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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th June 2022** in **The Scout Hut at 7.00pm.**

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. Apologies for Absence – None received.

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

3. *Resolved* that the following **Minutes** are to be signed as a true record;

- i) The Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022.
- ii) AGM held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022. (Noting that Jenny Girling was in attendance.)

4. Chairman's Announcements – None.

5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

5.1. *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – Written report circulated. Only one crime was reported for May in Blakeney, which was another theft of waste cooking oil from The Kings Arms. Two suspects were arrested in Blakeney, their van and a large quantity of waste cooking oil was seized by police. A further theft of waste cooking oil was reported the following week in Wells and two further suspects, of the same nationality, were also arrested. Their van and a large quantity of waste cooking oil was seized by police also. Cley Parish Council has reported that a white Mercedes Sprinter van, reg. LS52 ZRK was seen near a building site in Cley. This van may be linked to thefts of scrap metal in the area, so please report, via 999 if seen acting suspiciously in Blakeney.

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby had circulated his report in advance. To summarise; NCC operates a 24hr countywide Norfolk Swift Response Service, for people who are aged over 18, living at home and require physical or practical support with daily tasks, to find out more call 03448 008020 and select option 1. The Bus Service Improvement Plan consultation is open for 7 weeks from Tuesday 17th May to Tuesday 5th July via www.Norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/bsip/ Finally there is a new tree planting scheme for Norfolk, please contact tree.planting@norfolk.gov.uk for more details.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday – There were no portfolio holders reports at May's full council meeting, so no NNDC updates to share, other than

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Cabinet approved the 'Quality of Life Strategy'. 706 homes in Blakeney, 167 are second homes, and 145 are holiday homes, which equates to second homes and holiday homes being 44.2% of the housing stock in the village.

6. Open Public Session – None.

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

- 7.1. **PF/22/1132** – *Proposal; Outdoor swimming pool with associated ground works at; Three Owls Farm, Blakeney. Resolved* – Object; This application is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is intensification of the protected area, and is in a very prominent position in the open rural countryside.
- 7.2. **PF/22/1069** – *Proposal; Erection of single-storey rear infill extension at; Boat Barn Cottage, Westgate Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.
- 7.3. **RV/22/1263** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans of planning permission PF/21/1989 extensions and alterations to dwelling) to amend the design to add two small windows for ventilation at; Saltmarsh, 18 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.
- 7.4. **PF/21/1657** – *Overflow car park (remaining as grassed area), with a maximum of 200 parking spaces and improvements to existing vehicle access at; Land known as 'Former School Field', Langham Road, Blakeney. To consider the way forward in relation to landscaping comments from NNDC. Resolved* – That we undertake no landscaping plans at the moment with regard this application. We withdraw this application for now and reconsider it in due course, in light of the impending housing development application.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £16,097.76 are paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Brief update on Carnser Car Park income, Coronation figures were not available.
- 8.3. **Resolved** to approve the following sections in order of the **Annual Return (AGAR) 2021/22;**
 - i) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
 - ii) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/2

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- 8.4. **Resolved** to accept the **Insurance Renewal** quote from Gallagher for one year, with an annual premium of £3,156.12, noting the 14 day cooling off period, should the other requested quotes arrive.
 - 8.5. The quote for updated **Litter Bin emptying** had not been received, however with regard general rubbish problems, the Clerk will speak further with NNDC and others.
 - 8.6. **Resolved** to accept the quote of £ 525.00 plus carriage to replace the **Defibrillator Cabinet** at The Quay (from Community Project EMR).
 - 8.7. **Resolved** to add 'Sage' (payroll software) to the **Direct Debit** list for 2022/23.
9. **Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – *Rosemary Thew* advised that the weekend of celebrations had been a huge success, the BPC Events Committee was heavily involved in the Thursday evening lantern procession and beacon parade, and for the Afternoon Tea Party on the Sunday afternoon. Huge thanks to everyone involved. (The Clerk advised that the expenditure would just tip the £2k budget, when all invoices are received.)
 - **Dinghy Park Management Committee** – *Alban Donohoe* – At the last meeting of the committee discussions were had around how to best manage the dinghy park as an overflow car park when it was not needed by sailors, and various options were considered and a consultation is planned. Draft minutes will be out in due course.
 - **BPC & The National Trust** – *Nigel Sutcliffe* – We last met on 10th May. The N/T confirmed that BPC will receive compensation for the days that the pay & display machine is out of action. The local N/T team are pushing their Head Office to get the P&D machine running as part of a pilot scheme for contactless payments, which was initially hoped for September 2021, and they are as frustrated as BPC. The N/T have provided the odd 1hr cover for the attendants when they can, to allow for lunch breaks and car park monitoring by the attendants, who cannot leave the hut due to the demand from visitors to pay using the handheld contactless method. Whilst this has worked well, it is not the preferred solution. BPC to ask for another meeting with The N/T as soon as possible, and serious consideration must now be given to resolving the contactless payment issue.
 - To appoint a BPC representative to the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust**. With no volunteer coming forward, this will remain as a standing agenda item.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 11.1. Members were in receipt of the feedback from **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** regarding the signing of the unchanged **Agreement** for a further 12 months, as the BVHT want at least 4 years. Following a lengthy and repetitive discussion it was **Resolved** that; BPC will write back to the BVHT explaining; As recorded in previous minutes, (reports from the Traffic Matters Working Group) that there are real issues of concern in the village about traffic management, and that the Parish Council will be undertaking a consultation about the future use of the car park, this will take some time, and hence are wanting to sign the current unchanged agreement for 12 months, so as not to impede any consultation. There is also the lack of a 'break' clause in the agreement, which means if it is signed for 4 years, neither side can change it for that period. The Parish Council will seek legal advice about the agreement, in particular to ensure that charges cannot be made by the Trustees for access to the rear of the car park. As explained before, this will take time, and a one-year agreement should allow progress to be made on both aspects. If issues are still inconclusive at the end of that time, then a further extension of one year may be appropriate. The actual content of the agreement in fact remains unchanged as has been confirmed many times. We cordially invite all of the Trustees of the BVHT to join us at our next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7th June, at 7pm should they have any further questions.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that we agree to the request from **Threshold Sports** to use the parish playing field site from the 11th – 14th May 2023 to host the 'Mighty Hike Marathon' once again.
- 11.3. **Resolved** to grant the request from a High Street resident to store a small road trailer in **Coronation Car Park**, subject to them and their family parking their vehicles on the residents side of Coronation car park as per their free permit and not on the pay & display side. Any breach and the trailer will be removed within 7 days as per the terms and conditions of the car park. This request is subject to an annual review and the resident is to approach the Parish Council formally each time.
- 11.4. **Resolved** to ratify the request/decision allowing **Darkside Running** to use the Carnser Car Park as a base for their 'Ultramarathon' (2 spaces) on 2nd July 2022.
- 11.5. **Resolved** that Cllr Jane Armstrong will undertake an audit of all **Advertising Signage** in the village over the summer season, inline with our policy/signage review, which will then allow us to revisit the NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal and any related policies.

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Meeting closed at 9.18pm.

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