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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023** in **The Scout Hut at 7.00pm.**

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

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield

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**1. Apologies for Absence** were ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe, Willie Weston, Jenny Girling and Barry Girling. Also, from County Councillor Michael Dalby and District Councillor Victoria Holliday.

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

*Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived.*

**3. Chairman's Announcements** – The Chairman welcomed our **Guest – Giles Orpen-Smellie (Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk)**. Giles gave an informative verbal update on various aspects of the constabulary and his role and answered questions. We hope to have the Police & Crime Commissioner join us at a future Annual Parish Meeting, as this would be a wonderful opportunity for both parties to engage.

**4. Resolved** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 are signed as a true record.

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

5.1. *Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team* – Very unlikely to be any future reports.

5.2. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby, report circulated in advance.

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

**6. Open Public Session** – None.

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

7.1. **PF/23/0070** – *Proposal; Change of use from holiday cottages to ancillary accommodation to main dwelling, and external alterations including demolition of porch, construction of lean-to plant room, blocking up of one window and installation of two bifold doors, at, Barn Owl, Three Owls Farm Cottages, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved* - No objection.

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- 7.2. **RV/23/0473** – Proposal; Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of listed building consent LA/21/0227 (Works associated with replacement side extension following demolition of existing side extension) to allow amendment to design at, **Red House, The Quay, Blakeney. Resolved** - We support the comments made by the NNDC Conservation & Design Officer, ie. that the parapet should be lowered by approximately 0.5m so that it is no higher than the proportionate verge height approved.
- 7.3. **PF/23/0472** – Proposal; Insertion of two rooflights into south facing roof slope at, **1 Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – No comment.
- 7.4. **PF/23/0579** – Proposal; Demolition of existing single-storey dwelling and erection of replacement single-storey dwelling with accommodation in roofspace at, **Little Butts, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – No objection.

## **8. FINANCE**

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts totalling £11,946.28** are to be paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – Brief update on the figures to date.
- Parish Partnership Scheme – **Village Gateways** application approved by NCC; however, we will assess the offers of the same via the proposed A149 speed limit review before committing.
9. **Written Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable.
- 9.1. **Blakeney Surgery** – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe* gave the following update; The closure was raised and discussed at the recent Annual Parish Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We were well supported by our MP, District Cllr, and Alex Stewart from Healthwatch Norfolk. On the day of the meeting, we had received a letter from the Integrated Care Board, thanking us for our letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 regarding opposing the closure. They identified the reason for closure as being that it is no longer economically viable to continue providing primary care services to the local population from Blakeney surgery. It also said that their decision will be based on the information provided in HMP initial request to close, options appraisal and existing patient feedback. As the result of a 'teams' meeting arranged by our District Cllr, and Healthwatch we were advised to respond to the ICB's letter, which we have done today. We have a meeting with Healthwatch scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> April, when we will discuss further actions and they will help prepare some surveys that can be conducted to help our case. In addition, Jill Bennett of BBC Radio Norfolk has been in touch so that they can start to air news items about it. BPC can do nothing now because of the election, but she would like to interview patients who are adversely affected by the closure so please help

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us to prepare a list. One final point, is that a letter has been prepared for inclusion on the website of our MP for complainants to use. Other issues will follow with him, once the election is concluded. Holt Medical Services Ltd; this is the company with the partner GP's in control. What is the connection?

- 9.2. **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** – *Cllr Jane Armstrong* attended meeting last week and shared the legal advice with them with regard the management of the car park and the trustees confirmed that they will be happy to meet with BPC to discuss further.

10. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** –

- 11.1. **A149 Speed limit review: Old Hunstanton to Sheringham** – **Resolved** that in principle this is a good idea, however, with 20mph limits in residential areas. Any clear/straight stretches of road to stay at 60mph.
- 11.2. **Resolved** to allow the Blakeney Regatta Committee use the playing field for the **Rural Sports** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- 11.3. **Resolved** to have the wider area asphalted by Anglian Water, ie. surface reinstatement at the entrance to the **Playing Field** near to the entrance a Whiteways, following works by Anglian Water.
- 11.4. **Resolved** that other than a couple of minor tweaks on wording, which do not affect the outcome of draft **National Trust & BPC 2023 Agreement**, we are happy to sign for 2023/24.

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

- i) **RV/23/0018 – Cranford, High Street, Blakeney** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/2307 (single storey extensions; removal of part of roof and extension to provide first floor accommodation; other external alterations) to allow additional window for bedroom 2 and relocation of air source heat pump – **Approved.**
- ii) **RV/22/2830 – 43 New Road, Blakeney** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/3073 to allow rear porch addition to Plot 1 and brise soleil removed from west elevation of plot 2 – **Approved.**

Meeting closed at 9.11pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_