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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room**, commencing at 7:00pm.

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

**Clerk**:- Tracey Bayfield

**Public**:- 1

**Did not attend**:- Iain Wolfe

**1. Apologies** for absence were **approved** from; Alban Donohoe, Judy Pegden & 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> March 2026 are to be signed as a true record.

**4. Chairman's Announcements** – The outline planning application no. PO/25/2837 Land West of Langham Road, has been called in to the NNDC Development Committee and is likely to be considered on 14<sup>th</sup> May. RT will attend on behalf of Blakeney Parish Council.

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

5.1. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby had sent his April report in advance along with the NCC Annual Parish Report 2025-26.

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday spoke about mobile phone coverage.

**6. Open Public Session –**

- *A member of the public interested in the long-term hire of the Parish Room (former Scout Hut) addressed the Council.*

**Resolved** to take item 11.1. now, but is minuted as per the agenda.

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

**7.1. PF/26/0347** – *Proposal; Installation of package treatment plant at, Land at Rear of Marigold, 61 New Road, Blakeney. Resolved:* No objection, subject to the noise levels being satisfactory.

**7.2. PF/26/0255**– *Proposal; Erection of single-storey dwelling with accommodation in roof space, new access and parking/turning area at, Briar Cottage, 62 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved:* Object as the application is overdevelopment of the

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site, is harmful to the AONB, is a two-storey dwelling (not one), breaches policies 6, 7 & 8 of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan, overlooks the premises opposite, overbearing in terms of scale, height and mass, and the design is out of keeping, ie. a large amount of red brick.

7.3. **PF/26/0566** – *Proposal; Carport extension to south side of dwelling at, 8 Langham Road, Blakeney.* **Resolved:** No objection.

7.4. **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan – Policy Compatibility Review** in light of the local and national planning policy changes. **Resolved** that we note the findings of our review, and bring this document back to the table, when the 'National Planning Policy Framework' has been adopted, or in 3 months' time, whichever is soonest.

## **8. FINANCE**

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £7,593.20 are to be paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

- **Blakeney Duckpond;** Blakeney Wildfowlers, have advised that at their recent AGM they agreed to remove the shed and feed bin and all the nesting boxes, but leave the fence in place for safety reasons, and then the land would be under the control of the Pope family from then on.
- **Blakeney Guildhall;** Pleased to report that after pushing hard to engage with English Heritage, the Guildhall was finally re-opened to the public on Good Friday.
- **CiLCA;** Unit 4 has been successfully completed and Unit 3 is progressing well.

8.3. **Resolved** that we request just the two free hard copies of the **NNDC Local Plan**.

8.4. **Resolved** that we do not invest in the **Public Sector Deposit Fund** with CCLA (Churches, Charities & Local Authorities) due to the risk element.

8.5. **Resolved** that we enter into a 5 year contract with **Council HR and Governance Support**.

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

- **Right to Play Campaign** – (MR & Clerk) Gave us ideas on how to enhance our provision when we are able.
- **Blakeney Village Hall Management Committee** (Minutes: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

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- **NPTS Spring Seminar** – (Chairman attended in person, Clerk remotely); a varied agenda, Operation Menai Bridge, Bullying, Harassment and the Councils Duty of Care, Advantages of going Paperless, Protecting People and Premises; Fire prevention.
- **Annual Parish Meeting** – The storm kept the number in attendance low, which was a shame, as the presentations were very good. (Draft minutes will be available soon.)
- **Exploring Opportunities for Restoration at Blakeney Harbour** (workshop)  
MR updated members.
- **Play Inspection Training** – Those in attendance found it interesting. We shall look to undertake inspections in between the formal quarterly inspections.

**10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 11.1. **Resolved** that we are very keen to explore the possibility of a **long-term lease of the Blakeney Parish Room** and will try and move the negotiations along as soon as possible.
- 11.2. **Resolved** that we adopt the **Safeguarding Policy** as used by Easton Parish Council, tweaking to suit Blakeney as need be.
- 11.3. **Resolved** that Mike Reed will undertake the **Parish Footpath Audit** as suggested by the Norfolk Area Ramblers.

*Meeting closed at 8:22pm*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_