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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room**, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Jenny Girling, Mike Reed, Willie Weston & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 1

Did not attend:- 0

**1. Apologies** for absence were **approved** from; Judy Pegden, Shirley Everett & Barry Girling, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 are to be signed as a true record.

**4. Chairman's Announcements** – A reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 6pm in the Village Hall.

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

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

*Cllr. Willie Weston arrived.*

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had sent a report in advance, and gave additional verbal updates.

**6. Open Public Session –**

- *The Chairman of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society confirmed that Blakeney Parish Council will not be liable for the cost of maintenance or repair of the accessway to the new social housing development on the former School Field, Langham Road. It was reiterated that, as confirmed from the outset by Ed Mumford-Smith of Broadland Housing, full responsibility for the accessway, which will become an adopted highway, will rest with Broadland Housing Association and not with Blakeney Parish Council or Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society.*

*(Item no. 11.1. was taken at this point, but for the purpose of these minutes, is recorded as per the agenda order.)*

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

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*Cllr Iain Wolfe arrived.*

7.1. **PF/26/0234** – *Proposal; Single storey side/front extension to dwelling, new front veranda and rear pergola, external alterations including insertion of rooflights and alterations to rear dormer at, 50 Langham Road, Blakeney.*

**Resolved:** No objection, however; we do support the comments made by the NNDC Landscape Officer, with regard the lighting design strategy.

7.2. **RV/26/0232** – *Proposal; Internal and external works to dwelling, without complying with condition 2 (approved plans) of listed building consent LA/21/2627, to incorporate roof amendments and rooflight at, 4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney.*

**Resolved:** No objection.

7.3. **PF/26/0211** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwelling with associated landscaping improvements at, Curlews, Morston Road, Blakeney.* **Resolved:** No objection.

7.4. **Resolved** that we bring back to the table the suggestion from NNDC that a review is undertaken of the **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan**, in light of the local and national planning policy changes, once we have further information regarding which type of review we may like to consider and associated costs.

7.5. **Resolved** that in response to the **National Planning Policy Framework Summary** paper; proposed reforms and changes December 2025, we send the response as prepared, other than amending to read in our conclusion that we 'note' rather than support.

## **8. FINANCE**

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £13,032.39 are to be paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

- **Play Inspection Training at Blakeney;** 10am til 1pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, starting in the Scout Hut/Parish Room. Attending: Iain Wolfe, Mike Reed, Jenny Girling, Stuart Clark, Callum Clark, James Cowan and Rosemary Thew.
- **Whole Council Training at Blakeney;** Training is around 3 hours on H.R. and Employment Matters on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, commencing at 6:30pm.
- **Annual Parish Meeting,** a slightly different format to previous years. Parish Cllrs encouraged to attend.

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- There are 2 planning applications in relation to **Agar Farm, Morston Road** (CD/26/0173 & NP/26/0264), however they are not for us to officially respond to as a consultee due to the nature of the applications.
- **Blakeney Guildhall** – Having had a Teams meeting with English Heritage on 20<sup>th</sup> February, the Clerk is meeting with them in person, here in Blakeney on 17<sup>th</sup> March, with a view to them opening the Guildhall as soon as possible, ideally by Easter if they can (subject to the condition they find it in when they visit). They certainly plan to reopen it this year, and are looking to do this as simply as possible. They have undergone a large restructure and hence this is the reason, this had been left and our contact had retired in the process. Further update in due course.
- **CILCA** – Unit 3 which consisting of 7 Learning Outcomes has been submitted for marking and Unit 4 which consists of 3 Learning Outcomes has been passed.
- **Village Sign Refurbishment** – The sign has been removed commencing the refurbishment, we have secured £1k from NCC and a further £190 in crowdfunding to date toward this project.

8.3. **Resolved** that the **Community Fund** is allocated; i) The Norfolk Charitable Trust (operating the North Norfolk Wheelyboat, 'Poppy') = £500, ii) Glaven Caring ICO = £500, iii) Community Christmas Lights = £1,000.

8.4. **Resolved** that we open the donation box in relation to the **Village Hall Car Park** (& public toilet) as soon as possible, and that we order a donation station from 'Dona donations', as per the one commissioned by NNDC on Cromer Pier as soon as possible.

**9. Written Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable; (No written reports received);

- The BHA Sedimentation Committee had met recently with The National Trust.
- BPC & The NT had held their recent quarterly Working Group Meeting, and noted appointment of the Car Park Attendants for 2026 was progressing.

**10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1. **Norfolk Association of Local Councils AGM** on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Great Massingham Village Hall – No BPC members attending.

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- 11.2. **Resolved** that the Clerk progresses the proposal for the installation of a **Seal Sculpture** at Blakeney Quay, including funding opportunities, project costs, in line with its potential contribution to enhancing the village's amenities and visitor experience.
- 11.3. **Resolved** that the Parish Council sign the licence with Norfolk County Council relating to Blakeney Parish Council land use at the **Former School Field** site, subject to a legal agreement confirming that all financial responsibility for the accessway will rest with Broadland Housing and not with Blakeney Parish Council or Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society.

*Meeting closed at 7:53pm*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_