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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021** in **The Scout Hut.**

**Present:-** Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling, Shirley Everett, Jane Armstrong, Alban Donohoe, Samantha Arlow, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Barry Girling.

**Clerk:-** Tracey Bayfield

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*Cllr Jane Armstrong, informed the meeting that she would be recording the meeting on her mobile phone.*

**1. Apologies for Absence** were ***accepted*** from; Iain Wolfe. Barry Girling will arrive a little late. **Councillor resignation** had been received from Jess Tutt on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and NNDC had been advised. We will next hear from NNDC after the 15<sup>th</sup> November with regard this vacancy.

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

- *Edward Hackford – 11.5. – **Personal Interest** – as I am very good friends with the applicant.*

**3. Resolved** that the **Minutes of the** Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 are signed as a true record.

**4. Chairman's Announcements** – I have received an email from the Chairman of Blakeney Parish Council in Gloucestershire, asking if we would be interested in twinning with them and they are keen to involve the Primary School.

**5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –**

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

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby. No report received.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday advised that there had been no formal meeting of NNDC since we last met, however she did share details of a vehicle charging point scheme, that was being considered by King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council and would send further details across by email. She also advised that NNDC were not trying to be obstructive with regard the draft Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan.

**6. Open Public Session**

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- *Just to advise that the B3CT (Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team) held a public exhibition at the village hall on the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This was well attended and much interest was shown.*

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

*Cllr Barry Girling arrived at this point.*

- 7.1. **PF/21/2378** – *Proposal; Single storey garden room extension; insulated cladding to front elevation of main house, new entrance gates and associated boundary treatment; outdoor swimming pool and associated single storey detached ‘pool house at, **Blakeney Downs, Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved*** – Object to the glass extension, as we feel this is simply too much glass in such a prominent location. We would also like details of the cladding material to be used. We have no objection to the other aspects of this application.
- 7.2. **PF/21/2711** – *Proposal; Erection of new agricultural worker’s dwelling and change of use of associated land from agricultural to domestic at, **New Barn Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved*** – Object; the siting of this proposed building is most unsuitable and is too visible for this most sensitive location and our comments with regard the previous application no. PO/20/1100 are still valid.
- 7.3. **PF/21/2626 & LA/21/2627** – *Proposal; Single storey side extension with roof terrace to part (internal and external works to dwelling) at, **4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney. Resolved*** – No objection.
- 7.4. **PF/21/2631** – *Proposal; Replacement roof to part of dwelling with increased height and altered shape to provide additional first floor accommodation and balcony at; **Stable Cottage, 6A High Street, Blakeney. Resolved*** – Object to the balcony, due to the overlooking of neighbouring properties.
- 7.5. **PF/21/2778** – *Proposal; Demolition of single-storey rear/side extension and erection of two-storey side extension at; **Point View, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved*** – No objection.

### **8. FINANCE**

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £20,731.10 are approved and paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Carnser Car Park and Coronation Car Park figures were reported along with the cashbook balances held.

**Completion of Audit** – Notice of satisfactory conclusion of the external audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 has been received from PKF Littlejohn.

**New Dog Bin** – will be located on the Cart Track opposite The Manor Hotel in due course, thanks to NNDC.

8.3. **Resolved** to apply to the **NCC Parish Partnership Funding Scheme** (50/50 BPC/NCC) for each of the following;

- Works at entrance to **Overflow Car Park** on Langham Road, if planning permission is granted by NNDC. Cost will of course depend on any conditions imposed by NNDC if successful, and could be undertaken by a third party, subject to the contractor meeting highways specification.
- The installation of a live **Vehicle Information Sign** (notifying all coast road traffic, that the quayside car park is full etc.).
- **Informal Trod** to the east side of Langham Road – approx. cost £15K in total this is the figure guesstimated by NCC, although the work could be undertaken by a third party, subject to the contractor meeting highways specification.

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

9.1. We have received the request from the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Steering Group**, asking the Parish Council to formally state that it is happy to sign off for submission to NNDC, the Blakeney Draft Neighbourhood Plan. **Resolved** that we, BPC are happy to sign off the draft plan for submission.

## 10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS –

- *Jane Armstrong asked the following question – How is the Council going to respond to the Keep Blakeney Special proposal of a trial reduction in the extent of parking on the Carnser, together with specific provision of disabled parking spaces?*

Nigel Sutcliffe – Chairman of the ‘Traffic Matters Working Group’ responded; As a member of the TMWG Jane, you are aware that the group is looking at a far greater picture and that this is just one element, and not necessarily the most important. It is also true to say that not everyone agreed with the recommendation put forward. These things take time and involve other parties and we shall respond when we are ready to. Some aspects of the first submission made by Mr Lindop have already been discussed, actioned and published after agreement by Blakeney Parish Council. The second submission made by Mr Lindop has yet to be considered by

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the Traffic Matters Working Group and in view of the fact that it solely deals with the future of the Carnser Car Park, The National Trust will have to be involved as the other joint owner.

- *Edward Hackford asked the following question – Village Hall Car Park lights; who pays?*

Clerk advised that this matter needs looking into further and historical information was being gathered and that a report/update will follow in due course. But it would appear that the lights were installed for the users of the village hall when it was built in the early 1980's.

### **11. CORRESPONDENCE –**

- 11.1. **Resolved** that we, **Blakeney Parish Council** are willing to correct the published statement made on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in reference to the *public roadway across The Pastures*, as it is in fact a *private driveway across The Pastures*.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that we are fully supportive of the report from a Parish Cllr, regarding concerns over the level of medical provision at **Blakeney Surgery** and that we write to the Practice Manager at Holt Medical Practice raising our concerns over the future of the practice.
- 11.3. A letter of objection had been received from a parishioner with regard the installation of the **Telegraph Poles** on Langham Road, which appeared without any consultation with the parish. We are aware that BT may install these under permitted development rights, and noting the valid reasons BT list for objecting, it was **resolved** that we will take no further action.
- 11.4. **Resolved** that we are happy to issue the **Coastguard Team** with a key to our playing field, in the event of an emergency situation to land a helicopter if need be, as was the case recently.
- 11.5. **Resolved** to decline the request allowing '**The Nest**' **Catering Trailer** to attend and operate from the village hall car park at the Blakeney Christmas market in the village hall as opposed to operating from the much improved kitchen facility within the village hall, as this is a commercial operation.
- 11.6. Following an update from the Almshouse Association and Charity Commission in relation to the **Blakeney War Memorial Cottages Trust**, Cllrs had to decide on i) How many trustees the charity should have. The Almshouse Assoc. recommends 4-5, ii) Who they should be & iii) How they should be appointed. **Resolved** that we appoint from the Parish Council, 6 members stated their desire to be named Trustees; Alban Donohoe, Rosemary Thew, Nigel Sutcliffe, Samantha

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Arlow, Jane Armstrong & Jenny Girling. It was agreed that 6 would be permitted, and that those listed will now formally become the Trustees.

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

**PF/21/1935 & PF/21/1937 & LA/21/1938 – Blakeney Hotel - Granted**

**PF/21/1648 – The Hidden House, 123 High Street, Blakeney – Granted**

**PF/21/1989 – Saltmarsh, 18 Morston Road, Blakeney – Granted**

**PF/21/1805 – Land at Queens Close, Blakeney – Granted**

**PF/21/2341 – Pine Lodge, Old Rectory Lane, Blakeney - Granted**

Meeting closed at 8:51pm

*Chairman* \_\_\_\_\_