

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Monday 13th December 2021 at Blundeston Village Hall at 7.30pm
All attendees will be required to wear a face covering.

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Cllr Mr P Ashdown, Mrs M Wright, Mrs B Shaw, Mr P Button, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs G Soans and 4 Parishioners.

Graham Wade (Chairman) asked as a mark of respect if we would hold a minute's silence for Mr Brian Shelton who sadly passed away on Thursday evening and our thoughts go with his family.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies of Absence Cllr Edward Back, Vice Chairman Steven Rees, Cllr Keith Robinson, Craig Harris, Sam Perks.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held 15th November 2021 were approved.
3. **Declaration of interests:** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Clerk's Report** Nothing to report
5. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item.
Nothing to report at this meeting.

6. Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)

Rod Leach asked again about the lines on the road on Market Lane have still not been painted. Anya said that Cllr Keith Robinson had spoken to her earlier and due to BT putting in cables, they cannot paint them until this work has been done.

Barbara Shaw mentioned that she had spoken to the 2 parishioners who are going to turn the phone box into a book library. They said they are waiting for someone to make some bookshelves and that they are making progress. She also asked if there was any news about the top of the Blundeston Village Sign. Graham will speak to Ken Ward.

7. District Councillors Report: (Cllr Paul Ashdown)

Cllr Paul Ashdown spoke about the Community Partnership meeting to be held on Zoom on Wednesday 15th December. If anyone wishes to join it would be greatly appreciated. One point is healthier eating and we have now been able to secure some wooden pallets so that we can make some planters to be offered to the schools with compost and seeds to encourage them to learn how to grow food. Any help that any other organisation can give us would be greatly appreciated.

On Saturday 12th February 2022 at the Parkhill Hotel we will be holding an open morning from around 10am-2pm to talk about the projects the Partnership has done and would like as many Parish Council members and residents to come along to give their input. There will be a buffet lunch provided.

8. County Councillors Report: (Cllr E Back, Cllr Keith Robinson)

Nothing to report as they had sent their apologies.

9. Planning: The following Application was agreed at the meeting.

BA/2021/0453/LBC Internal and external alterations and repair including removal of a kitchen

partition. Replacement of some windows and doors. Address: The Nebb, Flixton Marsh Lane, Blundeston, NR32 5PH

10. Land off Queensway – Cadent Gas Ltd – Gas Apparatus:

Nothing to report at this meeting.

11. Northern Parishes meeting with James Mallinder 5th January 2022

Cllr Paul Ashdown said he had mentioned about a meeting being held and has now been changed to Wednesday 5th January 2022 at the Corton Pavilion at 7.30pm. As many people can come along as it's about recycling and what you can and cannot recycle. They are trying to stop the contamination of the recycling and to help reduce the carbon footprint. There are grant facilities available. Please let Anya know if you will be attending.

12. Finances

Expenditure – Clerks Expenses -Telephone £10 x 3= £30 and £55.35 for Stationery and Printer Cartridges.

Income - No Income received

13. Clerks Salary

It was agreed that it was time for the Clerks salary to be increased to £170.00 per calendar month and this would start from 1st January 2022.

Correspondence

Playing Field Permission to use the field for football practice Hopton Harriers-It was agreed that the football pitch can be used for Football Practice.

Blundeston Play Park

Keith Blowers mentioned he had received an email after his meeting with Health and Safety which highlighted various issues. After a long discussion it was agreed to close off the area for the time being. Graham will also contact Hucks to get a brochure for play equipment.

Emails

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Avian Influenza in Wild Birds – Update

East Locality Meeting

SCC Highways ref 322466 - Church Road, Blundeston to do with the licences for Blundeston in Bloom.

November 2021 Monthly Newspaper from Cllr K Robinson

Countywide – Christmas campaign highlighting the dangers of drink and drug driving launched

East Suffolk Council / Norse Partnership

Licence attached: Blundeston in Bloom

Drainage at rear of properties on Lakeside Rise

Treebilee Letter to Parish and Town Councils

Blundeston Play Park

Monthly councillor briefing from Cllr Keith Robinson.

SALC news e-bulletin 6 December 2021

Treebilee Letter to Parish and Town Councils re registering for tree

Police connect 12 arrests made in knife crime operation

Agenda for Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership meeting on 15/12/2021
Updated Agenda for Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership meeting on 15/12/2021

Gill Armstrong invited you to “Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership”

Parcel security Police Connect

Village Hall News_10 Dec21_New restrictions

SALC news e-bulletin 13 December 2021 re restrictions.

14. Any Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th January 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03pm