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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 11th January 2022** in **The Scout Hut**.

Present:- Rosemary Thew, Jenny Girling, Samantha Arlow, Jane Armstrong, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe. Also District Cllr; Victoria Holliday and County Cllr; Michael Dalby.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

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1. Apologies for Absence were ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe.

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

- *Nigel Sutcliffe – 7.1. **Personal Interest** as the objector has asked me to share their views with this meeting.*

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 2021 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements –

- Former Parish Council Chairman, **Ann Wootten**, whom served on this Parish Council for nearly 35 years, sadly passed away last month. The Clerk has formally passed on our sincere condolences to the family. **(The family has asked if we can mention that a 'Thanksgiving Service for Ann, will be held on Friday 18th February, 2.00pm at St. Nicholas Church, Blakeney'**
- The **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan** has been submitted to NNDC and we are now in their hands with regards dates for a referendum.

5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

5.1. *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – PC Jason Pegden will be retiring from Norfolk Constabulary on the 18th January after 25 years' service. The Parish Council wish to note their thanks to him, for his work on behalf of this community over the years. (PC Simon Blakeley continues.)

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby has circulated a generic report in advance and had also advised that he may have a sum of money left in his county cllr budget, that could go towards one of our parish partnership projects if successful. He will determine the detail via Steve White.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had circulated her report in advance, which she also submits to the Glaven Valley Newsletter. The specific item of interest to BPC was the meeting with CEO of NNDC and stakeholders to discuss campervan tourism in one of the coastal parishes (being aware that it affects

many of the coastal parishes), with a hope of getting some strategic direction as to how best to accommodate this growing trend.

6. Open Public Session – No participation.

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

- 7.1. **PF/21/3243** – *Proposal; Detached domestic outbuilding (garden shed) to rear of dwelling at, Sanderlings, Morston Road, Blakeney. **Resolved*** – No objection, subject to; i) suitable lighting conditions being applied in line with our adopted ‘Dark Skies Policy’ and ii) Not for habitable accommodation.
- 7.2. **PF/21/3265** – *Proposal; Provision of outdoor swimming pool with associated ground works at, Three Owls Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. **Resolved*** - Object; this proposal sits within the AONB and does nothing to enhance the qualities of this protected area, namely the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Area, Countryside, Undeveloped Coast, Landscape Character and Mineral Safeguarding Area. Such a proposal would bring additional lighting, which goes against our adopted ‘Dark Skies Policy’ and we would refer to the comments lodged by the Norfolk Coast Partnership.
- 7.3. **PF/21/3273** – *Proposal; Erection of 1.8m high flint wall on boundary between no. 3 and no. 4 Whitefriars to replace timber fence at, 3 Whitefriars, Back Lane, Blakeney. **Resolved*** – No objection.
- 7.4. **PF/21/2977** – *Proposal; Change of use of agricultural land to a dog walking field with associated car parking area; erection of 1.8 metre security fence around perimeter of the dog walking area; erection of storage shed for maintenance equipment at, Land East of The Acreage, Coast Road (Cley Road), Wiveton. **Resolved*** - Object. We fully support the objections raised by Wiveton Parish Council and District Cllr Victoria Holliday. This proposal does nothing to enhance the protected area, namely the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Area, Countryside, Undeveloped Coast and would be detrimental to the boundary gap between the village of Blakeney and Wiveton. We would urge NNDC to consider all the points as detailed by the other objectors, with which we concur.
- 7.5. **PF/21/1657** – **Extended use of Overflow Car Park on Langham Road** – Does BPC have any further comments to add, with regard any potential landscaping ideas, before this is considered by the NNDC Development Committee? **Resolved** – No, we are happy for our Chairman to attend the Development Committee and restate our reasons for this application. The application was deliberately submitted with no landscaping scheme, so that when the field was not in use, it

simple reverted back to as is, however we are willing to consider any conditions that may be imposed if the application were successful.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £6,894.26 are paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Carnser Car Park and Coronation Car Park figures were reported along with the cashbook balances held. The December Carnser figures are awful, due to the P&D machine being out of action for much of the time, despite being reported to The N/T. This will be a point of discussion at the next meeting with them.

The Clerk also advised that the NCC Highways Parish Partnership Award (2021/22) for the highway **Signage Review** of the village, was in hand with NCC, who had reported as following PLA674 Blakeney – Westgate Street Signs; HE and Local Designer advised. Site visit conducted 12th November 2021, initial sign designs and locations to be sent to the parish within a couple of weeks. Site visit needed. (Since the record noted above, there has however, been an unforeseen incident, which means that there is likely to be a delay of a few weeks.)

