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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022** in **The Scout Hut at 7.00pm.**

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

Also, District Cllr; Victoria Holliday & County Cllr Michael Dalby.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. **Apologies for Absence** were **accepted** from Shirley Everett.

2. **Declarations of Interest** were received from members;

- Cllr Samantha Arlow – Item no. 7.3. Pecuniary Interest as immediate neighbour.
- Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe – Item no. 7.1. Personal Interest as know the applicant.
- Cllr Jane Armstrong – Item no. 11.1. Pecuniary Interest as adjoins to my property.

3. **Resolved** that the **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 are signed as a true record.

4. **Chairman's Announcements** –

- Unfortunately, the **Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk**; Mr Giles Orpen-Smellie is now unable to join us this evening. **Agreed** that we now invite him to our 2023 Annual Parish Meeting, rather than a full council meeting, that way he will be able reflect on a full year in office.

5. **Reports from Police, County & District Councillors** –

5.1. **Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team** – PC Alan Kettel, Seasonal Beat Manager joined us and gave the following report; since the last parish council meeting the following incidents have been reported; 1 x broken window in the High Street, being treated as attempted burglary, 3 x public order offences and 1 x harassment offence (all linked), 3 x concerns for safety and 1 x road traffic accident on Langham Road. Given the time of year, hare coursing is being targeted jointly across the counties. Over recent months in Cley, building sites have been broken in to. And finally, we are undertaking park, walk and talk policing in Blakeney and local areas.

5.2. **County Councillor – Michael Dalby** had circulated his report in advance. Of particular note; Norfolk County Council has launched a consultation about changes to the **rural mobile library service**, as part of proposals to save £13

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million. The consultation opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and runs until 14<sup>th</sup> September, and can be found on the NCC website.

**Road Repairs** – Following the last parish council meeting, I agreed to visit the site and take photos of the areas of concern and sent them to NCC Highways. They in turn, then looked at the works completed by the sub-contractor, and still consider them to be within tolerance, if somewhat untidy. I am happy to take this up with Martin Wilby the Cabinet member for Highways on behalf of the Parish.

5.3. **District Councillor – Victoria Holliday** had circulated her report in advance. Key points summarised;

**Planning** - consultants Royal Haskoning are in the process of developing a nutrient calculator and detailed catchment level plans, and a short-term strategy to deal with nutrient neutrality is expected this August. The planning director is working on the planning Service Improvement Plan.

**Housing** - 52 affordable homes will be built this year - the numbers are down due to nutrient neutrality and lack of sites. However, there are 354 possible affordable homes in the pipeline. There are 2575 households on the housing waiting list, and 42 households in temporary accommodation.

**Benefits** - The North Norfolk Help Hub offers support and guidance for many aspects of well-being eg money worries, isolation, domestic abuse, mental health problems, housing. Email [social.prescribing@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:social.prescribing@north-norfolk.gov.uk)

**Well-being** - the three priorities for the new North Norfolk Health and Well-being Partnership are older people, mental health and inequalities. The partnership has approved funding of £50,000 to provide a repair service for low income owner occupiers/private sector tenants to stay in their own home.

**Sustainable growth** - NNDC is submitting bids for a new swimming pool in Fakenham and improvements to the cliff top gardens and North Lodge Park as part of the Levelling Up Round 2. North Norfolk's share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is £1.2 million - planning is underway as to how to best spend this.

**Environment** - NNDC will be ensuring Serco pays particular attention to street cleansing and litter bin emptying over the summer. Waste and recycling pick up routes will be changing to become more efficient and hopefully improve service.

**Ambulance response times** and CFR recruitment - ambulance response times are still unacceptably long, some of which is due to handover delays at the NNUH and QEH. Luckily, the paramedic in a car in Fakenham will remain till next April, at least. Community First Responders, the recruitment campaign was successful and there is now one recruit going through training in both Sheringham and Holt, 4 in Fakenham, and 5 are being recruited in Wells. I am talking to the trust about maintaining the momentum of the recruitment drive.

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**Campervan overnight parking** - Policeman Graham Gower Smith is incredibly supportive of parishes affected by campervan antisocial behaviour, eg. fires. His number is 07800521442. For any pollution issues, the Environment Agency Incident line number is 0800807060 and the report is supposedly passed on to the local representative.

*Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived.*

### **6. Open Public Session –**

- *Huge concerns with regard the operating times and service offered at Blakeney Surgery, via Holt Medical Practice. The service is diminishing and the surgery remains closed in the afternoons. Although we note that prescription turnaround time is down from 10 days to 7 days and surgery staff are working hard to reduce that further. Would ask BPC to continue to fight to keep our surgery open and working to its full potential, before the it is lost for good. (We will place this topic on our September agenda.)*

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

- 7.1. **PF/22/1390** – *Amended Plans Proposal; Single storey rear extension following removal of conservatory; alterations to front elevation including dormer extension and first floor extension at, **Morleys, 67 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – No objection.*
- 7.2. **PF/21/1524** – *Proposal; Change of use and extension to storage barn to form new dwelling and enable rare chalk grassland creation system including re-location of existing access at, **Storage Barn, Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – **STRONGLY OBJECT** to this resubmitted application for the same reasons as before, (previous comments copied below for ease of reference), when NNDC refused the application.*

This proposal goes against all policies in the Local Development Plan and the AONB. We also note and support the other objections already lodged, which include a strong objection from The Ramblers Association as well as Natural England along with many others. There is absolutely no need for a domestic building to be built in order to develop one field for agricultural purposes.

**Policy H09** Conversion & re-use of Rural Building as Dwellings states that the reuse of a rural building as a dwelling applies to suitably constructed buildings only. We would argue that this building does not comply with this statement, as it would likely require demolition or at the very least, substantial rebuilding. As it stands it blends nicely into the landscape.

**Policy EN1** Norfolk Coast AONB states that high priority is given to the protection, conservation and enhancement of this landscape character, and that new development should sustain or create landscapes with a strong sense of place and

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local identity. We do not consider that this new and extended residential dwelling meets the criteria. The only gain will be a financial one to the applicant, and will come at a visual loss to the wider community.

**Policy EN3** Undeveloped Coast states that residential development that is considered important to the well-being of the coastal community will be permitted where it replaces that which is threatened by coastal erosion. This residential development clearly does not comply with this policy.

**Policy SS2** Development in the Countryside states that development will be limited to that which requires a rural location and is for one or more reasons (it lists 18) and that proposals which do not accord with the list will not be permitted. We do not consider that a new extended residential dwelling meets the criteria.

*Cllr Samantha Arlow left the meeting for item no. 7.3.*

- 7.3. **PF/22/1628** – Proposal; *Erection of single storey side and rear extensions; alterations to fenestration at, 38 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.
- 7.4. **PF/22/1734** – Proposal; *Demolition of porch, rear conservatory, garage and outbuildings; construction of single storey side extension and two storey rear extension, single storey building to rear to provide annexe at, 46 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved* – ask NNDC for an extension in order for the yellow site notice to be erected, ie. for neighbours to be aware.

## **8. FINANCE**

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £11,784.69 are to be paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Brief update on Carnser Car Park income, which continues to be down this year compared to last. Also figures for Coronation Car Park were shared. Also;
- Flowbird have confirmed that they will complete the tariff printout upgrade on the **Coronation Car Park** machine, at no cost to the Parish Council.
  - **Fleur Developments**, will cease to the use of the rear of the village hall car park by the end of business on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
  - Planning application no. **PF/21/0390** – The Wells, 3 The Pastures, has gone to appeal, ref. no. AP/22/0010.
  - **Limits of Acceptable Change** – Clerk attended this workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> July, hosted by The Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership, who will share a report in due course.

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8.3. **Resolved** that we accept the maintenance estimate for the **Play Equipment** but ask whether there is any scope to reuse any of the safagrass mats once lifted.

8.4. **Resolved** that we accept the quote for repair of the **Goal Posts**.

9. **Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable – None that the Clerk is aware of since the last meeting.

- To appoint a BPC representative to the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust**. Jane Armstrong offered to take on this role, this was **agreed**.
- **Events Committee** – Party on The Pastures; prepped and ready to go, a great fun filled day and evening planned, with a huge variety of attractions and entertainment. Sincere thanks to the volunteers.

## 10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

*The following questions were received from Cllr Jane Armstrong;*

i) "I would like to ask what, if any, action was taken following (what I think was) a data protection breach which occurred on 14 February 2022 when all registered dinghy park users (around 300? including me) received an email from BPC with all email addresses visible to all recipients. (I understand that Tracey is no longer the Data Protection Officer but, as was clarified at the July Full Council Meeting, the Council is effectively the Data Protection Officer so we are collectively responsible?)"

ANSWER – A breach under eIDAS is “any breach of security or loss of integrity that has a significant impact on a trust service, if there is no harm caused, or there is only minimal effect, this will not qualify as a breach.”

ii) "Having received the map page of the NT/BPC car park agreement (attached), I've compared it with the land registered to the NT (map attached on which I've marked the extent of the car park in blue) and it appears that the NT owns only a small proportion of the car park (I estimate around 15%). What is the reasoning for the NT to receive 40% of the Carnser car park income? Is this something we should be reviewing?"

ANSWER – As confirmed by The National Trust, the land registry information is not up to date to reflect the 2 conveyances for the Carnser and National Trust land.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE –

*Cllr Jane Armstrong left the meeting for item no. 11.1.*

11.1. **Resolved** that having considered the plans from July 1998, re. access from The Orchard (39 New Road) to New Road, which shows the hedge

and the fence, that we continue with the ownership of the **Sheila's Way Fence**, ie. no change.

11.2. **Resolved** that the request from the National Trust to us, to obtain a quote for making good the corner of **The Carnser** is not pursued, ie. we would much prefer the N/T to grant permission for the work as being proposed by the B3CT in principle, as we feel that anything else, could in fact make the current situation more unstable.

11.3. **Resolved** that we accept the plan proposals for the two successful **Parish Partnership Schemes (2022/23)** as below;

i) Vehicular Access Improvement Scheme for the Overflow Car Park on Langham Road.

ii) Trod on Langham Road.

11.4. **Resolved** that we enquire about the following potential schemes for the Norfolk County Council **Parish Partnership Funding Scheme 2023/24**;

i) Coronation Lane repairs

ii) Resurface or repairs to The Pastures driveway

iii) Resurface the car park area at Bournes Corner

11.5. Rosemary Thew & Nigel Sutcliffe attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Blakeney Village Hall Trust on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, with regard the **BPC & Blakeney Village Hall Trust** Car Park agreement renewal. This issue was not resolved and, in the meantime, BPC have sought legal advice and continue to do so, as there are outstanding questions to be answered, but on the face of it, the Trustees could charge the Parish Council, if it is proven that the land has been legally passed to them, ie. sold or transferred. Legal advice is for a break clause if the agreement is for more than one year.

11.6. Members discussed **The Parish Rent Charitable Trust** and **agreed** that no changes to the land ownership were necessary, ie. no such recommendation to the Trustees for their consideration. (The Trustees will review the Trust Deed document when they next meet.)

Meeting closed at 9.32pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_