The Quay, Blakeney. Resolved** – No objection.

Item no. 11.1. was in fact brought forward and discussed at this point, before our County Cllr left the meeting. For the purpose of these minutes however, it is recorded in the same position as the published agenda.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £9,234.12 are approved.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

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- Members were in receipt of the cashbook figures todate.
 - Members were advised of the restatement of the **2019-20 AGAR** (the official annual accounts of Blakeney Parish Council) to show the Prepayment of the Business Rates against the relevant years and the Income for the Trading Sites in the relevant years, by invoice date rather than the receipt date. These will be presented in due course as part of the End of Year 2020/21 report.
 - Members were advised that both David Long and Steve Roch have confirmed acceptance of the role of Carnser Car Park Attendant for the 2021 season.
 - Whole Council Training – having taken a view from all members, the overwhelming majority would prefer this to be a face to face session, hence it will be deferred until we are able to undertake training in this manner.
 - Act of vandalism reported to the Police; 18th February 2021. All 7 posts and attached chain fencing appear to have been deliberately removed from the bottom of Mariners Hill during the ‘snow’ period for sledging purposes. The police have issued a crime reference number for this.
 - Thank you email from local family received, for the repair to the children’s play equipment, and wanting BPC to know how much it is appreciated by the local community.
- 8.3. **Resolved** to defer the consideration of the draft **BPC 4 Year Strategy** covering 2021 to 2025 until the April meeting.
- 8.4. **Resolved** to defer the placing of the order for second **Defibrillator** for the village, pending further research into comparative prices by Cllr Iain Wolfe, but at the same time, noting our preference for a polycarbonate cabinet.
- 8.5. **Resolved** to accept the offer from Cllr Iain Wolfe along with other, to reinstate the post and rail fencing at the foot of **Mariners Hill**.
- 8.6. **Resolved** to defer making a final decision on the upgrading of the redundant BPC owned **Carnser Car Park machine** (Parkeon), pending further research into comparative prices by Cllr Iain Wolfe.
- 8.7. **Resolved** to defer making a final decision on the upgrade of the **Coronation Car Park** pay & display machine to accept contactless payments, pending further research into comparative prices by Cllr Iain Wolfe.

9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

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- 9.1. **Committee/Rep Reports;** Nth Nfk Town & Parish Forum Executive Committee (RT) gave a brief update from the meeting held on 19th February.
- 9.2. **Public Events 2021 - Resolved;** i) The Funfair; joins us subject to the government legislation which permits these visits, being in place at the time, and the same for ii) The Circus. The same also for; iii) Party on The Pastures; the committee have indicated that they would like to do something this year and plan to make a decision in May, iv) End of Season Bonfire & Fireworks Event; the same for this committee also, ie. wish to hold event and will revisit in May.
- 9.3. **Resolved** to use the draft agenda as suggested by the Chairman and Clerk for the **Annual Parish Meeting**, with the addition reports to include; Blakeney Covid Response Team, Traffic Working Party Group, Dark Skies Policy. The APM is being delivered virtually on 5th May.
- 9.4. **Resolved** the date of the **Traffic Matters** 'Working Group' meeting will be on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7pm via zoom.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – Were received in advance from Cllr Jane Armstrong.

- i) One of the regular items on the Full Council Agenda is 'Correspondence'; exactly what is the definition of 'correspondence' to be considered here?

Clerk – For the purpose of our meetings, 'Correspondence', are items which the Clerk feels require a decision by the Council, not covered under other headings.

- ii) Please could the Council receive and update on the planned resurfacing of the BMX track?

Clerk – Denny's Constructions has advised; possibly April (2021).

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1. **Resolved** to support and adopt the **Cley Dark Skies Policy** for Blakeney, whilst noting that we have questions over how this could be enforced. We will also engage with relevant identified property owners, many of which are in fact non-permanent residents, to make them aware.
- 11.2. **Resolved** not to send the draft letter to Duncan Baker MP, about **Letting of properties** (during pandemic) to a film crew in Blakeney, Cley and surrounding villages.
- 11.3. **Resolved** to accept the NNDC proposed **Boundary Change** between Wiveton parish (CO8) and Blakeney parish (CO1).

12. Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public

Resolved; *Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (consideration of 9 tenders and allocation of the 3 trading sites) it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.)*

A total of 9 applications were received for the **Trading Sites** for the years 2022 to 2025 inclusive; 7 for the 'Refreshments', 1 for the 'Seafood' and 1 for the 'Arts & Crafts'. **Resolved** that the following tenders are to be accepted; J Carter

(Refreshments), E Darby (Seafood) & S Arlow (Arts & Crafts). The total of these 3 tenders equates to £19,000 per annum.

Meeting closed at 9.57pm.

Chairman _____