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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 1st February 2022** in **The Scout Hut**.

Present:- Rosemary Thew, Jenny Girling, Jane Armstrong, Alban Donohoe, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. Apologies for Absence were ***accepted*** from; Samantha Arlow & Shirley Everett.

2. There were no **Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensations** from members.

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements –

- **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan** – NNDC have confirmed that the documentation supplied meets the statutory requirements in relation to submission, and the 6-week public consultation period will be advertised in due course.
- Norfolk County Council has launched the **Community Environmental Action Incubator** (2022 Pilot) which aims to uncover the most effective ways NCC can facilitate environmental action at local level by equipping parish & town councils with the information and support they need to undertake community projects that make a positive difference to nature.

Cllr Iain Wolfe & County Cllr Michael Darby arrived at this point.

5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

5.1. Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team had sent the following report;

On the 09/01 a domestic related Harassment

On 13/01 a highway disruption (Pigs in the road)

On 15/01 a single vehicle RTC (Morston Rd junction with Westgate St, Male driver arrested for driving whilst under the influence)

On 22/01 a Concern for safety (mental health related)

On 28/01 a Highway disruption on the Langham Rd (dead deer in the road)

On 29/01 a Concern for safety (mental health related)

On 29/01 a Highway disruption (fence in the road, New Rd)

No crimes have been reported in Blakeney during January.

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5.2. **County Councillor** – Michael Dalby had circulated a generic report in advance.

5.3. **District Councillor** – Victoria Holliday gave a verbal report.

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

- *PF/21/3475 – As the applicant, we are so pleased to have moved into the village and look forward to becoming part of the local community, raising our young family here. We are wanting to future proof our home for our family for years to come. We understand that there are some concerns over the balcony, and we hope to have actually reduced the amount of overlooking from what is currently viewed from our property, within the plans as submitted.*

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

(Cllrs; Please view applications on the NNDC website ahead of this meeting as there will be no screen sharing at the meeting.)

- 7.1. **PF/21/3475** – *Proposal; Removal of rear conservatory, erection of single and two storey extensions with first floor balconies; re-modelling of front porch, replacement windows and horizontal boarding over external brickwork at first floor, at, **Four Winds, 13 Kingsway, Blakeney.*** **Resolved** – Object; as we have concerns over the larger of the balconies, in terms of overlooking and privacy of the neighbouring properties.
- 7.2. **PF/22/0077** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of replacement detached dwelling and garage; alterations to access at, **21 Kingsway, Blakeney.*** **Resolved** – Object; this application is totally out of character within the setting of Kingsway, it does nothing to enhance the area, the materials are not at all in keeping with the surrounding properties.
- 7.3. **PF/22/0160** – *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.
- 7.4. The Chairman welcomed Mark Ashwell (Planning Policy Manager & lead for the new Local Plan; NNDC); Mark gave an overview of the content of **North Norfolk Local Plan proposed Submission Version** and answered questions from members. He then encouraged everyone to now submit comments by the deadline of midnight on Monday 28th February 2022. Members noted immediate key concerns for Blakeney were; i) Affordable Housing (affordable housing for local people), ii) Employment opportunities, iii) Overdevelopment of a site (one house

demolished, and up to 8 or so built on the site), iv) The number of second homes, (the overall impact this has on the local community).

- 7.5. **Arcady, Holt Road, Cley-next-the-Sea – Resolved** that we fully support and reinforce the objections to this entire development, and to both applications. We feel that this is in fact a ‘stress test’ of the NNDC planning system and the Friends of North Norfolk, as objectors, have our full support.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £13,301.20 are paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Carnser Car Park and Coronation Car Park figures were reported along with the cashbook balances held.

Planning applications & parking – We have received an update from the Director of Planning at NNDC, which advises that if the Parish Council have concerns over any potential parking issues which they think may arise in association with the development of any property, then this should be raised case by case at the time the planning application is considered and should be factored in, as a potential planning condition.

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk; Giles Orpen-Smellie, will join us at our full council meeting, on Tuesday 5th April 2022.

Vodafone have informed us that they plan to retire the Rural Open Sure Signal devices from within the parish, as the 3G signal is now available through the main network.

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

- 9.1. Members noted the draft minutes of the most recent meeting of the **Events Committee**; i) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee & ii) Party on The Pastures.
- 9.2. Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe, gave an update from the **Traffic Matters Working Group**;
- i) **Traffic/Civil Enforcement Officer** – we are looking to see if we can buy in hours to target days/areas in the village,
- ii) **20mph throughout the entire village** is a ‘no go’ as advised by NCC Highways and we will be taking no further action on this item,
- iii) **Community Speedwatch Group** – if we are unable to get a team of 6, then we will look to see if we can merge with neighbouring parishes,

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- iv) **Live Vehicle Information Sign** – we await the outcome of the most recent NCC Parish Partnership funding scheme,
 - v) **Traffic Signage Review** – we are waiting to hear back from NCC Highways,
 - vi) **Residents Parking Permits** for the High Street, NCC Highways have advised that Blakeney would be a long way off being considered for such a scheme and we will therefore take no further action for the time being,
 - vii) **Motorhomes/Caravans** – small steps to try and reduce the number which turn north of the A149 and head to the quay, ie. signage for other parking, revisiting fees for the Carnser and we await the outcome of the conversation our District Cllr, was having with neighbouring parishes and then NNDC as alluded to previously,
 - viii) **High Street Traffic Consultation** previously agreed to go to all properties on the electoral roll in the parish, but given that time has moved on, members are now asked to revisit the previously agreed questionnaire and consider any amendments/additions they may wish to make, whilst remembering a) What is the aim of the questionnaire, b) Not to over promise – Much work has been done by the TMG in the past 12 months, and answers obtained from the authorities,
 - ix) **Consideration of possible parking charges at the Village Hall Car Park** – we are not quite ready to go out to consultation, further discussion within the TMG is required.
- 9.3. Rosemary Thew (one of our representatives on the **Dinghy Park Management Committee** gave a verbal report on the most recent meeting, and the draft minutes will be available shortly. **Resolved** that going forward, this committee should also appoint a Vice Chairman at the time it appoints its Chairman each year.
- 9.4. Rosemary Thew, had circulated in advance a report from the meeting with the representatives of the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust**, which in turn had raised other questions over the management of the car park in relation to two separate documents, i) the Trust Deed executed when the hall was built in 1980 and ii) the local Management Agreement, which gives all financial and maintenance liability to the Parish Council, exonerating the BVHT. Given the implications for either party ahead of renewing the soon to expire ‘maintenance agreement’ it was **resolved** that each member views the historical documents and that we seek legal clarification over the wording, to ensure mutual understanding in order to move forward.
- 9.5. **Resolved** the following charges for the **Carnser Car Park pricing structure** for 2022/23;
- i) Off-peak (Nov-Mar) to remain at £3.00,

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- ii) 4pm (Mar-Oct) a new fee of £3.00 (a stepped down fee from the £6.00),
- iii) Do away with the After 6pm (Mar-Oct) £2.00 charge, the 4pm fee to run throughout the evening,
- iv) Peak season daily fee to remain unaltered at £6.00,
- v) Weekly peak season ticket to increase from £15.00 to £20.00,
- vi) Weekly low season ticket to remain unaltered at £15.00,
- vii) Motorbikes to remain FREE,
- viii) Trailers and motorhomes to increase from £10 to £20,
- ix) Season tickets will require further consideration between both parties.

9.6. **Resolved** that subject to a few noted, minor amendments, we are happy with the revised **Carnser Car Park Signage** for 2022/23.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None received.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 11.1. **Resolved** that we are supportive of the NNDC consultation document; **Public Space Protection Orders: Dog Restrictions** and we have no additional comments.
- 11.2. **Resolved** to host a **Cardboard Recycling Bin** in or Recycling Area, to enhance the current service provision.
- 11.3. **Resolved** not to apply for the installation of a **Water refill station** (water fountain), but happy for NNDC or any other local business/organisation to take this on.
- 11.4. Theme and possible guest speaker for the **Annual Parish Meeting** which is to be held on Thursday 24th March 2022, **resolved** to invite; i) NNDC Local Plan (Mark Ashwell), ii) Longshore Management Plan (coastal management, natural retreat), a number of suitable organisations.

12. Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public – Resolved that due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (legal detailed working agreement), it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (*Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.*)

Members worked their way through the amended draft **Carnser Car Park annual agreement** between The National Trust (N/T) & Blakeney Parish Council ahead of 2022/23, which determines the working detail and calculations to be made in the

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coming year. **Resolved** that subject to annotated amendments as noted by the Clerk, we are happy to go back to the N/T with a view to signing off this agreement.

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

PF/21/2077 – 26 Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/2517 – Harbour Room, High Street, Blakeney – REFUSED

PF/21/3036 – 30 High Street, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/2626 & LA/21/2627 – 4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/3273 – 3 Whitefriars, Back Lane, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/3185 – 32 Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

Chairman _____