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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th May 2024** in **The Parish Room immediately after the AGM.**

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 1

Did not attend:- 0

1. There were no Apologies for Absence.

2. Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensations from members;

Nigel Sutcliffe – 7.4. Personal Interest

Mike Reed – 7.2. Personal Interest

3. *Resolved* that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements – None.

5. Reports from County & District Councillors;

5.1. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby had submitted both the monthly and annual report in advance.

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday had submitted a report in advance. A meeting with BT tomorrow re. poor mobile phone signal in the local area.

6. Open Public Session – None.

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

7.1. **LA/24/0715** – *Proposal; Replacement of windows on front elevation at, 18 Westgate Street, Blakeney. **Resolved;*** Object, as we concur with the comments made by the NNDC Conservation & Design Officer.

7.2. **PF/24/0750** – *Proposal; Single storey rear extension to dwelling following removal of existing conservatory at, Sea Grass, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. **Resolved;*** No objection.

7.3. **PF/23/1825** – *Appeal; Erection of single storey holiday lodge at, Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney. (Appeal ref; AP/24/0004). **Noted.***

7.4. **PF/24/0781** – *Proposal; Erection of detached domestic boat store to front of dwelling at, Four Oaks, Pintail Drive, Blakeney. **Resolved;*** No objection.

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7.5. **PF/24/0799** – *Proposal; Two storey front extension replacing existing porch and bay window; detached garage; external alterations including new external finishes and alterations to some window openings; installation of air source heat pump at, Doelen House, Back Lane, Blakeney. Resolved;* Object to the balconies. Would prefer these to be of the 'Juliet' style so as to ensure privacy of neighbouring properties, and confirmation that the noise from the air source heat pump will also not impose on any neighbouring property.

8. FINANCE

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £55,728.50 to be paid.

8.2. Clerk/RFO Report -

- The correct sum for the accounts paid/approved from **7th to 31st March 2024**, was £4,917.00 and not £10,263.14 as was recorded, as a number of entries had to be reversed out and entered as creditors for the year end.
- Neil Thompson has confirmed that Blakeney Harbour Association are happy to take the lead on **CCTV** covering the **dinghy park**, and will discuss with The National Trust at their next meeting and report back to us.
- **Whole Council Training** – Tuesday 21st May at 7pm. Jenny Girling, Barry Girling and Willie Weston confirmed that they are not able to attend.
- **Parish Room** – The gutters have been cleared and fixed, and a quote will be obtained regarding work needed to the broken and blocked downpipe.
- **Blakeney Surgery** – A fellow Cllr from Stiffkey Parish Council, wrote thanking members of BPC, in particular our Vice Chairman and Chairman, for the persistence and time put into this campaign on behalf of the local residents.

8.3. The following documents were worked through one by one; **Annual Return (AGAR) 2023/24;**

- i) **Resolved** to accept the Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24
- ii) **Resolved** to approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24
- iii) **Resolved** to approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24

8.4. **Resolved** to accept the quote for **Office Privacy Blinds** from Hillarys at £600.

8.5. **Resolved** to accept the quote for **Tree Inspection** work by David Gillett Tree Services at £475.00.

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

9.1. Blakeney Surgery – Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe.

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee (Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care System) met this afternoon and granted the application from Holt Medical Practice, **to close Blakeney Surgery** within the next 6 months. Several elected personnel representing the local community were present and gave statements, in the hope to persuade the PCCC members not to grant the closure. There are currently no detailed local mitigation steps in place.

This is extremely disappointing for the local community and to those who have put their heart, soul and huge amounts of time into trying to keep the surgery open, and providing the service it did prior to 2019. Our letter of appeal is with the Secretary of State, but at this stage and noting the decision taken yesterday, we fear this decision will stand.

9.2. Blakeney Village Hall Trust – Clerk.

The BVHT had met on 8th April 2024. Mike Reed was unable to attend as our representative, having only been advised of the meeting that day. BVHT will be drafting a reply to Butcher Andrews for BPC. (Response received today.)

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

Cllr Willie Weston left the meeting at this point.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

11.1. **Resolved** that resolutions numbered i) & ii) with regard **The Blakeney War Memorial Cottages Charity are withdrawn.**

- i) **Withdrawn** - Blakeney Parish Council **relinquish their role as Trustee** of the Blakeney War Memorial Cottages Charity, in favour of Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society Management Committee being duly appointed as Trustees of the Charity at the next meeting of the Blakeney War Memorial Cottage Charity.
- ii) **Withdrawn** - Blakeney Parish Council **relinquish their role of Custodian Trustee** of the War Memorial Cottages in favour of Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society being duly confirmed as Custodian Trustees of the Charity.
- iii) **Resolved** that Blakeney Parish Council confirms that they are not the legal owners of the War Memorial Cottages and that **Land Registry documents** shall be changed to reflect Blakeney War Memorial Cottages Trust as the owners.

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- 11.2. **Resolved** that we accept the proposed location for the new **Petanque/French Boules Courts** ie. in the area beyond the enclosed play area and the goal post.

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

PF/24/0332 & LA/24/0333 – Ivy House, 121 High Street, Blakeney – *Granted.*

RV/24/0519 – Avalon, 8A Morston Road, Blakeney – *Granted.*

Meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Chairman _____

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