At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st May 2007 there were present Mr. S. Perks (Vice Chairman) Mr. J. Blowers, Mrs. G. Soanes and Mr. S. Rees. W. D. Councillor Ashdown, Pc D. Boggis and 10 Parishioners also attended.

**Apologies** were received from Mr. J. Nichols, Mrs. T. Townend, Mrs. E. Hume and Mr. R. Leech. Mr. S. Lewis would arrive later as would S.C.C. Allyson Barron.

**The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on 16th April were approved and signed.

Mr. Blowers **declared an interest** in the Skate Park planning application.

**The election of the Chairman.** Vice Chairman and two representatives for the Village Hall Management Committee had to be postponed due to the meeting not being quorate.

**Pc Boggis** reported that there had been no crimes committed in Flixton in April, but that two drug related crimes had been reported in Blundeston both connected with H.M.P. He went on to say that the new Community Policing Scheme was now 6 - 8 weeks underway and that it appeared to be working satisfactorily. He had contacted Pc Smith regarding the speed limit and repeater signs on the B1074 it he had reported that the nearside 30 mph sign from Lound was obscured by foliage and that the offside sign has been knocked, 4 out of 10 repeater signs are obscured by foliage and all need cleaning to remove green algae. At present, Police enforcement cannot be made under these circumstances. **Mr. Ashdown** reported that the matter of the huge amount of Fly tipped rubbish and burnt out cars at the back of the old Fruit Farm is being dealt with by W.D.C. and the Environmental Health department are also involved. Evidence has been found and the Police are now in possession of this. The Planning Team will inspect the site to see if the remnants of the buildings should be demolished. This situation lends strength to the campaign for a satellite refuse tip North of the river. Mr. Perks asked Mr. Ashdown what progress had been made with establishing whether the dumped tree trunks were indeed on District Council land, Mr. Ashdown said that the matter was still being ascertained.

**Planning.** Mr. Perks closed the meeting to ask if members of the public had any concerns over the applications on display at the rear of the Hall. No matters were raised and so the meeting re-opened.

**Mr. M. Tallamy, Fairfield House, Flixton.** Construction of two storey detached garage with dormer window to side. This was refused until further details were received as it was perceived that the upper storey could be used as living accommodation.

**Mrs. Wendy Dawson.** Provision of Skate Park on field at rear of Blundeston Village Hall. This was a reapplication as the previous one was based on the Parish Council having a 10 year lease on the land, and in order to procure funding, a new lease for 15 years has had to be drawn up. A decision on this application was not made because two of the Councillors present had voted against the approval previously and one of the Councillors had declared an interest, leaving one Councillor in favour. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the Councillors not present, to ask for their input into making a decision, although it was felt that having already passed this application earlier it would be difficult to refuse it now.

**Mr. & Mrs. D. Henwood, Redwall Lodge, Church Road.** Provision of a 1.9m boundary wall to front of property. This was refused as the councillors felt that the wall would be a far too dominant feature and totally out of keeping with the surrounding Street Scene. There was also concern about the loss of an established hedge.

**Mr. & Mrs. Leech, 12, The Street.** Outline Application to construct 2 dwellings (this application had been withdrawn)

**Accounts.** The following accounts were proposed for payment by Mrs. Soanes and seconded by Mr. Rees.

- W.J. Jermy and sons Limited (Annual rent for playing field) £300. 00
-Nicholson Solicitors (for new 15 year lease for playing field) 264. 38
-Allianz Cornhill (Annual Insurance Premium) 1,036. 09

**Correspondence.**

The new lease for the **Football pitch** had been received and authority was needed for Mr. Nichols and Mr. Perks to sign this document. This was proposed by Mr. Blowers and seconded by Mrs. Soanes. Mr. Perks said that when Mr. Nichols returned a convenient date would be arranged for the document to be signed and witnessed. Letters had been received from Mr. Socratous and Mr Alderton regarding the use of the Playingfield for football matches on Saturday afternoons. Lengthy discussion took place after the letters had been read to the Councillors but it was finally decided that the Blundeston Plough team should be given permission to use the field with the stipulation that the same principles as their present Sunday Morning League matches were used, ie that they would maintain the state of the pitch during the season and off season, occasionally pay to have the grass cut, and if the Village Hall was in use, they would not be allowed access to change there. The East of England Rural Assembly had sent details of their **Gipsy and Traveller Public Engagement Event.** WDC had forwarded booklets detailing their **Sustainable Communities**
Strategy and their Corporate Plan. Also information on their Best Value Inspection Focus Group at 6p.m. on 4th June, together with a copy of Involve the Parish council Bulletin. The Broads Authority sent a document reviewing the Statement of Community Involvement and details of their discussions with the Planning Dept. regarding the Floodlighting at Rookery Park Golf Club. Halcrow had forwarded details of their Lowestoft Area Action Plan. Suffolk Acre had sent a copy of their Magazine - Suffolk Scene and details of their special Parish Council Insurance Scheme. It was decided that they could be approached before the next years Insurance premium was due to be paid. SCC had sent details of the closure of part of C904, leaflets giving information of the Schools reorganisation Stage 2 which were distributed to Councillors and Parishioners, and a newsletter. Suffolk Preservation Society had sent a copy of a letter to T. Woolley about the Southwold Railway Project and a document about Affordable Housing. A letter had been received from a Parishioner pointing out that the report of her input to the Annual Parish meeting last month had been inaccurate, and that no letter had been written to Anglian Water but that her neighbour had spoken to a representative. The sewerage problems have only been solved for her and her neighbours property not for the other houses further along the way. It was pointed out that space cannot be taken up with long reports at such public meetings and so it was necessary to curtail most of the material, and it was felt that the Planning Department would in no way read that report and presume that the sewerage problems had been wholesaley solved as the correspondent had suggested.

Other Parish Business.

Mr. Blowers had been approached by youngsters wanting to know where the goalposts had gone from the football pitch. These had been removed by the Football team at the end of the season to be repaired and to allow the goal areas, which had been reseeded time to recover. Discussions are taking place between Mr. Blowers and the team in regard to putting smaller goalposts further up the field. Mr. Rees reported that Orchard Lane was in a state of disrepair and the garden becoming very overgrown, the property is owned by a Lound resident and the Clerk was asked to contact the owner and request that the bungalow have some attention as it was becoming an eyesore. Mrs. Townend had asked the Clerk to inform those present that she was still unhappy that vehicles were allowed to park on The Street opposite to the Orchard Close junction, and that the vegetation on Hall Road was making exiting Pound Lane dangerous. SCC Allyson Barron had arrived and informed those present that she was now a W.D. Councillor representing Normanston, she asked if a supply of School reorganisation leaflets had arrived. She was informed of Pc Smiths’ findings regarding the 30mph signs on B1074 and she told the Councillors that there was to be a meeting on 6th June regarding that matter amongst others, between herself, Derek Oldman and another SCC representative. The Clerk reported that vandals had ripped up one of the new benches recently screwed into place on the Play area and positioned it at the top of the slide, fortunately it was removed before anyone was badly injured. The Clerk was asked to contact K. Jones and ask if he would arrange to fix it back in position and also to check the other two benches. Mrs. Soanes said that she wondered why so many cars were parked on the roadway on Friday night outside the Village Hall, when there is a large car parking area at the rear of the Hall, it was agreed that she should put the question to the Scouts representative at the Village Hall Management Committee meeting later.

15 minutes for Public Input.

A Pippins resident asked when the Charity land at the rear of his property would be tidied up as he had requested this several months ago. It was explained that the Charity Trustees own the land and that it was not a Parish Council matter, he was put in touch with the Clerk to the Trustees who informed him that there would be a meeting next month when the matter could be discussed. A Parishioner who had been involved in the recently held Art Exhibition said that when she and another lady were making tea in the kitchen on the Sunday two members of the Football team relieved themselves in view of the kitchen window! They were probably unaware of being overlooked but the representatives of the team present at the meeting were asked to remind the players that they CAN be seen from the Hall!