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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 4th February 2025** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room**.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 1

Did not attend:- 0

1. Apologies for absence were ***accepted*** from: Alban Donohoe & Barry Girling.

2. Declarations of Interest *Pecuniary Interests*,

- *Cllr Samantha Arlow declared a pecuniary interest in item no. 11.4. potential pop up shop; as a current holder of one of the BPC Carnser trading sites.*
- *Cllr Willie Weston declared a pecuniary interest in item no. 11.4, potential pop up shop; as a current shop keeper in the village.*

3. *Resolved* that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025 are to be signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements – Having attended a meeting of the Royal British Legion, along with fellow Parish Cllr, Judy Pegden, the RBL have confirmed that they will be holding an event on the 8th May 2025 to mark V.E. V.J. day will be marked separately.

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;

- i) VH confirmed that a consultation of 19 residents of Queens Close had been undertaken and that they all wanted to see parking provision made on the green.
- ii) 8 Langham Road, Blakeney – Understands that everyone was surprised to see the dwelling demolished. Because of planning methodology, the descriptions on the planning applications have always been difficult to interpret. NND planning and enforcement are aware. There are lessons to be learnt here.

6. Open Public Session –

- *New resident to the village, involved in a number of things as a King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Councillor and happy to help if I can.*

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

There were no planning applications.

8. FINANCE

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £11,431.54 are to be paid.

8.2. Clerk/RFO Report –

- NNDC Norfolk **Local Plan**; following the further consultation, BPC will be added to the list, to confirm that we may wish to speak/appear at any future hearings.
- The closing date for the **BPC Community Fund** will be extended to Friday 21st March 2025.
- A reminder that the current BPC Financial Regulation 11.1. (i) will apply when the tenders for the **Trading Sites** are considered.

8.3. **Resolved** to accept the higher taxbase figure from NNDC (which includes the payment of **Council Tax by Second Home Owners** and the effect this will have on our Precept) & therefore amend our **2025/26 Precept** figure request to £64,547.

9. Reports were given by Representatives on Other Committees/Groups which had met recently;

- i) Dinghy Park Joint Management Committee - RT
- ii) BPC & BVHT Working Group - RT
- iii) Party on Pastures Committee - SA

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

11.1. **Resolved** that BPC asks the community if anyone would like to purchase a replacement seat for **Queens Close** (opposite the Doctors Surgery, subject to highways agreement), if not then BPC will fund the replacement.

11.2. **Resolved** that we do not wish to vote on the special resolution as put forward by **Norfolk Association of Local Councils**.

11.3. **Parish Room/Scout Hut; Resolved** i) Possible interest in hall from a local group; BPC could not commit to a 10-year let, more realistic would be an 18-month rolling lease which we would consider, with a built-in break clause, the rent offered is also too low, therefore the Clerk will go back to them, ii)

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Feedback from users, re. potential cosmetic improvements that may aid bookings was also received, and depending upon the outcome of point i) such cosmetic improvements may well be needed soon. Item to be placed on March BPC agenda.

Item 11.4. was moved to the end of the meeting, but for the purpose of these minutes remain as tabled. Cllrs Arlow & Weston left the meeting for item no. 11.4.

11.4. **Resolved** that having received a number of enquiries asking if BPC offers, or is willing to consider, a **Pop-Up Shop** to potential traders, that we assess the tenders we receive for the three trading sites, (as we have widened the scope of offerings) and whether going forward (this coming term or the one following) we consider making one of the three pitches a 'pop up' shop. Much to consider.

11.5. **Resolved** that the **Annual Parish Meeting** to be held on Thursday 6th March 2025, will not have a main theme as such, but we invite our MP Steff Aquarone, and our District & County Cllrs to join us, along with the usual reports.

11.6. **Resolved** that as previously agreed, we are now ready to proceed with the **Village Hall Car Park** consultation document.

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

NMA/25/0024 – (Non-Material Amendments) 29 The Pastures, Blakeney – Approved

PF/24/1872 – Single storey detached dwelling with associated parking at; Land to the rear of 15 Queens Close, Blakeney – Withdrawn

Meeting closed at 8:37pm

Chairman _____