

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 24th August 2020
On Zoom Cloud Meetings Platform

1. **Present:-** Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Mr J Nichols, Mr B Shelton, Mr K Blowers, Miss M Wright, Mr R Leach, Mrs B Shaw, Mrs G Soanes, Mr S Perks, Cllr P Ashdown, Cllr James Reeder, Cllr Keith Robinson, no parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies of absence were received from Mr P Button
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th July 2020 were approved.
4. **Declaration of interests:** There were no declarations of interest.
5. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item:
A parishioner had asked if the bus service was going to be reinstated. Cllr Reeder said he had spoken with the Rugby Club who have in turn spoken to the volunteers and it is hoped that the service will resume in September.
6. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)**

Keith Blowers said he had been asked to enquire about the proposed new footpath between The Plough and Barkis Meadow. Cllr Reeder said that he had received a quote of £10,500 for the work. Previously the Parish Council had agreed to fund 50% of the work but needed details of the length of the path prior to making a decision. Cllr Reeder said he would e-mail details to the Clerk.

Sam Perks said he had received a quote to tarmac the Millennium Green path in the sum of £2,893.95 + VAT. It was agreed to accept quote which Sam will forward to Clerk. It is hoped that "The pebble snake" can be incorporated into the path.

Steven Rees said he have been approached by a parishioner who wished to plant a tree on the Millennium Green and asked what the procedure was. He was informed that parishioner will need to purchase the tree which needs to be an indigenous variety and Melanie said she would forward details of a website to obtain a plaque and stand.

Melanie Wright asked about the quotes that were received for the porch at the Village Hall. Graham said that Michaela (the Village Hall Clerk) was trying to obtain a grant for the work. Melanie also thanked the "Thursday night" gang for their work on the Church Road entrance to the Millennium Green. She also thanked Blundeston in Bloom for keeping the village looking lovely despite having been unable to raise funds in their usual way this year and suggested that the Parish Council make a donation. John Nichols said that whilst we should be prepared to consider a donation more information was required on the state of their finances.

Brian Shelton said he had made a visual check of the play park and noted that the bark around the roundabout had already been displaced. The Clerk commented that she was still waiting a response from Simon Walker to her request for a quote to carry out repairs noted in the safety report. Cllr Keith Robinson said that funding may be available for this if requested. Brian also mentioned cobbles and a lump of concrete on the play park that may be hazards. He also requested the return of the key to the Millennium Green which is currently with Keith Jary. Keith Blowers also requested a copy of the key. Rod Leach said he would retrieve the key and get a copy made.

Sam Perks enquired about the spring for the zip wire. Keith Blowers said the cost would be between £40

- £60. This expenditure was approved.

Rod Leach said that a parishioner had commented on the “big improvement” of the area around the pond.

Graham Wade said he had been asked about the arrangement with dogs on the Millennium Green, i.e. on leads and picking up after them. It was noted that this is what the signs say on the entrances to the Green. It was also suggested that a dog waste bin be located at the Fire Station side.

A parishioner has approached the Parish Council asking if league football matches could be played behind the Village Hall. This was agreed in principle and Graham said he would get more details on how this would work and their requirements.

7. District Councillors Report: (Cllr P Ashdown)

Cllr Ashdown said that he was funding Litter picking equipment for Lound PC out of his Locality Budget at a cost of £205 and was prepared to do the same for us. He confirmed that Norse would still collect litter. This offer was accepted and Cllr Ashdown will send the forms to the Clerk.

8. County Councillors Report: (Cllr James Reeder, Cllr Keith Robinson)

The Councillors confirmed that there is a Cabinet Meeting tomorrow regarding the 3rd River Crossing at Lowestoft.

9. Planning:

The following applications were discussed recommended for approval:-

DC/20/2872/FUL | New rear & side extensions. Plus new entry porch | 6 Lakeside Rise

Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BE

DC/20/2960/FUL | Single storey rear extension and garage | Twynham 66 The Street

Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AQ

DC/20/3069/LBC | Installation of 9 replacement Windows to side and rear of main Dwelling.

| Whitehouse Farm Rackhams Corner Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5LB

Approved prior to the meeting:-

DC/20/2744/FUL | Proposed first floor rear extension | Contiki Market Lane Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AP

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

Nothing to report at this meeting.

11. Telecoms Mast

Nothing to report at this meeting.

12. Finances

It was agreed to make a donation to the church to go towards the Churchyard maintenance in the sum of £350.00

13. Correspondence

E-mail	Street Meets and Police Connect
	North of Lowestoft development - 28 July 2020 11:02 37377
	Planning Legislation and Regulation changes
	How to frame consultation responses
	SALC - Planning consultations

14. Any other Business

Glenis Soanes asked when the Village Hall would be reopening. Graham confirm that the Scouts were starting again next week but it was down to the individual organisations as to when they want to restart.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21st September 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm