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

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Jane Armstrong, Barry Girling, Edward Hackford, Nigel Sutcliffe & Iain Wolfe.

Guests:- Anna Clarke (Housing Enabler Officer, NNDC) & Ed Mumford Smith (Head of Development, Broadland Housing Group).

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. Apologies for Absence were ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe & Shirley Everett and also County Cllr. Michael Dalby.

2. Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensations from members.

- *Cllr. Samantha Arlow declared a pecuniary interest in item no. 9.5. as this involved family members.*

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 are signed as a true record.

4. Resolved to Co-opt, Mr William Weston to fill the one Parish Councillor vacancy.

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

6. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

6.1. *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – no report received.

6.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby – no report received.

6.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday – gave verbal report. Touched on; Community First Responders, Ambulance response times, Campervans (will let us know about a meeting of local town and parish councils in due course), Cley PC no longer wants to install electric vehicle charge points.

7. Open Public Session – No public present.

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

Cllr. Iain Wolfe arrived at this point.

*It was **proposed & agreed** to take item 8.4. first. (Minutes however, prepared in same order as agenda.)*

- 8.1. **PF/21/2711** – *Amended 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.
- 8.2. **PF/22/0179** – *Proposal; Amendments to fenestration of workshop building (part retrospective) at, **Galley Hill, Langham Road, Blakeney.*** **Resolved** – Object; We find this application obtrusive for the location in which it is sited, and there is too much glazing and roof lights, given that this is deemed as a workshop.
- 8.3. **PF/21/0882** – *Proposal; Erection of dwelling and associated external works and landscaping to vary plan RV/21/2583 at, **Arcady, Holt Road, Clew.*** **Resolved** - Object; We continue to fully support and reinforce all objections made to this development that have so far been lodged with NNDC with regard this site/development. The proposed variations are so minor and the drawings do not reflect what has been built and is contrary to a number of local planning policies.
- 8.4. Ed Mumford Smith (EMS) and Anna Clarke, updated members with a revised proposal for a potential **Affordable Housing Scheme** on the former school field site at **Langham Road**. It was explained that this would involve both Broadland Housing and Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society. It was made clear to all present, that this was the last time we should ask EMS to bring this item to us, and that a final decision must be made this eve, in terms of whether or not to proceed with a scheme, this was understood by all. It was **proposed** that we do not proceed with an affordable housing scheme for local people on this site. This vote was not carried.

It was therefore **resolved** that the planning proposal for affordable housing on this site is in fact carried and progressed and that EMS proceeds to the next step which will be a full public consultation.

- 8.5. **PF/21/1657** – *Proposal; Proposed overflow car park (remaining) as grassed area), with a maximum of 200 parking spaces and improvements to existing access at, **Land known as the Former School Field, Langham Road, Blakeney.*** BPC are now asked to consider any hard and soft landscaping details to be submitted to NNDC. **Resolved** that District Cllr. Victoria Holliday, will also chase for a reply from NCC, as to whether they are happy for us to proceed with any landscaping scheme on land which they own, before we engage in having professional plans/schemes drawn up.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £7,246.08 are paid.
- 9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – The SAM2, will no longer be placed on Back Lane and the New Road site is being revisited. As requested the advertising signs were photographed/recorded at the end of October. This was clearly the wrong time of year and does not reflect the extent of the situation. This therefore needs to be redone at the height of the season and then BPC should be in position to revisit the NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal and any related policies. There was no RFO report.
- 9.3. **Resolved** that the following price increases are to be applied to **Coronation Car Park for 2022/23**, commencing 1st April 2022.
- *The 5 hr rate is increased from £3.50 to £4.00*
 - *The 24 hr rate is increased from £5.00 to £6.00*
 - *The 30 minute free continues unchanged, as does the Builder/Trade permit rates*
- 9.4. **Resolved** to award the following applications to the **Community Fund** as follows; 1) Blakeney Area Historical Society = £390, 2) Blakeney Village Hall Trust = £400, 3) Blakeney Conservation Duckpond = £350, 4) Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team = £500, 5) Blakeney Primary School = £700, 6) Glaven Valley News £500. This totals £2,840.
- 9.5. **Resolved** that having received two quotes, to upgrade the electricity supply for the **Trading Sites** which note differing information as to the way to proceed that we; i) accept that BPC will pay the cost for the upgrade of our infrastructure and will not pass this cost onto the traders, ii) ask our original installer to confirm the condition of the current supply, in terms of the earth feed protection, iii) seek a third quote to see if this compares with either of our two current quotes, iv) authorise the Clerk to proceed with the most suitable quote and proceed to get this work completed and accounted for before the financial year end of 31st March 2022.
- 9.6. Cllr. Jane Armstrong proposed that Blakeney Parish Council reconsiders the decision taken at the June 2021 Full Council meeting, to accept the fee from Threshold Sports, (hosts of the MacMillan Coastal Mighty Hike 2022) and instead to consider **declining the host fee** for use of a venue/site. An **amended proposal** was made; *That we leave the decision as was made originally in June 2021, with the caveat that we may decide to return it should we wish at a later date.*

