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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 3rd September 2024** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room.**

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Barry Girling, Jenny Girling, Judith Pegden, Mike Reed, Willie Weston & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 1

Did not attend:- 0

1. **Apologies** for absence were **approved** from; Nigel Sutcliffe & Shirley Everett.

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 6th August 2024 are to be signed as a true record.

4. **Chairman's Announcements** –

- The **Sedimentation Committee** of Blakeney Harbour Association (previously known as the B3CT) have been trying to arrange to give a presentation to us and we need to confirm this with them.
- **Holt Medical Practice** have advised that they are almost at the stage where they are ready to submit the planning application for the Blakeney 'Pharmabox' which is to be sited next to the village hall. There may be a need for some kind of bridging service from the current surgery site. HMP would want to avoid a period where there wasn't anything in place.

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

5.1. **County Councillor** – Michael Dalby, had submitted a report in advance. Also chased up NCC re. lack of communication with the replacement footpath bridge scheme, and also the street cleaning for Little Lane. Will ask that Highways undertake cutting of hedges around the speed signs on Morston Road.

5.2. **District Councillor** – Victoria Holliday, had submitted a report in advance and this will be in the pages of the GVN. In addition to said report; NNDC will be discussing the closure of public toilets or reduced hours in certain places. The telephone landline replacement scheme has been pushed back to 2027.

VH will take a question back to NNDC on our behalf; *Do the number of multiple houses built on a site where there was previously just one, count towards our quota/allocation, in terms of the number of allocated new builds due in accordance with the village in the Local Plan?*

6. **Open Public Session** – Owner of Anne Cottage, 11 Back Lane, one of the planning applications about to be discussed addressed the members.

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

7.1. **PF/24/1553 & LA/24/1554** – *Proposal; Internal and external alterations and repairs to existing dwelling, including loft conversion, alterations to garden and installation of air source heat pump, **The Friary, Mariners Hill, Blakeney.***

Resolved; We object to the works to the listed building elements of this application, which will damage the existing flint wall and going in to the roof space. This will have a negative effect on the listed building status of this property, ie. the very purpose of which is to protect and conserve.

7.2. **PF/24/1564** – *Proposal; Alterations and remodelling of dwelling including replacement roof with inset balcony to main dwelling, replacement garage roof, creation of expressed rendered gables, replacement porch, addition of lean-to pergola, and alterations to external materials at, **Anne Cottage, 11 Back lane, Blakeney.*** **Resolved;** No objection, but to comply with the standard CPRE light pollution clause, regarding any outdoor lighting.

7.3. **PF/24/1591** – *Proposal; Reconfiguration of driveway including brick piers and gated entrance and erection of carport/garage at, **Marigold, 61 New Road, Blakeney.*** **Resolved;** No objection, but to comply with the standard CPRE light pollution clause, regarding any outdoor lighting.

7.4. **PF/24/1636 & LA/24/1637** – *Proposal; Replacement front porch, rear extension, roof tiles, windows and doors at, **Burgh Cottage, 5 Mariners Hill, Blakeney.*** **Resolved;** We object to the replacement front porch, in particular the protruding gable. In addition, any outdoor lighting must comply with the standard CPRE light pollution clause.

7.5. **Resolved;** We are happy to approve the siting of a skip/scaffold/security fencing for **97-99 High Street** to be installed in a Coronation Car Park, taking up minimal space, subject to it being removed from the site if we so determine, earlier. Work is scheduled to last 22 weeks.

7.6. **PF/24/1497** – *Proposal; Detached single storey summer house/guest room within garden, following removal of existing shed/summerhouse at, **Raylet House, 1 Pyes Close, Blakeney.*** **Resolved;** No objection, subject to it only being used as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling house, and not for independent letting purposes and that any outdoor lighting must comply with the standard CPRE light pollution clause.

8. FINANCE

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £14,101.99 are to be paid.

8.2. **Clerk/RFO Report** –

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- The Norfolk & Waveney ICB have acknowledged our letter re. the closure of **Benjamin Court**, and our support for having it reopened, and have confirmed that it will be considered along with others in due course.
- Our annual summer event **Party on The Pastures** was the most successful yet, and will have succeeded in being cost neutral, indeed it will have returned a profit.

8.3. **Resolved** that instead of allocating an additional grant figure of £750 + VAT, to **The Pastures Charitable Trust**, for the installation of two new barriers each with an aluminium pole, that we seek a price for the replacement of the 4 current posts, using the chain we have and that we seek a third one for the very top of the site also.

8.4. **Resolved** that we accept the **Grounds Maintenance Quote** for grass cutting and hedge cutting with immediate effect from 'Secret Gardens' on a 3-year contract, subject to performance, also that we undertake the work now to get all of our hedges cut properly ahead of the scheduled cuts.

8.5. **Resolved** that we defer the decision on how to fund our **Street Lighting Replacement** program, now that we have the results of the grant funding applications, until our October meeting.

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

9.1. **Blakeney Duckpond** – *Cllr Alban Donohoe*, advised that the owner will shortly be putting this in the hands of an agent, with a view to selling. The owner is aware that he has occupier's liability for the pond and surrounding area that he owns. Q. Will the viewing platform and board be removed, and said area returned to its natural state?

9.2. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team (B3CT)** – *Cllr Alban Donohoe*. The **Sedimentation Committee** of Blakeney Harbour Association (previously known as the B3CT) have been trying to arrange a presentation for members of BPC. This will now be held in the Parish Room (for BPC members only) commencing at 6:15pm on Tuesday 1st October, ahead of our Full Council meeting.

9.3. **BPC & National Trust Working Group** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* advised that at the recent meeting, the NT had confirmed that they have no plans to take any action with regard the eroding corner of the Carnser.

9.4. **Personnel & Data Protection Committee** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* advised that the committee had agreed to the Clerk working from home on a Monday, Thursday and Friday each week, and that the office will be open to the public Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to noon, and that

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these arrangements will commence from 9th September and will be reviewed after 6 months.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

- 11.1. **Resolved** that Mike Reed as our representative on the Village Hall Committee, requests an agenda item at their next meeting, re. to confirm a meeting date with representatives from each side, (as agreed last month) in order to discuss the future of the **Parish Room** based on its current usage and condition, whilst at the same time consider the long-term future of both the Village Hall and Parish Room. The Parish Council feel that any plans regards both sites really need to consider the other so as not to compromise viability, especially in the current financial climate.
- 11.2. **Resolved** to ask the Clerk to arrange the official opening of the newly created and funded **Petanque/French Boules Court** (ideally by 20th September.)

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

PF/24/1197 – Doelen House, Back Lane, Blakeney – *Approved*

PF/24/1314 – The Freshes, Pintail Drive, Blakeney – *Withdrawn*

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Chairman _____