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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Monday 5th September 2022** in **The Scout Hut at 7.00pm.**

Present:- Nigel Sutcliffe (Chairman), Jane Armstrong, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Edward Hackford & Willie Weston.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. Apologies for Absence were ***accepted*** from; Rosemary Thew & Samantha Arlow.

2. Declarations of Interest were received from;

- Cllr Jane Armstrong – Item no. 11.2. pecuniary interest as the landowner.

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 are signed as a true record.

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

5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

5.1. Report read on behalf of the *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – Crime and police incidents in Blakeney remain very low, despite the increased number of visitors. Since the last meeting we have attended; 1 x highway disruption (deer in road), 1 x missing person, thankfully found safe and well. Called to the marsh opposite The Manor Hotel, following the discovery of 2 x WW2 anti-aircraft shells, one was found to still be live and dangerous and the Army bomb disposal team carried out a controlled explosion in a field close to where they had been found.

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby had circulated his report in advance. To note; an improvement plan to make Norfolk's fire and rescue service fit for the future will be considered by Cabinet, which will include more funding, investing in equipment and facilities, new fire engines, new training towers across the county and recruiting more staff.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had circulated her report in advance.

Kelling Hospital – not closing so far as I know.

Planning - Nutrient neutrality - the government will require water companies to upgrade wastewater treatment works to the highest technically achievable limits by 2030 to tackle the pollution in the catchments of habitats sites. Natural England will establish a Nutrient Mitigation Scheme, identifying mitigation projects which will be

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pump primed by government. This will enable local authorities to grant permission subject to securing mitigation. NNDC's consultants, Royal Haskoning, are in the process of developing a bespoke nutrient calculator and short, medium and long-term local mitigation schemes. The majority of applications within the sensitive catchment areas can still be determined, ie householder applications and most forms of commercial development; it's only new housing and tourism development that is restricted till mitigation is developed. The planning director is working on the planning Service Improvement Plan, with a Customer Satisfaction Survey, Developers Forum and Town and Parish Liaison meetings scheduled.

Sustainable growth - NNDC has submitted 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. NNDC welcomes camping, campervan and caravan tourism but wild camping is not permitted in North Norfolk. This is to protect the amenity of residents and communities and the businesses who offer campsite facilities. There are plenty of approved and authorised camping destinations which include facilities such as waste disposal and water refilling. Campervan overnight parking is not allowed outside of registered and authorised sites, or in NNDC car parks, and campervan toilet waste is not permitted in public toilets.

Environment - Greenbuild, NNDC's environmental festival, is to be held on 10th September. Waste and recycling pick up routes changed on 5th September to reflect recent housing growth in different locations, and to become more efficient by reducing mileage and carbon emissions. The change should also improve service for householders (eg reduce missed collections). Any teething problems should be short lived, but if not feel free to contact Serco on 0330109220 or myself.

Democratic Services - Make sure you're registered to vote in next May's parish and district elections by taking part in the annual canvass! If you have any questions about your registration status, do contact electoralservices@north-norfolk.gov.uk. NNDC is establishing a Youth Council; if you're interested in helping to shape this, and are 11-18, the closing date to join the Steering Group is 30th September. You will need to attend a full day workshop on Monday October 24th. Contact Emma Denny, Emma.denny@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

Ambulance response times and CFR recruitment - Ambulance response times are still unacceptably long, much 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. Re CFRs, 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. The ambulance trust has just agreed to reimburse CFR training and mileage expenses which is very positive move. I am talking to the trust about maintaining the momentum of the recruitment drive.

6. Open Public Session – there were no members of the public.

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

- 7.1. **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* - No objection, subject to the annex not being used for any purpose other than as ancillary to the main accommodation, ie. not to be used independently as a 'let'. (We note concerns raised with regard the potential loss of amenity light with the neighbouring properties, and trust that NNDC will consider the application in line with appropriate policies.)
- 7.2. **PF/22/1841 & LA/22/1842** – *Proposal; Loft conversion including insertion of rooflights and internal and external alterations to main dwelling and erection of sailing storage outbuilding at, Dolphin Cottage, 37 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.
- 7.3. **RV/22/1618** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/1937 to allow increase to wall space for the bed, create room for a more satisfactory bathroom and address issues with building regulations compliance with regard to the staircase dimensions, at The Blakeney Hotel. Resolved* – No objection.
- 7.4. **PF/22/1937 & LA/22/1938** – *Proposal; Installation of replacement windows at, 12 Westgate Street, Blakeney. Resolved* - No objection.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £13,649.95 are to be paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Brief update on Carnser Car Park income to date and also presented the comparative figures for 2019/20 which shows that Covid aside, the income for the current year is higher than that pre-covid.
- **Parish Partnership Funding 2023/24** (*Highways have confirmed as follows*):
 - i) **Coronation Lane** – not suitable for scheme, as no real improvement to the public highway, what it really needed is the first 10m of private road.
 - ii) **The Pastures driveway** – not suitable for scheme, no improvement to public highway, the potholes are on a private road.
 - iii) **Bournes Corner** – These parking spaces appear to be within the highway and so it is certainly feasible.

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- **New Trod on Langham Road** – This work will be undertaken in the winter months, when the verge should be more stable.
- 8.3. Members noted the receipt of the satisfactory completion of **External Audit 2021/22** and that we must ensure that our Sole Charitable Trust funds (The Pastures) have been seen by the Internal Auditor and signed accordingly.
- 8.4. **Resolved** not to opt out of the **SAAA Central External Auditor** appointment arrangements for the next 5-year period.
9. **Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable.
- **BPC & National Trust** – (Nigel Sutcliffe/Willie Weston) – No closer to having the contactless pilot machine installed, this is an N/T Head Office issue. We will be obtaining lead times from Parkeon, re. the installation of a second P&D machine, be it new or refurbished, with a view to having this resolved before 1st April 2023. Local contractor to be contacted, re. short term repairs to concrete corner area. 2023 tariff needs to be discussed at our next quarterly meeting in November and brought back to BPC for consideration.
 - **Events Committee** – Party on The Pastures (Samantha Arlow). Clerk updated meeting; A great community event, our best yet, with a record number of people joining us for the evening’s entertainment. This event is extremely grateful to the local businesses, volunteers and supporters, and we project that not only have we met the remit of being ‘cost neutral’, but will have made a profit in excess of £2,000 which can be ploughed back in to our events.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 11.1. **Resolved** that we are happy to sign up to the NNDC **Motorhome & Campervan** signage to use in our village, at the following car parks; The Carnser, Village Hall & overflow on Langham Road.

Cllr Jane Armstrong left the meeting for the following item, 11.2.

- 11.2. **Resolved** that the owners of 39 New Road, are asked to present us with an itemised account of their costs, which we will then consider, regarding the retention of the chestnut paling fencing along the **Sheila’s Way Footpath**.
- 11.3. The Chairman summarised where we are in terms of what action had taken place and any further action in relation to the retention/opening hours of **Blakeney Surgery**. **Resolved** that; i) we write to Holt Medical

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Practice (HMP) and ask when it will reopen, ie. when will other patient consultations restart, now that Covid is receding, ii) NS will do a draft letter, which we will then use to encourage individuals to write to Holt Medical Practice, iii) Ask our MP what he can do to help us, iv) Ask other neighbouring councils to support us, by putting a piece in their newsletter asking their residents to also contact HMP. The Community Right to Bid application was submitted and NNDC have now requested Land Registry details which the Clerk will seek.

- 11.4. Members noted correspondence from a member of public with regard the annual visit of **Gray's Funfair**, ie. a complaint about loud music, and that the author had been advised to contact Mr Gray direct and/or NNDC, as the local authority responsible for noise complaints.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman _____