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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th March 2023** in **The Parish Office at 7pm.**

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 2

1. Apologies for Absence were ***accepted*** from: Alban Donohoe.

2. Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations from members –

- *Cllr Edward Hackford declared a personal interest in item no. 7.3. as a near neighbour.*

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements – None.

5. Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

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

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby – Report circulated in advance.

Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived.

5.3. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday – Report circulated in advance and verbal update given.

6. Open Public Session – None.

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

Planning Applications (ref. no's shown); **and other planning related items.**

- 7.1. **RV/22/2830** – *Proposal; Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/3073 to allow Rear Porch proposed to Plot 1. Existing hedge to south site boundary to be removed to enable new low level solid fence, hedge to be replanted when fence is complete and brise soleil removed from west elevation of plot 2 at, 43 New Road Blakeney. Resolved* – Noted.

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- 7.2. **LA/23/0398** – Proposal; Replacement of ground floor front window at, **131 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved** – No objection.
- 7.3. **PF/23/0397** – Proposal; Rear and side two storey extensions, full remodel and adding insulating skin at, **8 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – OBJECT; i) over development of site, ii) impact on surrounding properties, in particular 'The Hide', Queens Close, iii) concerns over the lack of adequate on-site parking if this application is permitted. (If permitted then Code of Construction Practice for Blakeney, to be sent to applicant.)
- 7.4. **Resolved** that our preference for the new road name in Blakeney, the development of the 3 dwellings on the old garage site, just of Queens Close, is **Glaven Close**, rather than 'Brooks Close' as was suggested by the developer.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £25,182.93 are to be paid. (*Should in fact be £25,082.93, as was the amount paid.*)
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Brief update on the figures to date.
- i) **Annual Parish Meeting 2023 – Holt Medical Practice** have advised as follows; “the steer we got from the ICB was that we (HMP) have been advised to follow the process as set out in the Advice Note, which means that the next stage in the process is the HMP writing to the ICB as part of Stage 2. Stage is then where the involvement of the patients and key stakeholders takes place.” I.e. Holt Medical Practice will not be joining us for the APM.
- ii) **Carnser Car Park** – 2 new Car Park Attendants for the 2023 season have been appointed; Dave Fincham & David Owen.
- iii) **Sheila’s Way footpath** – I have been advised that the owners of 39 New Road, have removed the chestnut palling fence, therefore presumably they did not accept the Parish Councils offer as per the minutes dated 4th October 2022.
- iv) **Lower Quay Staging Repairs** – The Blakeney Harbour Association (BHA) in consultation with the Trustees of the Red House Land/Bournes Corner, have advised as follows; Lower Quay Staging Repairs –
- We have received enough pledges to cover the full cost of repairs
 - Simon Strong will undertake the works (date tbc)
 - The BHA will insure the staging going forward (public liability insurance)

- The BHA believe that no further consents are required from any bodies such as Crown Commissioners or Natural England, as fundamentally we are only making good the broken staging.
- v) **Information Commissioner's Office** – A Cllr has questioned whether the question on the dinghy park registration form which reads; *'I am a Member of (please circle): Blakeney Sailing Club – Blakeney Harbour Association – Neither,* is in fact GDPR compliant. The Dinghy Park Management Committee, feel that this information is justified for the future management of the dinghy park. Whether such a question regarding membership is deemed to be *'personal'* information and can or cannot be included, has been forwarded to the ICO by The Clerk for clarification. *(The ICO has confirmed, that our reasons for collection can be deemed as compliant.)*
- vi) **New contactless P&D Machine Carnser** – has now been installed and is due to be commissioned this week.
- vii) **Overflow Car Park** – the new field gate, on Langham Road has now been installed.
- viii) **Funding for Electric Vehicle Charing Points in Norfolk** – This has been brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Blakeney Village Hall Trust as requested by Norfolk ALC.

8.3. **Resolved** that we accept the **Street Lighting upgrade** quotes from Cozens UK Ltd, and we will now apply for 50% grant funding.

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

9.1. **Blakeney Surgery** – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe* told the meeting that in addition to the comments made by the Clerk at 8.2 i) BPC had received a reply from HMP to the four FOI requests made. These stated the following:-

- i) HMP have no business plan.
- ii) They declined to provide budget details on the ground it contains both personal and sensitive data. They did acknowledge that their 'Global Sum' had increased each year.
- iii) Blakeney surgery is owned outright by the Partners of HMP.
- iv) They were unable to provide data of the number of patients who use Blakeney surgery to book a medical consultation or collect prescriptions.

In relation to point 4 the receptionists at Blakeney surgery have recently started to collect data of all patients who use the surgery. A letter from BPC has been sent to the Director of Primary Care Commissioning at the NHS Norfolk and

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Waveney Integrated Care Board, who are the authority for granting GP services to HMP. The letter outlines the action BPC has taken so far and explains our opposition to the proposal by HMP to close Blakeney surgery. This letter is supported by and has been signed by our local MP Mr Duncan Baker. We now await further developments.'

9.2. Members were in receipt of the draft minutes from the **Coronation Events Committee** meeting which was held on 7th February 2023.

9.3. **BPC & NT Working Group** – *Cllr Thew* gave a verbal update following yesterday's meeting; Carnser corner repair imminent, 2023/24 draft agreement is expected for the April PC meeting, Carnser land ownership; NT are satisfied that their deeds prove ownership, Carnser slipway due to be repaired before 1st April and licence to be granted for bonfire and fireworks event 2023.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

11.1. **Resolved** to allow **Threshold Sports** to use our venue (playing field & overflow car park) for the **2024** MacMillan Mighty Hike on 18th & 19th May.

11.2. **Resolved** that the Traffic Management Working Group meets to consider the implications of the updated legal position in relation to the **Village Hall Car Park** and in turn make recommendations to BPC and for a bespoke meeting to then be had between BPC and the Blakeney Village Hall Trust.

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

- i) **PF/22/2547 & LA/22/2545 – 16 Westgate Street, Blakeney** – Internal & external works to dwelling including insertion of new window in reduced opening in south elevation. Reinstatement of west elevation window and replacement flat roof incorporating flat roof light – **Approved**.
- ii) **RV/23/0014 – Land East of 21 Queens Close, Blakeney** – Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 6 (parking) of planning permission (RV/22/2280 Demolition of redundant garages and erection of 3 dwellings with associated parking) to allow for the addition of solar panels) to allow for amended parking arrangements for all properties – **Approved**.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman _____