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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024** in **The Parish Room at 7.00pm.**

**Present:-** Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Judy Pegden, Mike Reed, Willie Weston & Iain Wolfe.

**Clerk:-** Tracey Bayfield

**Public:-** 1

**Did not attend:-** 0

**1. Apologies** for absence were ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are signed as a true record.

**4. Chairman's Announcements –**

*Cllr Judy Pegden arrived.*

4.1. Welcome and thanks to Paul Searle (North Norfolk Signs). With his help members were able to consider the design/layout of the agreed **Village/Business Signage** which would be sited by the roadside of The Pastures, along the A149, the aim being to remove the 'A Boards' from the village, but still promote the local businesses and amenities. **Resolved** to ask for the following items to be included in the emerging prototype;

- i) Style very similar to the Newton Abbot sign, including map*
- ii) Rustic posts/wooden sleepers*
- iii) 26 business spaces*
- iv) Spaces for community amenities, toilets, play area, etc*
- v) Board no bigger than 4ft x 4ft*
- vi) Smaller map than the one on the sample this evening*
- vii) Businesses to be branded with their individual logo, which they are to provide*
- viii) Sticker overlays will be produced for new/changing businesses*
- ix) Noted that pastel shades work best, ie. longer lifespan 6 – 7 years*
- x) Board made from fully recyclable materials*

4.2. Welcome to **PC Graham Gower-Smith** – The Holt SNT are focussing on Holt at the moment. Blakeney is a good place with no real antisocial problems. Project Kraken is being pushed (leaflets provided for the noticeboard) with the focus being to report *Boats arriving at unusual times*; ie. looking out for and being alert to *Coastal Crime*.

**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.

**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. **PF/24/0186** – *Proposal; Part rebuilding/re-roofing of rear extension to create dining room, internal alterations and installation of roof lights in front roof slope at; Fairland, Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved;* No Objection; subject to the inclusion of CPRE Standard Light Pollution Clause.

7.2. **PF/24/0281** – *Proposal; Demolition of attached building used as art studio and erection of single storey extension to form additional living accommodation at, Morgan Cottage, 97 and 99 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved;* No Objection; subject to the inclusion of CPRE Standard Light Pollution Clause.

**8. FINANCE**

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £5,980.75 are to be paid.

**8.2. Clerk/RFO Report;**

- Our grant application to the **Football Foundation** for new/replacement goalposts was successful, and we will now confirm commencement of this project with our chosen provider.
- Our grant application to **The National Lottery Community Fund** was successful for the new/replacement goalposts and the creations of a Petanque/French boules court, hence both these projects can now proceed.
- **Parish Hall** (old scout hut), after consideration, Pointens have advised that they can think of no real use for this building, and agree that our best course of action is to advertise it and invite interest as we currently are.
  - The gutters have now been cleared, and work is needed on soakaways, gutters and brackets.
  - Funding from the outgoing scout group is due anytime now, to help with the upkeep of this building.
- As part of the discussion over the future of the parish hall, the entire BPC assets on the village hall site, are to be considered. Pointens advised that if planning permission to A1 retail could be obtained for the current **Store block**

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then this may be lend itself to being an attractive seasonal shop unit available to let.

- NNDC have confirmed that it is highly unlikely that there will be any **S106 funding** from the two proposed Langham Road developments, as both will contain an element of affordable housing.
- **Mariners Hill** work to reinstate the post and rail fencing and remove the obsolete steps to be undertaken as soon as possible.

8.3. **Resolved** to distribute the 2023/245 **Community Fund** (£1,500) as follows;

- i) Glaven Valley Newsletter = £500 as requested.
- ii) Glaven Caring = £500 as requested.
- iii) The remaining £500 to be *earmarked* for the BPC Village/Business information sign as discussed earlier.

**9. Written Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently;

9.1. **Blakeney Surgery** – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe*.

At the PCCG meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the issue of the surgery was discussed. Seven local people spoke out against the decision with each asking a specific question. The seven included our Chair, our District Councillor, our MP., the Chair of Stiffkey PC, Tim Ambler and myself. Written answers were later provided to these questions by the ICB which were somewhat vague and not specific.

The result of the meeting was that the decision to close Blakeney surgery was deferred to the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 whilst the ICB were mandated to undertake public involvement under its duty of public involvement and consultation to explore the practice proposed mitigation to offer a medication collection service in Blakeney.

Let me be blunt the ICB recommendation to the PCCG is to close the surgery it is just the issue of how repeat prescriptions are processed that is up for discussion.

BPC wrote to the ICB on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 asking them how they intended to undertake this consultation and the time scale they intended to follow. Whilst we have not received a formal response a 'Teams' meeting was organised for the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 where your chair, District Councillor and myself met with Sadie Parker and colleague of the ICB. It became clear that they wanted to know who it was best for them to consult with to enable them to complete their mandated task. It is fair to say we were quite blunt with the ICB about the whole process that had taken place so far.

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They were told the current repeat prescription service worked well with Blakeney Surgery as it is, so why change it. They were also reminded of the wealth of correspondence, covering this issue and others, that had already been sent to HMP and themselves. This when added to the two independent surveys conducted by HealthWatch and our MP gave them substantial data already. The result of that meeting was that they intend to consult with all Parish Councils who are affected including BPC and in that regard the ICB will attend at our APM on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Please come and have your say with the ICB.

In addition, there is an article in the GVN for March titled 'Blakeney Medical Services' prepared by your chair which gives an update and includes a draft letter for everyone to complete and send to the ICB to express their concern and disappointment about what has taken place so far.

A recent meeting was also held with the Glaven Caring to discuss if they could deal with repeat prescriptions. The conclusion was that due to their terms of business, their available office spaces and the lack of car parking, that it was not possible for them to help with this.

**9.2. Dinghy Park Management Committee** – *Rosemary Thew* gave an update of the meeting. (The draft minutes are available on the BPC website)

- **Resolved** to appoint Rod Jeffreys as the third representative of the Blakeney Sailing Club to the Dinghy Park Management Committee.

**9.3. Events; Party on The Pastures Committee** – *Samantha Arlow* gave an update of the meeting. (The draft minutes are available on the BPC website.)

- **Resolved** to remove *Shirley Everett* from *P.O.P. committee*.

**10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE** –

11.1. **Resolved** that the topics for the next **BPC Whole Council Training** evening delivered via NPTS event will be; Powers & duties, Risk management & insurance, Planning overview, Data protection, Freedom of Information & The Code of Conduct.

11.2. **Resolved** one addition to the contract with **Grays funfair**; This being that the Parish Councils Trading Site Vans, are permitted to remain on site should they wish, (not to trade) and not be subjected to paying rent to Grays funfair, ie. Grays cannot sub-lease parish council owned land to any other party. (No other amendments.) *Conversation to be had with Mr Gray about use of site/layout.*

**Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public – Resolved;** Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (NNDC Monitoring Officer Decision Notice; *Armstrong v All BPC & The Clerk*) outcome of 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*).

- 11.3. Members noted the confidential report resulting from **official complaint; Decision by NNDC; No further action**, and BPC themselves agreed, no further action.

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

**PF/23/2642 – 29 The Pastures, Blakeney – Refused.**

Meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_