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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th November 2023** in **The Scout Hut at 7.00pm**

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Judith Pegden, Mike Reed, Willie Weston & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. **Apologies for Absence** were **accepted** from; Nigel Sutcliffe & Samantha Arlow. Also, County Cllr Michael Dalby.

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;

- The Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.
- Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (final) – Tuesday 7th March 2023.

4. **Chairman's Announcements** –

- The **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan** went to NNDC Cabinet this week and goes to Full Council on the 22nd November.
- We have received an **official complaint** about our 'handling of the Threshold/MacMillan Mighty Hike booking, specifically our report regarding the payment received. In particular our response to the article in the September edition of the GVN to which we responded. The member of the public has asked that BPC publish a correction to our report given that they requested a written apology from BPC at our September meeting. This will be dealt with at our December meeting under the *exclusion of the public section*.

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

5.1. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby had submitted a report in advance.

Resolved that we go back to him, and advise that we truly feel that the entire resurfacing work undertaken in the village in the last few months, needs to be inspected again, as we feel that it is not up to standard by the contractors, as confirmed previously by NCC Highways. Our chairman, or another member of the parish council would happily meet with a representative. We thank Michael for his continued efforts on our behalf.

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had submitted a report in advance. In addition to this, having received a number of complaints the NNDC Planning Enforcement Team will be visiting no. 43 New Road, Blakeney, also please

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remind anyone in need of financial assistance of the 'Financial Inclusion Team' at NNDC.

6. Open Public Session – None.

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

(Cllrs; Please view applications on the NNDC website ahead of this meeting as there will be no screen sharing at the meeting.)

- 7.1. **PF/23/2177** – Proposal; First floor/two storey and single storey extensions to dwelling; alterations to external door and window openings; installation of roof lights to facilitate conversion of loft to habitable space; other external alterations at; **Curlews, Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.**
- 7.2. **LA/23/2199** – Proposal; Internal and external works associated with renovation of dwelling at; **Ivy House, 121 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.**
- 7.3. **IB/23/0036** – Proposal; Notification of application for an Exempted camp site (Camping & Caravanning Club Ref. No 133/002 – for a maximum of 5 caravans/motorhomes onsite at any one time, plus no more than 10 tents unless express permission has been granted by The Club at; **The Whins, The Downs, Blakeney. Resolved – Object;** 1) Our District Cllr will write to each of the following; i) Our MP Duncan Baker, to say that this application is totally unacceptable given its prominent and significant location and the status level of the site. It is inconceivable that this could even be considered. The government needs to update the 1960 legislation which is entirely outdated, ii) the Camping & Caravanning Club in the same vein, iii) Russell Williams, NNDC Planning Assistant Director, & iv) BPC shall also write to the Camping & Caravanning Club.
- 7.4. **RV/23/2332** – Proposal; Installation of two dormer windows (front and side), enlargement of first floor rear windows and rendering of property without complying with condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/23/1577 to allow for amendments to approved design at; **8 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved – Object;** We require an extension for consideration of this application as there was no detail on the NNDC website to consider, if we are not granted an extension, then we object due to lack of information.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £24,958.47 are to be paid.
- 8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – None.

- 8.3. Following the most recent **Play Inspection Report** the basket swing had been put out of use to the public. The local garage were not able to undertake the repair, and the Play Inspection Co had been asked to return and look at it in the coming days and report back to us once again.
- 8.4. **Resolved** that we agree to the request from **B3CT** to add a sum to our budget each year (earmarked) to fund a new survey of the Blakeney Channel every 3 – 5 years or whenever a visible change is made. The cost is around £2k and that BPC will store the information regarding this project going forward, rather than the group.
- 8.5. **Resolved** that having received positive feedback on the proposed addition of new facilities on playing field; ie; **Petanque/French Boules & Football Goal Posts** that we press on with quotes for both and see if we can obtain any grant funding. The goal posts were supposed to have been included in the most recent play inspection report, but were missed, hence the company is returning this week to undertake this important check.

9. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups.

- 9.1. **Blakeney Surgery** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* advised that the ICB (Integrated Care Board) had acknowledged our formal complaint about the lack of services at Blakeney Surgery and that they intend to investigate and respond within 30 working days. Our complaint to the Care Quality Commission about Holt Medical Practice, advised us to report our concerns to our local ICB, which we confirmed we had done, they will however, keep the information we have provided under review.

10. There were no **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** received in advance.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 11.1. **Resolved** that we are happy for the 2024 end of season **Bonfire & Fireworks Event** to take place on a) Saturday 26th October or plan b) Sunday 27th October.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that we note the proposed **Walking Tours** of Blakeney Village. All we would ask is that it is kept factual and if possible promotes our local businesses/amenities.
- 11.3. **Resolved** we note that many months have gone by now, and the business that we approached for an alternative quote/option has now confirmed that they are in fact unable to assist us. We will therefore press on with North Norfolk Signs and pick up our proposals and plans with a view to making progress regarding the previously agreed **Village/business Signage**.

- 11.4. **Resolved** that we have worked through the **BPC Operational Project Plan** and that the Clerk will update it accordingly. We note that it is an ongoing working document.

Resolve - Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public – *That due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (11.5. Scout Hut inc. their charitable elements, finances, individuals & future use), it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.*

- 11.5. **Resolved** that due to having been informed that there is to be a meeting of the Trustees and their accountant tomorrow, we will defer the future operation of the **Scout Hut** until our December meeting, the outcome of their meeting, will be pertinent to any decision to be made by us. Members are requested to prepare any ideas/suggestions and submit to the Clerk in advance of the December meeting to aid discussion.

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

- i) **PF/23/1657 – Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney** – Alterations to office/storage building, comprising the installation of solar panels and rooflights on the south facing roof slope and alterations to windows and doors to the north elevation - **Approved.**
- ii) **APPEAL - PF/21/1524 – Storage Barn, Morston Road, Blakeney** – Change of use and extension to existing storage barn to form new dwelling and enable rare chalk grassland creation system including re-location of existing access – **Appeal part allowed; for the Creation of Chalk Grassland but New Dwelling Dismissed.**
- iii) **PF/23/0969 – Three Gables, 8 New Road, Blakeney** – Demolition of existing bungalow and garage & erection of 2 x two storey dwelling and outbuilding (home office) – **Approved.**

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman _____