

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, there were present Mr. J. Nichols, Chairman, Mr. J. Blowers, Mr. G. Alderton, Mr. P. Offord, Mrs E. Hilton, Mrs. G. Soanes, Mrs. T. Townend, Mr. S. Lewis, Mr. S. Perks and Mr. K. Wood. Pc Boggis, County Councillor Allyson Barron and two parishioners also attended.

**Apologies** were received from Councillors Brian Hunter and Malcolm Cherry.

**The minutes** of the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May were approved and signed.

**There were no declarations of interest.**

Mr Blowers took over the meeting during the **election of the Chairman**. Mr. Blowers proposed the nomination of Mr. Nichols; this was accepted unanimously, Mr. Blowers thanked Mr. Nichols for all the work he had done on behalf of the Parish Council during the past year and Mr. Nichols took the chair once again. Mr. Nichols then proposed that the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council should chair the Village Hall Management Committee in the future, this was agreed. Mr. Perks proposed that Mr. Blowers should be re-elected Vice Chairman; this was seconded by Mrs. Soanes and carried unanimously. The election of the Village Hall representatives then took place, Mr. Perks and Mr. Alderton were both willing to stand and they were re-elected. The next item on the agenda was the election of a **Charity Trust Board** member; only one person had come forward in answer to the poster displayed for the past month. Mr. Nichols stated that as one of the present Trustees had agreed to take over the Chairmanship of the Board, he was willing to remain as an ordinary Board Member. The Parish Councillors agreed that this would be a good thing, in view of the fact that the other newer Trustees did not have a great deal of experience of the Charity's responsibilities and duties. Mr. Nichols was duly re-elected to the post of Charity Trustee. Pc Boggis gave the **Police Report** next there had been 12 incidents in Blundeston during May, these included 2 domestic incidents, 1 Public Decency Offence, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 3 break ins to buildings, 1 assault, 1 possession of drugs with the intent to supply and 1 sexual assault on a female. 6 of these were detected. Pc Boggis went on to congratulate the Village on the good Community spirit displayed at the Flower Festival and Teddy Bear Parachuting event held at the Church over the weekend. He also reported that Brian Hunter had sent a message to say that W.D.C. have made a formal request to S.C.C. to provide a satellite waste disposal site on the North Side of the Waveney when the Wilde Street site is closed. **Allyson Barron** reported that she had attended the Flower Festival at the weekend and said she thought that the whole thing was truly spectacular.

### **Planning.**

**Mr. I. Chamberlain 2A Church Road – Construction of an attached Garage, revised plan.**

It was decided to refuse this application and refer to the Parish Councils decision made in June 2002 when a former owner made an application- i.e. that in the Council's opinion, this was over-development of a small site.

The Clerk had attended a site meeting at **Virginia Cottage** earlier in the evening, and reported that two members of the Development Control Committee, a representative from the Landscape Department, the applicant, the architect, a representative of the Planning Control and a secretary had made up the inspection team. The Clerk had informed those present that neighbours had invited the team to enter their gardens to view the site from there, and visits were then made to two adjacent properties.

### **Accounts**

The following accounts were proposed for payment by Mrs Hilton and seconded by Mrs. Townend.

B.M. Shaw	Clerks Salary April/May/June	256. 35	
	1/3 telephone rental	9. 16	265. 41
J. Nichols	Chairman's 1/3 telephone rental		9. 16
H. Daines	for clearance work on Play area and topping up sand		268. 00

### **Correspondence**

Notification had been received from S.C.C. that **Market Lane would be closed** to through motor traffic for 1 week commencing 20/6/05 pedestrians and cyclists would still be able to negotiate the Lane. The Highways Agency had sent details of **East of England Road Works** for the summer. A Parishioner had expressed concern that several houses in Blundeston did not have the **house name** prominently displayed, which gave delivery people and medical personnel problems reaching the correct property. W.D.C. had sent a copy of their **Local Development Framework document**. The chairman had read this through and the information revealed that several present policies will be carried forward. There appeared to be no dramatic changes in the document, which would affect Blundeston. There will be a **Parish Plans** meeting

in the Village Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the chairman said that the team responsible for this project had worked very hard and it was hoped that parishioners would attend this open meeting to discuss the way forward. A Parishioner had written to say that he was concerned about the **tarmac surface** recently put along a bridlepath in Flixton, but it was reported that this had been only done as far as the houses along the bridlepath.

#### **Other Parish Business.**

The chairman reported that he had recently tried to negotiate Church Road around the time of the parents arriving at the School to pick up the children and was amazed at the utter chaos that **the number of cars parked** along the road caused. He asked if members of the Parish Council who were also School Governors could bring the subject up at a Governors meeting as he felt sure that there was no necessity for so many cars to be used to enable children to get home. It was reported that the sweeping up of the loose **chippings along Market Lane** has still not been done even though the original resurfacing was carried out in September and the Clerk had again asked for this be done in February and had been assured that this would be carried out as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department at S.C.C. to request that something be done about the terrible state of the surface of the Lane. It had been reported that the nettles and piles of rubbish were still a problem along the **Footpath from The Street to Market Lane;** this had been reported to Adrian Clarke. Mr. Perks proposed that the Parish Council pay to have this cleared and send the bill to W.D.C. Mr. Blowers reported that a parishioner had mentioned that a **30mph repeater sign** had been removed from Queensway and also that a 12 year old boy had been seen firing an **air rifle** in the pit at the rear of the houses along Queensway, Pc Boggis agreed to investigate. Mrs. Townend said that people had reported that **two hedges adjoining** the pavement in Church Road were causing a problem for wheelchair users and mothers with pushchairs. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners of the properties concerned and ask that the hedges be trimmed back. Another parishioner had reported that they were concerned about the amount of noise made by the **cattle in Mr. Perks' yard** and were worried that they were distressed, Mr. Perks said that anyone could inspect the animals housing and he admitted that they were a particularly vocal group this year and that they would be being moved to the Marshes in the next few days. Final preparations are in hand for the **Village Festival** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Lewis asked for help on Friday night to erect the marquee and again on Sunday to dismantle it. Mr. Wood reported that **the roundabout** was almost ready to be put back in place and would definitely be ready for the weekend. He also reported that traffic was getting much worse along the **B1074** and during the last six months he had noticed a distinct increase in the amount of heavy lorries using the road. He thought that this might be attributable to satellite navigation systems fitted to many lorries, which may be routing them from North Lowestoft to Norwich via the B1074. He also reported that the **post box** had been removed from Flixton 2 years ago and residents were told that a replacement box would be sited next to the telephone box but this has not yet materialised. Mr. Perks reported that there had been a big dose of fly tipping in Marsh Lane.

**The meeting was then opened to the public.** Mr. Ffitch reported that the Flower Festival and Teddy Bear Parachuting had been a success with 650 bears being registered over the two afternoons, and a provisional figure of £3,100 had been banked. He also reported that there had been a good response to the appeal for help with grass cutting in the churchyard. Mr. Ffitch asked once again for a request to the Highways department for a sign attached to the one on the corner of Pickwick Way saying "leading to Micawber Mews". Mr. Edwards mentioned again that the groups along the road from Blundeston to Lound were completely blocked.

There being no further business the meeting closed.