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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 13th January 2026** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room**, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe, Samantha Arlow, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Willie Weston and Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 2

Did not attend:- Shirley Everett

1. Apologies for absence were **approved** from; Alban Donohoe, Mike Reed & Judy Pegden. Also, County Cllr. Michael Dalby.

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

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of The Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements – None.

5. Reports from County & District Councillors;

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

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had sent a report in advance. In addition; i) Anglian Water think that there may be capacity issues for future developments, but appear to be saying that developers will have to deal with capacity issues, ii) PF/25/0522: 8 Langham Road, Blakeney has gone to appeal, ref: AP/25/0031.

6. Open Public Session –

- *Peter Nicholson – General Manager National Trust (Blakeney) introduced himself and confirmed that he is to meet with some members of the Blakeney Harbour Sedimentation Committee early next month. Going forward there are many new local team members and we look forward to relationship building within the community.*
- *Chairman of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society, updated members with where they are with regard the progress of the affordable housing development on the Former School Field on Langham Road.*

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

7.1. **LA/25/2606** – *Proposal; Works associated with replacement of windows at, Hill House, New Road, Blakeney. Resolved:* No objection.

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7.2. **PF/25/1346** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing dwelling and development of 1 no. one and a half storey dwelling and detached garage at, The Freshes, Pintail Drive, Blakeney. Resolved:* No objection.

7.3. **LA/25/2703** – *Proposal; Replacement windows and doors at, 19 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved:* No objection.

7.4. **ANW_NR197** – *Proposal; Arqiva's smart meter network for Anglian Water at, Morston Road SP, Westgate Street, Blakeney. Resolved: Object, Blakeney Parish Council objects to the current proposed location for the installation. The information provided is inconsistent, referencing two different structure heights, which raises concerns over its accuracy. The Council believes that the installation at the proposed site would have a detrimental visual impact within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It was therefore agreed to request that Anglian Water (or their representatives) be asked to approach St. Nicholas Church to explore the possibility of using the tower as an alternative, more suitable location.*

8. FINANCE

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £11,378.74 are to be paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** – The Clerk advised that all of Unit Two of CiLCA had now been passed. Three more Units to go (ie. 17 out of 30 Learning Outcomes).

8.3. **Resolved** to transfer £4,000 to **The Pastures Charitable Trust** to cover general maintenance for the remainder of the financial year.

8.4. **Resolved** to restrict public parking over the **Anglian Water Manhole Cover** in the village hall car park.

8.5. **Resolved** to approve the quote from Dennys for the undertaking of pothole repairs to the **Village Hall Car Park** and ask that this work is undertaken as soon as practically possible.

8.6. **Resolved** to appoint 'Secret Gardens' to undertake remedial work with regard the reinstatement of **Mariners Hill**. Also for the Clerk to contact NNDC to discuss pest control in the vicinity.

8.7. **Resolved** to appoint as follows for items that meet the requirements of **Assertion 10** and in addition, that enhance our mapping ability;

- i) Creation of a new **web site** that the meets the 'Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2 AA standards; **Aubergine**
- ii) **.Gov.uk email addresses - Aubergine**
- iii) **Parish Mapping Software – Parish Online**

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

Blakeney Village Hall Trust – MR had made members aware that the BVHT had held a committee meeting on the 12th Jan, followed immediately after by their AGM. Official minutes from them will follow, but many recurring items remain outstanding, having not been actioned. They are in need of a ‘Secretary’ still despite advertising.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. **Resolved** the following future legal arrangements with Norfolk County Council (NCC) over the use of the **Former School Field** on Langham Road.

- i) Inform Norfolk County Council that Blakeney Parish Council are willing to vary the existing Licence Agreement to;
 - Permit the access road to be constructed
 - Remove the affordable housing land from the Licence Agreement
- ii) Agree to a new variation of Lease;
 - NCC grants a lease of retained land **excluding** the access road
 - The lease to include clauses dealing with maintenance and ownership responsibilities (not Blakeney Parish Council)
 - School use remains in lieu of rent

This should improve security for Blakeney Parish Council without directly inheriting the access road, potentially reducing risk.

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

NMA/25/2780 – Application for non-material amendments at; **Larkfields, 144 Morston Road, Blakeney** - APPROVED

Meeting closed at 8:18pm

Chairman _____