- 8.3. **Resolved** to accept the quote for replacement **Defibrillator on Quay** from the Community Heartbeat Trust at a cost of £995 net plus carriage.
- 8.4. **Resolved** that once our current contract with The Play Inspection Company comes to an end for the full inspection of the **Play Areas** (noting that they are unable to carry out a full inspection of the zip wires every two years as per the recommendation), that we appoint Online Playgrounds (formerly known as Fenland Leisure) for a period of 12 months, as they will include the full zipwires inspection and then review at the end of the period.
- 8.5. **Resolved** to accept the quote for repairs to the **Village Hall Car Park** from Denny's Construction Ltd and to advise them that we require smaller material than that quoted, ie. 'down to fine/down to dust' which will help hold the settled/compacted material together and in place.

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

- 9.1. Edward Hackford our representative on the **Blakeney Village Hall Committee**, gave an update on the hall. All works are now completed, bookings are healthy, and the BVHT Treasurer & Secretary will soon meet with BPC as agreed. (It had been suggested that Edward as the BPC rep and also the Chairman of the BVHT does not take part in this meeting, due to the conflict of interest, EH does not agree, but does accept this.)

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS –

The following questions have been received from Cllr Jane Armstrong.

- 10.1. Please could the meeting receive an update on how discussions are progressing in respect of **The National Trust/BPC Car Park Agreement**? And could the minutes of any meetings be circulated?

A = The Working Group (WG) meets with The N/T next week, and the N/T intend to bring this draft document for discussion at said meeting. Being a WG any item needing a decision is then tabled for the Parish Council to consider, there are no formal minutes of the WG.

- 10.2. It's good to see that some of the **hedges** within the village were flailed a few weeks ago, but the work doesn't appear to me to be finished. Eg. there are some patches within the hedges on both sides of New Road and on Sheila's Way side of the hedge which look as though they need further work. Do we know whether this is work that they are planning to come back and do shortly?

A = CGM have tasked a team to come and cut and clear away the debris at Sheila's Way next week and we will mention the bottom of the hedge on New Road to them also.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 11.1. **Resolved** not to support the proposal from Cllr Jane Armstrong to disband the **Traffic Matters Working Group** & instead create a Traffic Matters Committee. The TMWG will continue as it is.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that BPC note the contents of the response from Holt Medical Practice to our letter of the 24th November 2021 concerning the level of medical services provided from **Blakeney Surgery**. This response does not address all the issues raised in our letter and we should ask them for clarification on our unanswered points. It was further resolved that we should contact our neighbouring parishes - Cley, Morston, Salthouse, Stiffkey, Wiveton, Letheringsett, Binham and Field Dalling - along with NNDC and NCC and ask them to consider joining us either by send their own letter or supporting our letter for Blakeney Surgery to return to its full potential in terms of services offered and opening times. It was further resolved that our letter to Holt Medical Practice and their response should be published in the GVN. In the future consideration will be given to raising a petition with our neighbouring parishes and using the local media (EDP, local radio, etc) for maximum publicity. We thank our MP Duncan Baker, for offering his full support and also our District Cllr.
- 11.3. **Resolved** that with regard whether Blakeney should be put forward to the **Norfolk/Suffolk Resilience Fund Programme, entitled; 'Reclaim**

the Rain'. We have brought this to the public attention, through the Glaven Valley News, and welcome involvement. At the moment, we have no sound ideas or suggestions for this. The County Council and team undertaking this, may like to approach the Blakeney Village Hall Trust, to consider say harvesting rainwater of the hall roof for the flushing of the toilets, however, this is not something we have even sounded BVHT out on.

- 11.4. **Resolved** that further to the request from Cllr Jane Armstrong to consider what steps need to be taken to ensure that the BPC website complies with NALC **Website Accessibility and Publishing Guidelines** we remain satisfied with the way things are. A vote of thanks was recorded for our current web designer Richard Daley, who does a superb job for us on behalf of the community. (Jane offered to find what she felt were the gaps.)

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

PF/21/2631 – Stable Cottage, 6A High Street, Blakeney – WITHDRAWN

PF/21/2307 – Cranford, High Street, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/1425 – Southdown Cottage, The Downs, Blakeney – Granted

RV/21/1876 – Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney – REFUSED

PF/21/0337 – 73 Morston Road, Blakeney - Granted

Meeting closed at 8.46pm.