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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 1st April 2025** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room**.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe, Barry Girling, Mike Reed, Judy Pegden, Samantha Arlow & Shirley Everett.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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Did not attend:- Iain Wolfe

1. Apologies for absence were ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe, Willie Weston & Jenny Girling.

2. Declarations of Interest received from members;

- *Cllr Mike Reed – pecuniary interest in item 11.7. as a tenant of the Memorial Cottages.*
- *Cllr Judy Pegden – personal interest in item no. 8.3. as a member of the RBL committee.*
- *Cllr Samantha Arlow – personal interest in item no 8.6. as a current trading site holder.*

3. Resolved that subject to the following amendments, the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at item no. 11.2. (Bonfire & Fireworks Event) & 11.3. (Party on Pastures Event) have the wording amended from 'ringfenced' to '*self-funding*', and are then to be signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements – None.

5. Reports from County & District Councillors;

5.1. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby shared a report with the members in advance.

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had submitted a report in advance. In addition;

- i) Meeting with our MP Steff Aquarone and Flagship on 9th May, re. the parking in Queens Close.
- ii) Pharmabox hoping to be set up by end of April.

6. Open Public Session –

- Will be interested to see the results of the consultation and my email previously sent applies.

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

7.1. **LA/25/0203** – *Proposal; Internal and external works to dwelling at, 4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney. **Resolved**; No objection.*

7.2 **PF/25/0202** – *Proposal; Works to supplement and upgrade the planning permission PF/21/2626 (single storey side extension with roof terrace to part); 1) Details of integrated damp-proofing, ventilation, insulation and heating system, 2) Details of replacement windows and doors, 3) Details of supplementary woodburning stoves, 4) Minor external works & 5) Minor internal works at, 4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney. **Resolved**; No objection.*

7.3. **PF/25/0522** – *Proposal; Demolition of two-storey dwelling and erection of replacement two-storey dwelling (part-retrospective) at, 8 Langham Road, Blakeney. **Resolved**; Noted.* However, it should also be noted that this property has shown a complete abuse of the planning system and contempt of the entire planning process.

7.4. **AP/25/0001** – *Appeal against Enforcement Notice for Breach of Planning Control for Material Change of Use of the Land for the siting of a static caravan for independent residential purposes at, Villeroche, Langham Road, Blakeney. Noted.*

8. FINANCE

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £6,875.98 are to be paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report – Cozens UK Ltd**; have advised that the new street lighting columns have been installed in Kingsway. During their visit ahead of installing the new lanterns and timers (w/c 7th April) on our remaining street columns, they have discovered that some cutting back of trees/vegetation is needed, 22 new galvanised steel brackets arms are also needed etc, this comes in at an additional cost of £2,070.00. **Resolved**; that we approve this additional cost in order to proceed with the planned works, and that we shall formally ratify this at our May meeting.

8.3. **Resolved** to distribute the £2,000 **Community Fund** as follows; i) The Norfolk Charitable Trust: North Norfolk Wheelyboat 'Poppy' = £350, ii) Glaven Valley Newsletter = £500, iii) Royal British Legion = £300, iv) Glaven Valley Trails Group = £250, v) Coastal Rowing Association (C.R.A.B.) = £250, vi) Glaven Caring = £350.

8.4. **Resolved** that subject to public liability resting firmly with English Heritage, then we are prepared to take on the opening and closing of the **Blakeney Guildhall**.

8.5. **Resolved** that we seek a quote for replacement of the clay tiles on the **War Memorial**.

8.6. **Resolved** that we come up with ideas/possibilities for what BPC can do, to enhance the **Trading Sites** area on the Carnser.

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

- i) BPC & N/T Working Group – RT
- ii) Blakeney Village Hall Trust – TB – Clerk asked to write to BVHT re. the inaccuracies of their Minutes dated 19th March 2025.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS –

- To discuss the Chairman's requests to agree the clerks work priorities.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

11.1. **Resolved** to defer to the next meeting, the historic asbestos survey/reports for the **Parish Room/Scout Hut** ahead of any cosmetic improvements pending a summary.

11.2. Members noted that nominations to the **Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NfALC) Board 2025** were invited.

11.3. **Resolved** that in response to the NNDC response to the Government Consultation of proposals to establish a **Mayoral Combined County Authority** for Norfolk and Suffolk our comments are as follows. Blakeney Parish Council has the following concerns;

- Lack of local voice going forward
- What is the bigger role for Parish & Town Councils
- Too remote
- Not convinced over the cost savings promised
- Localism will be lost
- PCC will be gone
- Concerns over the role of Mayor
- If P&T councils have to step up, then where is the funding and training coming from
- We strongly disagree that these proposals will support local interests

11.4. **Resolved** that in response to the NCC correspondence with regard the **Local Government Review in Norfolk**, our comments are the same as in item 11.3. of these minutes.

11.5. **Resolved** that we will investigate the possibility of extending the **Trod** from the bottom of Back Lane, round past the perimeter of the duck pond to

where it joins the bank/Carnser, having first made enquiries into current responsibility/upkeep.

- 11.6. **Resolved** that we reinstate the **Traffic Matters Working Group** and that they are instructed to make recommendations to full council, from the data collected from the **Village Hall Car Park Consultation**. (Members; NS, RT, JG, AD, IW, MR & JP)
- 11.7. **Resolved** that we accept the correspondence from Butcher Andrews with regard the Councils (individual councillors) actions needed to transfer no. 1 & 2 **Memorial Cottages**.
- 11.8. **Resolved** that we ask Cllr Alban Donohoe and Cllr Iain Wolfe attend the webinar and Q&A in relation to **Blakeney Harbour Coastal Restoration Feasibility Project** on behalf of BPC.
- 11.9. **Resolved** that we commence the winter **Parish Council meetings** at the earlier time 6:30pm, ie. those in Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb & March and that April to October inclusive remain with a 7pm start time.

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

CL/25/0466 – Lawful Development Certificate for existing operations carried out to implement planning permission PF/21/2626 for a single storey side extension to dwelling at, **4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney** – *Approved*

PO/24/2084 – Outline planning permission, erection of detached dwelling (self-build) – outline with details of access only (all other matters reserved) at, **Land at rear of Marigold, 61 New Road, Blakeney** – *Approved*

PF/24/2262 – Change of use from dwelling (Class C3) to a commercial holiday let (no use class) at, **39 Morston Road, Blakeney** – *Approved*

LA/25/0270 – Window replacement, x 2 on rear (north east) elevation and x 2 on side (north west) elevation at, **Morgan Cottage 97 High Street, Blakeney** - *Approved*

Meeting closed at 8:54pm

Chairman _____