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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5th October 2021** in **The Scout Hut**.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling, Shirley Everett, Jane Armstrong, Iain Wolfe, Alban Donohoe, Samantha Arlow, Edward Hackford & Nigel Sutcliffe. (Hannah Morgan – National Trust; invited guest.)

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. Apologies for Absence were ***accepted*** from; Barry Girling & Jess Tutt. Also from County Cllr Michael Dalby.

2. The following Declarations of Interest were received from members –

- *Jane Armstrong – 7.1. – **Personal Interest** – as I am friends with the applicant.*
- *Samantha Arlow – 8.5. – **Pecuniary Interest** – as I am a trader on The Carnser.*

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements –

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – The recent health check raised some issues. They were considered, and a revised version submitted to NNDC who have commented. Comments are being considered and a response will go shortly. This all means that the referendum will not take place as soon as hoped and may be next Spring.
- **Mr Lindop & Keep Blakeney Special** – Mr Lindop has asked Councillors to consider his proposals. Whilst acknowledging that they have received support from some, others do not agree with what he has suggested. His proposals along with others, are being considered by the Traffic Management Group, chaired by Nigel Sutcliffe, which is looking at limiting access to the Quay for campervans, better signage in that part of the village, ways of managing speeding and so on. We need to remember that traffic management has been considered by NCC and the Parish Council over many years now and redistributing a problem in one part of the village often causes one elsewhere. An article in response will go in the GVN.
- **Mr Lindop & Playing Field** – Mr Lindop has explained in the GVN about a charge he says, Blakeney Parish Council is levying on MacMillan for use of the playing field for their 'Mighty Hike'. This is wrong. BPC has welcomed the use of the playing field by MacMillan. Macmillan told us that they had a marketing budget for events such as this and offered payment. MacMillan

has confirmed that the money would not be used for research if payment was declined, it would simply go to another host site. Discretionary payments are made by BPC to certain charities and local groups from the Community Fund and this is a charity deserving of consideration. A letter setting out the facts is being sent to the GVN.

- **Item 8.5. Carnser Car Park 2022** – When we reach this item, I will be proposing that it is treated as Confidential Business as follows. *Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, ie. The National Trust ask that this particular document is not to be shared further than members of the council at this stage as the information detailed in it is a proposal, not a final decision on charging and therefore, not to be in the public domain at this time. This also includes confidential information around the financial model within the National Trust and the profit-share agreement between both parties. The finances of the National Trust are only to be shared in our annual report or with relevant partners at our discretion and we reserve the right to do this at this time. The information is not permitted to be shared with anyone other than members of the Council until which time a decision has been agreed on the charging for Blakeney Carnser in partnership with members of Blakeney Parish Council, and it will therefore be proposed that the press and public are excluded and will be instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.)*

5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

5.1. *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – No report received.

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby shared a generic report in his absence, which covered; Local incentives boost for Norfolk employers recruiting a new apprentice. An update on the fuel disruption. Norfolk set to accelerate electric vehicle uptake.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday gave the following report.

The maintenance of sea defences and beach accesses has continued throughout the summer.

There are currently 40 households in temporary accommodation in North Norfolk. NNDC has bought 4 properties for rough sleepers and is looking to buy housing for temporary accommodation. We expect to build 183 affordable homes this year: this number includes the 66 with care in Fakenham. There are 2,638 households on NNDC's housing list and in the first half of this year 137 households have secured social housing.

The Reef pool and leisure complex at Sheringham is opening imminently. Self-referral to Social Prescribing is now live, so call 01263516353 for help with issues such as loneliness, finances, or looking after yourself or your home.

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NNDC has signed its own armed forces covenant pledge identifying actions NNDC will take as an employer and community leader to show gratitude to, support for and commitment to the armed forces community in North Norfolk.

NNDC is the winner of the Digital Finance Project of the Year for its exemplary work in disbursing £126 million of COVID support grants to businesses, and has been awarded £760,000 of additional funding supporting business recovery, business digitalisation, Visit North Norfolk and care sector workforce support. You will be glad to hear Visit North Norfolk's campaign for September/October is how to enjoy our beautiful countryside and coast without a car!

NNDC is developing a Carbon Strategy and Action Plan to scope reduction in emissions over the next year, and has pledged to achieve net zero carbon emission by 2030. Issues with waste collection which have affected many are hopefully being remedied. NNDC expects to see 40,000 trees planted, starting in the autumn.

Planning performance is below target for minor applications but we have a new Director of Planning who has developed an Action Plan to work on this. Part of the problem is that Planning Officers have large workloads. Planning applications are up, and the building sector has been busy with 480 new homes built last year. The Local Plan, which will guide development decisions in North Norfolk till 2036, will soon be out for consultation so don't miss your chance to comment. The new web pages for reporting of enforcement complaints should now be live.

I've had discussions with the new CEO of EEAST and the CEO of the Clinical Commissioning Group about saving our rapid response vehicles and paramedics and making sure there is adequate capacity for emergency care in our area. They promised an urgent review to see where resources need to be placed. The cycle paramedic in Wells was very popular this summer and will be repeated next holiday season.

I need to find out what support Norfolk County Council is offering for Electric Vehicle Charging Points as otherwise each village will reinvent the wheel when it comes to deciding if/what system to install.

6. Open Public Session

- Is there any update on the 2 street lights burning all night in Back Lane, which we understand should go off at midnight? I am aware that these have been reported by the Parish Council.*

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

- 7.1. **PF/21/2341** – *Proposal; Single storey rear extension to garage for home workshop at, Pine Lodge, Old Rectory Lane, Blakeney.*
Resolved – No objection.

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- 7.2. **PF/21/2318** – *Proposal; Single storey side extension to house to replace existing single storey extension; replacement garage (retrospective) at, 5 Queens Close, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.
- 7.3. **PF/21/2517** – *Proposal; Use of land for stationing of a kiosk trailer to provide catering between April and October and operating between 9am and 9pm daily at, Harbour Room, 139 – 141 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that **Accounts** totalling £13,564.11 are approved and paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Carnser Car Park and Coronation Car Park figures reported along with cashbook balances held. Members were advised that the contactless payment option went live in Coronation Car Park on 1st September, and is proving extremely popular.
- 8.3. **Resolved** to accept quote no. 1 (Davison) to protect the **Street Lights** in the village hall car park from vehicle damage as previously agreed, with galvanised lamp post protectors housed in a significant concrete base.
- 8.4. **Resolved** to ask RBS Solutions to undertake the 2021/22 **Year End Close down**.
- 8.5. **Resolved** to move this item to the last item on the agenda. I.e. proposed changes to **Carnser Car Park** fees ahead of the 2022 season.

9. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups which have met recently.

- 9.1. **Bonfire & Fireworks Committee** – this event is being planned and the road closure notice is currently being advertised.
- 9.2. **National Trust & BPC** – pleased to advise that the Carnser P&D machine will be part of a pilot scheme where the machine itself offers contactless payments and it is hoped that this will be up and running before Christmas at the latest.

10. There were no COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 11.1. **Resolved** to ask NNDC to provide and service (at no cost to the Parish Council) an additional 2 **Litter Bins** ahead of the 2022 season. Ideally

the big belly, part crushing type, and to be located; i) Middle of the quayside footpath, more or less opposite The Hotel, ii) On the Quay, directly opposite the bottom of the High Street. (These are to be in addition to the new one about to be installed and sponsored by The Two Magpies.)

12. Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public

Resolved proposal; *Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (as read out and detailed earlier), it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.)* Hannah Morgan from The National Trust was invited to join the meeting for this item.

- 12.1. **8.5. Resolved** that more analysis is required from The National Trust before we are able to fully consider any proposed changes to **Carnser Car Park** fees ahead of the 2022 season.

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

PO/20/1100 – Land to East of New Barn Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney – Refused

RV/21/1859 – Otium, High Street, Blakeney – Granted

Meeting closed at 8.39pm.

Chairman _____