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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** will take place on **Tuesday 5th April 2022** in **The Scout Hut**.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Alban Donohoe, Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman), Jane Armstrong, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Nigel Sutcliffe, Iain Wolfe & Willie Weston.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. Apologies for Absence were ***accepted*** from; Samantha Arlow & Edward Hackford. Following an email yesterday, we are not entirely certain whether the Police & Crime Commissioner will be able to join us.

2. There were no **Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensation** from members.

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

4. Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk; Giles Orpen-Smellie had not been able to join us.

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

6. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

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

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

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday – had circulated her written report in advance, which had been shared with all members and touched upon; Coastal Adaption Grant, Community First Responders, Public Toilets – changing places, Ukraine support, and three NNDC grant funding pots; Arts & Cultures Fund, Community Transport Fund, Sustainable Communities. The planning application which refers to the proposed dog walking field on the Coast Road, will be going to the NNDC Development Committee. On a separate note Cley PC will be responding to the consultation which is in reply to the Government's response to the independent Landscape Review proposals, which looks at whether the protection for National Parks and AONBs are still fit for purpose. (*BPC do not recall having been officially consulted on this item – however, it is open to the general public and the closing date is 9th April 2022.*)

7. Open Public Session –

- *The lack of presence by our County Cllr at these meetings or even a report in his absence is very notable.*

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

- 8.1. **RV/22/0449** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/0225 (Demolition of single storey detached dwelling and erection of two storey replacement dwelling) to allow for amendments to design and layout of dwelling at, **Glebe Lodge, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney.** **Resolved** – No objection.*
- 8.2. **Resolved** that we ask NNDC for a time extension for our planning application no. **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,** whilst we have further discussions with Norfolk County Council and others, as we believe that there is a great economic need for use of the overflow car park, given that NNDC and others actively promotes and encourages visitors to the North Norfolk Coast, and we as a Parish Council are trying to solve our own problem, as the village and its businesses and thus workers, rely on tourism.*
- 8.3. **Resolved** that we liaise with NNDC, St. Nicholas Church Hall Committee and the Two Magpies to see if we can do something to mitigate the visual impact of the trade waste bins in the area of **Mariners Hill** looking from The Carnser, (AONB & Conservation Area) such as slatted fencing, or solid fencing with a gap at the bottom. BPC to obtain quotes for such work.
- 8.4. **PF/22/0834** – *Proposal; Demolition of stable and removal of static caravan; erection of single-storey triple-bay domestic garage at, **Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney.** **Resolved** – No objection.*

9. FINANCE

- 9.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £47,167.29 are paid.
- 9.2. **Clerk/RFO Report –**
- The figures for both the **Carnser and Coronation Car Park** were reported to members along with the cashbook balance. Noted that the year had been very good overall due to high visitor numbers/staycations.
 - **Openreach** have confirmed that two of the recently installed telegraph poles on Langham Road are to be removed.
 - **Gray's funfair** will be on The Carnser from Tuesday 16th August, til 7am on Sunday 21st August.

- The **Blakeney/Wiveton Community Governance Review** has now been completed by NNDC and the consolidation of the properties and businesses established at Friary Farm into the Blakeney parish has been approved for implementation from 1st April 2022.
- The Royal British Legion hold the '**Wheelyboat**' official launch of 22nd April. (*Alban Donohoe will represent BPC.*)
- **Blakeney Surgery** – response received from Holt Medical Practice on 30th March 2022 – which in summary, does not provide the resolutions to the concerns raised by Blakeney Parish Council. Members **agreed** to; i) Try and have this added to the NNDC 'Community Right to Bid Register', ii) Contact those local Parish Councils that did not reply, iii) Ask our District Cllr to comment on this, iv) refer to the current Local Plan and the emerging Local Plan, re. Doctors Surgery/healthcare provision for a designated 'Service Village' & v) seek a Section 106 agreement from the proposed new housing development behind Kingsway, to help fund/secure the future of Blakeney Surgery. These points to be **ratified** at our next meeting.

9.3. The Clerk presented the **N/T Carnser year-end figures**, which the members noted and accepted. The Clerk was asked to confirm the realities of the figure entered for the N/T staff time to empty and deal with the cash from the P&D machine, ie. any time and motion study.

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

- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** (RT) – Plans progressing well, with a number of community groups pulling together to put on a variety of events and activities. Committee has requested an increase to their budget of £1,000, giving a total budget of £2,000, the same as it was back in 2012 for the Diamond Jubilee. Members **agreed** this, and it will simply be **ratified** at the next BPC meeting.
- **Party on The Pastures** – The Clerk advised that plans are progressing however; the Jubilee event has taken priority due to timing.
- **Dinghy Park Committee** (AD) – The committee met last week, and are looking at a number of ways to solve the problem of cars being parked in the wrong area, but still allowing the area to be used as an overflow car park at the discretion of the car park attendants, with positive solutions coming forward. The revised kayak area is working extremely well and the dinghy park itself is looking the best it has in years.
- **NNDC Parish & Town Forum** (RT) – A written report had been circulated in advance; however, the meeting touched upon; A number of E-forms are now available on the NNDC website, concerns around second homes, 16

units of temporary accommodation in the district. Funding for Ukraine refugees is available via the NCC and anyone interesting in hosting to go via the Homes for Ukraine scheme. NNDC & NCC are helping with Jubilee events across the district re. road closures etc. Nutrient neutrality – Natural England are in discussion with NNDC and others re. development sites. Parish Councils will be formally consulted soon on Planning Service Improvement Plan.

- **Greenways to Greenspaces** (JA) – Attended a webinar organised by Norfolk County Council. One of a series of webinars aimed at helping communities improve their local areas in terms of habitat, green corridors, access to countryside, etc. Suggestions which could be relevant to Blakeney included; A call to mow less to enable grasses, etc to flower thereby helping bees and insects, in particular, ‘No mow May’. Encouragement to plant trees. The importance of having rough grass. The possibility of roadside nature corridors.

11. There were no COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS.

12. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 12.1. **Resolved** that further to item 8.2. discussed earlier, in order to try and resolve the **Parking Arrangements** for this coming season in the village we try the following; i) split the overflow field into two, with very clear boundary markings; and use one half, and then the other, ii) ask Friary Farm Caravan Park about using the field opposite the Church as the next option. Any complaints received by or directed at BPC over the lack of parking in the village will be directed to NNDC.
- 12.2. **Resolved** that out of the out of the nine members in attendance this evening; 7 of them are able to attend the **Whole Council Training on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm** in the Scout Hut/Parish Office. (This was the most suitable date out of the 3 dates offered.)
- 12.3. **Resolved** that we, Blakeney Parish Council, are happy to endorse and send the model letter for Councils from SLCC to our local MP regarding **Bullying, harassment and intimidation** in the sector, towards councillors and their staff.
- 12.4. **Resolved** that we will seek prices to repair the **Goal Posts** on the village playing field and also a price to replace them. To then consider the most cost effective option, whilst at the same time seeking out any possible grant funding.

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

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PF/21/3475 – Four Winds, 13 Kingsway, Blakeney – Granted

**PF/20/1109 – Appeal Ref: AP/21/0006 – Agricultural Barn, Morston Road, Blakeney –
APPEAL DISMISSED.**

Meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Chairman _____