

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 19th February 2024

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs E Sparks, Mr C Harris, Mrs B Shaw, Mrs G Soanes, Mr P Button, Miss M Wright, Mrs D McKernan, Cllr E Back, Cllr P Ashdown & 18 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies** Cllr K Robinson.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 15th January 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** Steven Rees Declared an Interest as he knows the person who is going to do our Internal Audit.
5. **Clerks Report** – Anya mentioned that a Councillor had kindly spoken to someone who has agreed to do our Internal Audit for the Parish Council it was asked if the Parish could consider the cost for this to go up from £50 it was agreed at the meeting that this goes up to £100.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** -It was asked if the conifers are going to be cut back in the play park this was agreed it would be done when the weather gets better.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors). The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** –It was mentioned about the new footpath on the Millennium Green that has been re done and re surfaced recently and that it was very disappointing to hear about the confrontations that happened, and the people involved. The other issue is that it does not seem quite finished just up by the kissing gate where you go through it needs to be carried through to the road. It was agreed to get another cost for this to be done.

A Councillor said that the trees in the play park should be done as soon as possible and that he will keep chasing him.

It was asked if the Parish could set a date for the annual village Litter Pick. Saturday 2nd March 2024 was agreed. The clerk will do the posters and put them on the notice boards. Also an email has been sent to the council to ask about the Road Sweeper as this would be nice to get this all done at the same time.

It was mentioned that the Carol Concert will be held on the Tuesday 17th December after the Parish Council meeting on Monday 16th December.

A Councillor said that a Parishioner had walked on the pavement near White House Farm at Rakhams Corner and it was covered in moss and was really slippery Cllr Edward Back said he would report it to Highways.

It was mentioned about our new footpath on the Millennium Green and that when we first had the quote the District and County Councillors were going to kindly give us some money from their Locality Budgets. It was agreed that they need a form filling in and evidence of the work.

It was asked about the footpath from the Street to the Duck Pond and that it is very muddy. This is an ongoing issue with East Suffolk Council and that we need two quotes for the work to be completed it was agreed to ask the company who done the Millennium Green Footpath as this is an ongoing issue.

Also it was asked if the Parish Council could re structure the Agendas and the Minutes, so we have a clearer picture of who is doing what and to follow up for the next meetings. It was agreed to follow this up at a later date.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) It's that time of year again in regards to the council tax bills and the budget decisions on Wednesday and the local council tax is going up by 2.98% County is up by 4.99% and includes the 2% social care and the Police Crime is up by 4.93%.
The next Committee Partnership Meeting will be held at Oulton Parish Council Village Hall towards the end of April.
Paul is going to attend a briefing on the possibility of Suffolk going Military again to hear what they have to say and how they want to do it.
9. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back). Cllr Keith Robinson sent his apologies for the meeting. Suffolk County's budget was set last Thursday 77% of the budget goes to Adult and Children care the other 23% has to go to Highways, Museums and libraries.
10. **Flooding in Lound Road** - The residents of Lound Road raised concern again about the flooding in the village. The Parish said that Highways, Peter Aldous, the Environment Agency, and Essex and Suffolk Water had been informed and that we are still waiting for a response. The residents have asked if the Parish Council could send another letter to the Landowner to arrange a meeting with one Parish Council Member and one member from Lound Road flood committee and the Landowner to discuss what can be done before the next meeting on Monday 18th March 2024.
- **Planning-** There was no Planning Applications at this meeting.
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- **Finances:**
 - Income - £42.00 Clothing Recycle Bin
 - Expenditure- £16.95 Expenses Anya 1st Class Stamps Printer
Paper and Ring Binder
 - £39.95 Spanglefish Blundeston and Flixton website
 - £7280.00 Luke Hurren Footpath Millennium Green
 - **Correspondence** - Report for information about an Incident 4th January 2024 -
Incs. 16487 and 16497
FW: Flooding - Lound Road, Blundeston. CR 446712
Blundeston Prison Site Phase 3 - DC/23/2245/ARM
 - **Emails-** Community Partnership Meeting Reminder - Lowestoft and Northern Parishes
Local Validation List - Consultation on draft document – Reminder
REMINDER - Precept Survey - PCC proposes increase in precept to fund Constabulary in 2024/25
Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Notification of submission
CAS Newsletter: Funding Opportunities | News | Vacancies
Invite to Sizewell C Forum
VCSE Funding Opportunities 26.1.24
Review of Street Trading Policy
NEWS BULLETIN - 29th January 2024
Countywide – Over 800 vehicles stopped during Christmas campaign
SALC member survey 2024 - please respond
The new 'Planning Committee Member Call-In' process

January Town & Parish Newsletter (Cllr Keith Robinson)
Latest VCSE Funding Opportunities 2.2.24
A47 Links Road Roundabout to Victoria Road Roundabout: road markings
SALC Subscription charges 2024-2025
Suffolk Devolution events - book now
Funding Opportunity: Village Hall Improvements!
REMINDER - HAVE YOUR SAY: James Paget Hospital's Quality Priorities -
deadline Friday 16 February 2024

Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 18th, 2024, at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 08.30pm