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Minutes of a meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5th November 2024** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room**.

Present: Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman), Samantha Arlow, Alban Donohoe, Shirley Everett, Judith Pegden & Iain Wolfe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

Public:- 6

Did not attend:- 0

1. Apologies for absence were ***accepted*** from Jenny & Barry Girling, Mike Reed & Willie Weston.

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 1st October 2024 are to be signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements & to welcome;

4.1. Ed Mumford Smith (Broadland Housing Association) - Advised that the feedback from the recent community consultation, which has taken place both in person and online, re. proposed **Affordable Housing Scheme on Langham Road** for 3 family houses and 5 bungalows for rent, as been 100% positive, with just a few comments and questions received, re. landscaping and bins etc. In partnership with Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society (BNHS), this scheme (with possible slight tweaks) will be put forward as a planning application, hopefully by Easter 2025, and we would hope to commence building around Easter 2026, this is of course just an indication at the moment. Any allocations will be made via BNHS in line with their allocation scheme, and hence all enquiries from anyone interested in renting a property should be directed to BNHS. This scheme is a priority for BHA, and consists of no market housing.

5. Reports from County & District Councillors;

5.1. County Councillor – Michael Dalby had submitted a report in advance. *Michael will ask NCC if they could undertake a review of their street furniture in terms of state of repair, ie. so many rotten posts holding up signage around the county, we specifically ask that they view one on New Road, just past The Pastures.*

5.2. District Councillor – Victoria Holliday had submitted a report in advance, in addition to this; Blakeney has been marked as needing to have an extra 30 houses allocated to it, under the new revised Local Plan, which is coming out for consultation on 7th November 2024. 33% of any new build site should be affordable housing, but in reality this is often not the case. The work to overcome Nutrient Neutrality which is stopping several developments at the moment, is moving forward, as this affects the county.

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Members of BPC raised the issue of the appeal, on the Blakeney Surgery decision, made to the Secretary of State for Health for which no decision has yet been made. It was agreed that our District Cllr will raise this with our MP to see if he will pursue it to get a decision before the surgery officially closes.

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/24/2023** – *Proposal; Installation of automated prescription dispenser to front elevation of village hall and associated works, at, **Village Hall, Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved;*** No objection, subject to; i) Having its own lighting, (possibly motion sensors), and ii) Holt Medical Practice providing 2 new additional hardstanding disabled parking bays, to replace the two, which will be utilised to service the area of the Pharmabox for its customers & iii) the size of the machine to be adequate to cover the growing needs of this community going forward, in terms of new housing allocations/patients.

7.2. **PO/24/2084** – *Proposal; Erection of detached dwelling (self-build) – Outline with details of access, layout and scale with other matters reserved, at, **Land at Rear of Marigold, 61 New Road, Blakeney. Resolved;*** Object. This application breaches Policy 9 of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan, ie. Existing dwelling replacement, must meet 3 points, this does not. In addition to this we have noted the contents of the current 8 objections in relation to this outline planning application, and we fully support the objections and concerns raised in them.

7.3. **PF/24/2109** – *Proposal; Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage and carport (self-build), at, **Wild Acre, 83 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved;*** We object to this application, as it is in breach of Policy 9 of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan, in particular the point about height increase.

7.4. **PF/24/1872** – *Proposal; Single storey detached dwelling with associated parking, at, **Land to the rear of, 15 Queens Close, Blakeney. Resolved; Support,*** on the grounds that it will be a Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society property, ie. affordable social housing for local people.

7.5. **RV/24/1921** – *Proposal;* In respect of the objection from Blakeney Parish council requesting confirmation of the type of render being used, confirmation has been received, that this will be a through colour render in an off-white colour similar to multiple properties on Langham Road, at, **8 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved;** We are happy with this. (*Will be ratified at our December meeting.*)

8. FINANCE

8.1. **Resolved** that the **Accounts** totalling £25,229.08 are to be paid.

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8.2. Clerk/RFO Report –

- Cozens (Streetlighting) have confirmed 3,000k warm white bulbs, with and anticipated start possibly before Christmas.
- Village Hall Trust AGM – Cllr Reed has asked if another member of BPC could attend this in his absence on Wednesday 13th December; agreed that the Clerk will attend on our behalf.

8.3. **Resolved** that we do continue with the earmarked funds/budget for the now disbanded **B3CT committee** now that it has amalgamated with the Blakeney Harbour Association, subject to our annual budget considerations.

8.4. **Resolved** to defer the consideration of quotes for **Electricity Supply** to both the Parish Office site and Trading Sites to our December meeting ahead of the 31st December renewal date, as we require more information.

8.5. **Resolved** that we do not have any projects which may be suitable for the 2024/25 **NCC Highways Parish Partnership Scheme**; deadline 6th December 2024.

8.6. Members and Committees are asked to feed in any items which they would like to be considered for the upcoming **Budget** to the Clerk by 10th November.

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

9.1. **BPC & National Trust** – *Cllr Alban Donohoe*, along with the Chairman attended a site visit with the N/T to look at the erosion along the corner of the Carnser, from both a safety perspective and loss of parking spaces, down from the historic 3 lines of vehicles to 2 which in turn affects revenue for both parties. N/T advised that they have no funds to address this (note loss of car parking ability means even less income), short term consideration could be posts or groynes along the edge. No firm outcome was agreed, and BPC remains concerned and will follow this up.

9.2. **Blakeney Events/bonfire Committee** – *Cllr Rosemary Thew & Clerk*. Huge thanks to all involved in what was another hugely successful event. A few tweaks will be made ahead of the 2025 event, having seen the numbers attending this ever-popular event increase year on year.

10. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – None.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** –

- 11.1. **Resolved** that we form a 'Working Group' to discuss how we make our **Litter & Dog Bins** work smarter and in turn bring back thoughts and recommendations to Full Council. RT, NS & The Clerk. AD happy to feed in remotely if he can.
- 11.2. Members noted the Norfolk County Council invite to make representations on the **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan**: Publication of proposed Main Modifications and Additional Modifications and Additional Modifications, but had no specific comments to make. Consultation closes on 13th December 2024.
- 11.3. Members noted the North Norfolk District Council consultation currently running on proposed changes to the **NNDC Council Tax Support** Scheme but had no specific comments to make. Consultation closes on 24th November 2024.
- 11.4. Members were advised that an interested local business were due to come and take a look at the possible use of the **Parish Room** later in the week, and hence no action taken this evening regarding the future of this site.
- 11.5. **Resolved** that we do not support the government consultation re: **Enabling Remote Attendance & Proxy Voting** at Local Authority Meetings, this would include Parish & Town Councils, we feel that a much better debate is achieved at face to face meetings, and therefore we are not in support of either element.

Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public – In order to consider the following item (11.6); Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (refers to individual residents and their personal circumstances), it is **resolved** that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.)

- 11.6. Correspondence from a parishioner, re. **Certificate of Lawful Development application (CLEUD)** for 'Static Caravan, on land at **Villeroche, Langham Road, Blakeney.**' **Resolved** that as the enforcement authority, it is up to NNDC to determine any CLEUD. BPC recognises that any such application should have been in existence for 10 years and therefore simply notes that NNDC will deal with this matter.
- 11.7. **Resolved** that we respond to the questionnaire from Catfield Parish Council, re. quality of service provided by **North Norfolk District Council's Planning Department** which included how planning breaches were dealt with.

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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PF/24/1564 – Anne Cottage, 11 Back Lane, Blakeney – *Granted*

PF/24/1497 – Raylet House, 1 Pyes Close, Blakeney – *Granted*

PF/24/1839 – 20 Kingsway, Blakeney - *Granted*

Meeting closed at 9:53pm

Chairman _____

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