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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5th May 2026** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room**, commencing at 7:15pm.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Mike Reed & Iain Wolfe. Also, District Cllr. Victoria Holiday and County Cllr. Michael Dalby.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 9

Did not attend:- 0

1. Apologies for absence were **accepted** from; Judy Pegden & Willie Weston.

2. Declarations of Interest received from members;

- *Item no. 7.1. – Nigel Sutcliffe; personal interest, as the applicants are friends.*
- *Item no. 7.1. – Mike Reed; personal interest, as the applicants are friends.*
- *Item no. 7.3. – Shirley Everett; pecuniary interest, as live opposite the site.*
- *Item no. 7.1. – Jenny Girling; personal interest, as know the applicants.*
- *Item no. 7.1. – Barry Girling; personal interest, as know the applicants.*

3. Resolved that the **Minutes** of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st April 2026 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements – None.

5. Reports from County & District Councillors;

5.1. **County Councillor** – Cllr. Michael Dalby reported that, due to the pre-election period, he had no formal report to present. He thanked the Parish Council for the positive working relationship developed over the years and noted that this would be his final meeting as County Councillor.

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman expressed sincere thanks to Cllr Dalby for his support, commitment and dedication throughout his time in office.

5.2. **District Councillor** – Victoria Holliday advised that the May report as printed in the GVN was current. In addition, a reminder that as a District Cllr there is a £4k budget which can be spent between the communities of the 8 parishes covered.

6. Open Public Session – 3 addressed the council.

- *As neighbours expressing their concerns and objections to planning applications in relation to Quay Barn, 6 The Quay, Blakeney.*
- *Morston Road residents expressing their concerns and objections to plans in relation to the Agricultural Barn on Morston Road.*

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

7.1. **LA/25/2543** – *Proposal; Internal and external works to facilitate extension and alterations to dwelling at, Quay Barn, 6 The Quay, Blakeney. Resolved to object;* The Council reaffirmed its previous comments relating to this property/application. Members considered the proposed roofline to be overbearing and not in keeping with the character of the Grade II listed building, and still have the same concerns regarding the balcony. The Council also supported the concerns raised by the NNDC Conservation and Design Officer.

7.2. **PF/26/0708** – *Proposal; Erection of detached garden outbuilding at, 8 Wiveton Road, Blakeney. Resolved: No objection,* subject to a condition being added, stating that the outbuilding is not to be used as ancillary accommodation.

7.3. **PU/26/0880** – *Proposal; Notification of intended change of use of a former agricultural building from storage use (Class B8) to a hotel (Class C1) in accordance with Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England Order 2015(as amended) at, Agricultural Barn, Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved to strongly object* to the notification as the Council considers the proposal to be contrary to Policy 17 (Tourism) of the adopted Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan. In particular, the proposal does not sufficiently demonstrate compliance with criteria 1–4 of the policy relating to the protection of village character, residential amenity and the management of impacts including traffic generation, parking provision and noise.

The Council also considers that the proposal would fail to preserve or enhance the character of the Blakeney Conservation Area and would result in harm to the special qualities and landscape setting of the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

8. FINANCE

8.1. **Resolved** that **Accounts** totalling £20,751.36 are to be paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report;** i) Nationwide Data Collection confirmed that there had been a malfunction on the Dec/Jan count, and hence this data was not available, ii) NCC had completed the revised 'Parking Licence' for Langham Road, former school field.

8.3. **Resolved** to accept the quote for cleaning roof and gutters on **Old Brick Bus Shelter** from Secret Gardens.

8.4. **Resolved** to draw up a rota for **Weekly Play Inspections** and run it past our incoming insurance provider for approval.

8.5. **Resolved** to renew our gold level of membership cover via **Community Action Norfolk**.

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8.6. **Resolved** to undertake a structured programme of **registering all Parish Council Property titles** with H M Land Registry.

9. **Written Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable – None.

10. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. The Clerk provided a verbal update regarding the interest in a **long-term lease of the Blakeney Parish Room**, in that information was being collated for further consideration by both parties.

11.2. **Resolved** that we assist with the **Remembrance Events** as routine going forward, in the same way as last year & in association with the RBL.

Meeting closed at 8:13pm.

Chairman _____