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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023** in **The Parish Office at 7.00pm**

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Judith Pegden, Mike Reed. Also, District Cllr Victoria Holliday.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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Did not Attend:- Willie Weston

**1. Apologies for Absence** were ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe, Iain Wolfe & Shirley Everett.

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

**3. *Resolved*** that the **Minutes** of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 are to be signed as a true record.

**4. Chairman's Announcements** – None.

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

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

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had submitted a report in advance. In addition, the NNDC Enforcement Officer has visited 43 New Road, Blakeney. The application regarding 'The Whins', on Blakeney Downs in connection with the 'Camping & Caravanning Club', is ongoing.

**6. Open Public Session** – None.

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

7.1. **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** – **No objection.***

7.2. Members had no response to the Inspectors Questions to **NNDC** on the **New Local Plan.**

**8. FINANCE**

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- 8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £8044.38 are to be paid.
- 8.2. The **Clerk/RFO** updated as follows;
  - i) Congratulations and thanks received from a member of the public, on the new 'trod' footpath up Langham Road. It is much used and makes an excellent link to the paths around Kettle Hill and New Barn Farm. Well done BPC.
  - ii) Two direct debits to be added to the BPC DD list for British Gas for street lighting.
- 8.3. **Resolved** that we accept quotes as follows and that we seek to obtain grant funding to proceed with the replacement of **Football Goals** (LincSprint) & a new **Petanque/French Boules** area (Glaven Landscaping) the latter, is firmly subject to grant funding.
- 8.4. **Resolved** that we instruct Online Playgrounds to undertake the repairs to the **Play equipment** ie. the basket swing as per the quote.
- 8.5. **Resolved** to delegate to the Clerk, to obtain us the best price possible for a 1-year fixed term contract for our **Street Lighting Electricity**.
- 8.6. **Resolved** that we will undertake a review of **Assets** and potential income and would ask the 'Finance Committee to also consider this', of particular note is; 1) Village Hall Car Park (ongoing), 2) Our collective buildings, 3) Dinghy Park and we will ask the DP committee to consider this asset for the greater benefit of the parish and the electorate in term of potential going forward.

## **9. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups.**

- 9.1. **Blakeney Surgery** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* advised that we are now awaiting the outcome of the process currently being followed including any outstanding complaints.
- 9.2. **Dinghy Park Committee** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* advised, that as per the recent meeting, a number of kayaks were stolen from the dinghy park early October, our understanding is that the Police have now recovered these, and reunited them with their owners.
- 9.3. **Personnel Committee** - *Cllr Rosemary Thew; David Long & David Fincham* have both been reappointed for the 2024 season.

## **10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.**

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public** – That due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (11.1. Scout Hut inc. their charitable elements, finances, individuals & future use & 11.2. Formal Complaint), it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.

- 11.1. **Scout Hut - Resolved** that i) BPC arrange for a 'Deed of Surrender' to be signed by both parties, as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, ii) BPC make a list of works needed whilst funding is available, iii) Water and electricity costs to be transferred to BPC, iv) BPC to actively market the building for hire at a fee of £12 per hour and to review in 6 months time, v) Building to be known as 'The Parish Room' going forward, vi) In parallel look into how the BPC buildings could best be used going forward, if the lettings route is not successful.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that having considered the **Formal Complaint** made by a member of the public on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, re; reporting of the **MacMillan Mighty Hike booking by Threshold Sports** and what the author believes is a breach of the *Members Code of Conduct* that we send a written response.
- 11.3. **Personnel Committee** update on staffing matters.

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

- i) **PF/23/1825 – Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney** – Erection of single storey holiday lodge - **Refused**.
- ii) **PF/23/1791 – Hill House, New Road, Blakeney** – Installation of replacement oil tank – **Approve**.
- iii) **PF/23/1952 – Doelen House, Back Lane, Blakeney** – Two storey front extension replacing existing porch and bay window; detached garage; external alterations including new external finishes and alterations to some window openings; installation of air source heat pump – **Withdrawn**.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_