

At a meeting of the Parish council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 there were present, Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr J Nichols, Mr S Perks, Mr P Ball, Mrs T Townend, Mr S Rees, Mrs G Soanes, Mr J Blowers, Mr R Leech. 6 Parishioners were also present.

**Apologies** were received from Mr K Wood, PCSO Sue Kershaw, SCC Cllr M Barnard, WDC Cllr Paul Ashdown, & SCC Cllr Colin Law

**The minutes** of the previous meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed.

**Declaration of Interests** No interests were declared

**Clerks report** Following on from the September meeting. I would like to thank Cllr Mike Barnard for his assistance in helping to secure a grant to replace the wall with fencing at the village hall.

**15 minutes for Parishioner input** A parishioner reported the '20's plenty' sign outside the school in Church Road is obstructed by trees. This is on the right hand side when driving into the village. The clerk will report this to the highways dept. Mr Ffitch gave thanks to Mr Nichols for placing the minutes onto the Blundeston website and also enquired regarding the Barkis meadow pond clearing party. The clerk advised this is scheduled to be placed on the agenda for November's meeting.

**Other Parish Business** (Parish Councilors) Mrs Townend raised concerns over the recent announcement regarding the possibility of a reduced bus services through the village. Mrs Townend was keen to point out this is a vital transport link particularly for the elderly in the village. The chairman advised he had recently attended a meeting by SCC to discuss passenger transport in rural parts of waveney and surveys following on from this meeting will shortly be circulated to all households in Blundeston & Flixton to obtain residents feedback. Mrs Townend advised on behalf of the scout group that the 1<sup>st</sup> Blundeston scouts annual fundraising Christmas parade will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. The parade will take the usual route through the village finishing at the village hall where there will be hot dogs & other refreshments served with all welcome. Mr Ball reported one of the wooden posts on the children's playground was moving in the ground and although didn't pose any danger does require reinstalling. Mr Rees suggested the surrounding concrete be replaced and asked if Mr Perks would be able to do this. This was agreed for Mr Perks to remove and replace the base concrete to ensure secure. Mr Ball advised the white lines in the centre of the road at the bend by the old fruit farm in Hall Road were worn away by vehicles crossing the centre of the road and are virtually non existent. This is a dangerous bend and reinstating the lines would help with preventing vehicles crossing into the path of oncoming traffic. The clerk will report this to the highways dept and report back. Mr Nichols advised the charity trustees application form will be delivered to every household in the village over the next week regarding the award of the annual Christmas Tesco's vouchers traditionally given to households within the village at Christmas time. All details of eligibility and required supporting information will be detailed on the form. Mr Blowers advised he requested a quote from Harrods regarding the required new parts for the mobile football goal posts and at this stage was still waiting to hear back. The chairman advised to chase up Harrod's and pursue with the order of the required parts as they are most definitely needed as soon as possible. Mr Blowers gave an update regarding the village leaflet and also appealed for an additional poppy seller to help with this year's remembrance collections. If anyone would like to assist please contact the clerk or Mr Blowers. Mr Leech asked if it would be possible to clear any vegetation and trees on the fruit farm corner to make the road more visible on the bend. Mr Rees advised the hedges are on private land and consent would need to be obtained from land owner. Mr Blowers confirmed the trees on playground have been trimmed by WDC.

**Police Report.** Was read out by PCSO Nigel Turner. For the month of September there were no recorded crimes for Flixton & 8 for Blundeston. Five of these related to HMP Blundeston. One related to a theft of a trailer, 1 aggravated taking of a motor vehicle which was later found and criminal damage relating to a property in Barkis Meadow which was unexplained. PCSO Sue Kershaw attended the village school and assisted in the assembly with the message be safe be seen, stickers were given away and the children were also advised on Halloween. The fly tipping at Blundeston fruit farm was removed swiftly by WDC. Mr Perks advised more fly tipping at the fruit farm. PCSO Turner advised he will report this back to PCSO Kershaw.

**District Councillor report** Was received from Cllr Paul Ashdown and read out by the clerk. WDC has made major changes to its senior management structure as from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct which will enable them to continue to provide the best possible front line services. They have joined with Suffolk Coastal District Council & set up a one tier senior management team that will support both authorities. Each authority will still retain its own rights & there will be no change to elected

representatives so wards & boundaries will not be changed. The issue with the dead oak tree in Queensway is still ongoing.

**County Councillor Report.** No Report Available

**Millennium Green handover** Mr Nichols advised the trustees had signed the deed of covenant and deed of amendment and these were accepted and signed by the Parish Council.

**Temporary Duck Signs** Following on from last months meeting, the clerk had received correspondence from SCC advising the costs of 'waterfowl' signs should we wish to buy them or make our own. The cost of buying these signs from SCC is £300 per sign. A parishioner suggested having a non-council sign made by a local company. The chairman will contact a local company to obtain costs and report back at next months meeting.

**Planning Sub Committee** Following discussions between the chairman and clerk. It was agreed that any plans received that needed actioning prior to the following meeting would be passed directly onto the chairman for a decision. The planning sub committee would be contacted by the chairman to arrange meeting if he felt necessary.

**Land Registry** A letter had been received last month recommending the registry of all parish owned land and property. Mr Ball and Mr Nichols offered to locate deeds of all parish council land and to confirm land owned and establish boundaries. After seeking advice regarding costs etc will report back to the council to discuss the next stage.

**Accounts** A cheque was received from SCC for £1,100.00. This grant was approved by Cllr Mike Barnard from the locality Budget for the construction of new fence between the village hall & playground

**Planning** Mrs A Bishop, 'Sunnyside' Rackhams Corner – Construction of two storey rear extension. Mr & Mrs K Blowers, 'Contiki' Market Lane – revised plans for construction of detached garage. Mr & Mrs M Gilder, 'Timbers' Pound Lane – Construction of single storey rear extension. All of the above plans were approved at a separate meeting of the planning committee to meet WDC application deadlines

**Correspondence** WDC – Parish precepts 2011/12. With his experience Mr Nichols offered to advise and liaise with the clerk and chairman to discuss the budget for the precept.

SALC – annual report. '

Broads Authority – Historic Buildings workshop.

WDC – world of planning event.

Barclays Bank – letter of intention to change account signatories. Completed at end of the meeting.

Scottish power – East Anglia offshore wind farm proposal.

SCC – Waveney Quality of life scheme, proposed new junction layout at Peto's Corner (B1074)

After discussion the plans were proposed by Mr Nichols and seconded by Mr Wade, and the following vote was 7 For - 2 Against.

Waveney Local strategic partnership – annual event ,

There being no further business the meeting finished at 2030hrs

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November