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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024** in **The Parish Room**.

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

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield      Public:- 2      Did not attend:- 0

**1. Apologies** for absence were **approved** from; Nigel Sutcliffe, Iain Wolfe & Barry Girling.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 are to be signed as a true record.

*Cllr Willie Weston arrived.*

**4. Chairman's Announcements** – It is with sadness that we note the passing of our former Chairman, Mr Peter Wordingham. Peter worked hard for our community during his years as a member of this council and our condolences go to his family.

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

5.1. *County Councillor* – Michael Dalby, had submitted a report in advance. In the past couple of days, I have worked with the Clerk to help try address the concerns that arose over the 'Blakeney Bridge (Carnser) Replacement Access Plan', noting the lack of communication and liaising from Norfolk County Council Officers, which have led to many complaints and questions from the wider community, in particular, affected users of the dinghy park. This has now been resolved, to the best of our ability within the parameters given.

5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday, had submitted a report in advance. In addition confirmation had been received, that despite losing the Doctors Surgery, Blakeney will remain as a *Large Growth Village* going forward.

**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. **PF/24/1314** – *Proposal; Extensions and external alterations to dwelling including first floor extension/replacement roof at, The Freshes, Pintail Drive, Blakeney. Resolved;* No objection.

### **8. FINANCE**

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8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £26,085.60 are to be paid.

### **8.2. Clerk/RFO Report –**

- Cllr Judy Pegden is working hard to try and establish a volunteer group to start a 'Community Speedwatch Group' in the village. If you are interested in volunteering, please do get in touch.
- A reminder to members to complete the 'New Draft Housing Allocation Scheme' via the NNDC website, consultation period ends on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August.
- Skip/scaffold/security fencing for 97-99 High Street to be installed in Coronation Car Park, taking up minimal space. Work scheduled to last 22 weeks. Approved, and to be ratified at the September meeting.

8.3. **Resolved** that we are happy to support a request for grant to **Glaven Valley News** towards new printing equipment in principle, but advise that they would need to apply via our 'Community Fund' which will be advertised in due course as normal.

8.4. Members were asked to advise the Clerk of any projects which they may think suitable for the 2024/25 **NCC Highways Parish Partnership Scheme**; deadline 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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

9.1. **Blakeney Surgery 'Pharmabox24** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew with guests; Jane Wickham & Justin Farthing (Holt Medical Practice Pharmacy).*

Jane shared with the meeting that Holt Medical Practice, have considered all options, and based on the outcomes, would now like to propose the installation of a free-standing pharmaceutical machine, (Pharmabox24) where prescriptions could be dropped off and medication collected by patients.

**Resolved; i)** in the absence of any alternative provision, we support the siting of such a unit &;

**ii)** we are happy with the suggested location being near, but not attached to the wall of the village hall, to the right of the entrance door. (HMP are liaising with BVHT directly.)

9.2. **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** – *Cllr Mike Reed* updated us as per the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

9.3. **Blakeney Duckpond** – *Cllr Alban Donohoe* advised that the owner is wanting to dispose of the site and therefore looking to sell. BPC members

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are welcome to go visit/take a look at the site at any time. The pond is freshwater, with freshwater springs underneath. A reminder that the freshwater marsh will become saltwater marsh if the sea defence/coastal path breaches after 2025, ie. the plan is already in place for this. BPC to keep a watchful eye.

9.4. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team (B3CT)** – *Cllr Alban Donohoe* advised that the group has now folded into the ‘Blakeney Harbour Association’ (BHA) and will now be known as the ‘Sedimentation Committee’. This means that the group is now part of a registered charity. The 2017 & 2023 surveys have been revisited and a new plan will now be developed. The Clerk confirmed that BPC were putting an amount £500 p.a. into an earmarked fund for this, as previously resolved.

9.5. **Blakeney Dinghy Park Committee** – ***Resolved*** that BPC are happy to endorse the appointment of Richard Baughan to the BDPC as a PUBLIC representative.

**10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE** –

11.1. ***Resolved*** that in order to consider the future of the **Parish Room** based on its current usage and condition, and the general site as a whole, we meet with the Village Hall Trustees; Rosemary Thew, Mike Reed, Judy Pegden, Alban Donohoe & the Clerk and/or Iain Wolfe (to be asked).

11.2. ***Resolved*** that we look to register any **Declarations & Deposits via the Highways Act 1980 Section 31 (6)**, for; The Playing Field, The Pastures, Mariners Hill etc.

11.3. ***Resolved*** that we are happy for the National Trust to grant 3 custom made permits for parking arrangements for **Wheelyboat users** at the Carnser Car Park.

11.4. ***Resolved*** that we write, supporting the campaign to **Save Benjamin Court** in Cromer.

*Cllr, Judy Pegden, declared a ‘Personal Interest’ in the following item; as one of the applicants is a friend.*

11.5. ***Resolved*** that having considered the applications for the ‘Outstanding Contribution to the **Community Award 2024**, the award this year goes to ‘Oscar Haynes’ for the production of the ‘Glaven Valley Newsletter’.

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

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**LA/24/0823 – Flat 3, Quay House, 5 The Quay, Blakeney – *Granted***

**PF/24/0781 – Four Oaks, Pintail Drive, Blakeney – *Granted***

**LA/24/0715 – 18 Westgate Street, Blakeney – *Refused***

**PF/24/1186 – 56 Morston Road, Blakeney – *Granted***

**RV/24/1264 – The Wells, 3 The Pastures, Blakeney - *Granted***

*Meeting closed at 9:05pm.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_