A recorded vote was requested by Cllr. Jane Armstrong; *In favour of the amended proposal: Nigel Sutcliffe, Rosemary Thew, Edward Hackford, Jenny Girling & Barry Girling. Against the amended proposal; Jane*

Armstrong. Abstained; Samantha Arlow & Iain Wolfe. Therefore, it was **resolved** that the amended proposal is carried.

10. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups which have met recently if applicable – Edward Hackford (Chairman of the Blakeney Village Hall Trust), advised that the hall had now installed Wi-Fi for its users.

11. There were no **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS.**

12. CORRESPONDENCE –

12.1. A rescission notice, (in accordance with Standing Order no. 7a.) had been received which requested that the decision in relation to the **High Street Traffic Consultation**, item no. 9.2. (viii) of the minutes dated Tuesday 1st February 2022 be rescinded. The Traffic Matters Working Group (TMWG) is working through many items, all of which have been raised numerous times over the years, ie. they are repetitive and we feel that there is nothing to be gained from going out to the community yet again with this or a wider traffic questionnaire. This would simply create a vast amount of work, for which there is no need given the number of times it has already been undertaken. The TMWG are liaising with the relevant organisations to see what is achievable and what is not, and continue to feed this back to BPC and the wider community. **Resolved** that we will not now proceed with a traffic consultation/questionnaire but allow the process to continue with the TMWG.

12.2. A request for a Morston based ferryboat operator to place **Signage on Blakeney Quay** had been received. **Resolved** that with regard the request for new signage along the quay, we can only agree to this in the short term, as it goes against the report/findings of the NNDC Conservation Area Management Appraisal which we are in the midst of adopting locally and which we will shortly bring back to the table for further consideration, along with a review of the entire advertising signage within the village.

12.3. A request had been received from Cllr. Jane Armstrong with reference to the '**NALC Website Accessibility and Publishing Guidelines**' to ask what further action that the Parish Council may wish to take.

The Clerk advised that 'The Transparency Code' applies to those Parish & Town Councils with a gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) that does not exceed £25,000 or If gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) exceeds £200,000. In either of these situations the Transparency Code applies. Blakeney Parish Council falls into neither of the categories, (along with many others) as those that fall in between, have no duty to publish additional information, as is reflected in the **Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Guidance (JPAG) at 5.73 and 5.74 pg. 45 and as per Standing Order no. 20.**

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All other Councillors expressed no desire to go above and beyond the legal requirement for publication given the workload of The Clerk. Cllr. Jane Armstrong therefore *withdrew* this item.

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

PF/21/0692 – 8 Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/1191 – Roslyn, 13 Back Lane, Blakeney – Granted

PF/22/0077 – 21 Kingsway, Blakeney – Withdrawn

Meeting closed at 9.13pm

Chairman _____