

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 18th March 2024**

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Mr K Blowers, Mrs E Sparks, Mrs B Shaw, Mrs G Soanes, Mr P Button, Miss M Wright, Mrs D McKernan, Cllr E Back, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr P Ashdown & 15 Parishioners were present.  
Also in attendance- PC Michelle Deal.
2. **Apologies** Mr R Leach, Mr C Harris,
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 19th February 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** Paul Button declared that he had an Interest in the planning application below and left the meeting while a decision was being discussed. **Planning- DC/24/0650/P3Q | Prior Approval Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of Agricultural Building to Dwelling | Agricultural Barn Lowestoft Road Blundeston Suffolk**
5. **Clerks Report** –Anya requested that any invoices that come in must have Blundeston and Flixton Parish Council on any paperwork.
6. **The Chairman-**let everyone know that at 7.45pm PC Michelle Deal will be coming to discuss the speeding in the village and the unsociable behaviour.
7. 15 Minutes for Parishioners input- It was asked if the defibrillator was in good working order that is situated at the Plough Inn public house the councillors said that this is looked after by the Plough Inn and not the Parish Council.
8. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors). The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** –. It was mentioned again about the White Lines in the Village as it has been over a year since we last spoke about getting them repaired, Cllr Keith Robinson said that they are on schedule to be done.

It was asked about the CCTV at the Village Hall as it is currently not working Graham said he would speak to Michalea and get some quotes. Cllr Paul Ashdown said they might be able to help with their locality Budget with the cost.

A Resident spoke to a Councillor about the cars that are parking on the bend off Short Road and Market Lane junction. Cllr Keith Robinson said to speak to PC Michelle Deal to see what can be done.

A Councillor thanked everyone who turned out for the litter pick that took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and mentioned that others came and volunteered on the Sunday also.

It was mentioned that there is still a Planning Application awaiting a decision on the property in Lound Road that has been ongoing since November 2022.Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would look into this.

It was also asked about when we would hear about the Prison Site latest plans and if they have been approved Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would look into this as well.

White lines were mentioned again re Hall Lane and Market Lane junction and that they have been reported on the portal back in February last year and that they replied by email to say that the work had been ordered but still awaiting. Also the flooding had been reported in Queensway a number of times and has been told that it has been passed to the specialists drainage team and that they have a back log of several years.

It was also asked if we could have a new rubbish bin in the play park and asked if East Suffolk could provide us with, it was asked if Anya could get a quote for the rubbish bin then the Council would be able to fund this.

It was also asked about the amount of dog waste that is in the village. It was agreed that the council needs photo evidence before anything can be done.

9. PC Michelle Deal attended the meeting and introduced herself and spoke a bit about how they want to Police the local areas her main reason to visit tonight is to discuss the issues in the village re speeding and unsociable behaviour. A Councillor said that residents are complaining about people hanging around behind the village hall at night and a car being parked at the village hall at night.  
PC Michelle also spoke about the speeding in the Village. Three roads in question are Market Lane, Flixton Road, and Queensway, Lowestoft Road. Michelle has spoken to the safety Camera team and Flixton Road and Queensway, Lowestoft Road are already speed enforcement sites they are graded different Flixton Road gets a visit twice a month and Queensway is once a month. They were not aware of one needed in Market Lane; she has asked them to put in SDR (speed detection radar) which they have done it was there for a week from 15<sup>th</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 the results say that out of 2956 cars 867 were over the speed limit this is 10% they will only make this a designated speed site if this reaches 20%. Michelle left some leaflets regarding setting up a community speedwatch and Cllr Keith Robinson said that he would fund the cost for the board as these are £4000.00 each but the responsibility is down to the Parish Council. It was also mentioned about cars parking on corners of junctions and what the police could do to help.
10. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Very quiet this month nothing to report.
11. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back). Cllr Keith Robinson said that he would be sending an invite for a representative of the Parish Council to attend the Chairmans Reception at Carlton Marshes on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
12. **Councillors to adopt Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct"**.  
This has been agreed to adopt at the meeting.
13. **Flooding in the Village**  
Cllr Edward Back let us know that the reports from the fire service do not go to highways when they have been called out. The Parish Council has asked for a report at a cost of £70.00 per report it has not been agreed to order the reports.  
One of the council departments came out and washed through the drainage.  
The Parishioners said they are still waiting for a meeting from the Landowner  
The Parish Council have written to the Landowner twice but have had no reply.  
No representative from Lound Road Committee team were present at the meeting to update the Parish Council on the way forward. The Parish Council had sent all the information to the Lound Road committee team but had nothing back.
14. **Training for Councillors and Clerk**  
This was agreed by all at the meeting Anya will send out details as and when it comes out.
15. **Village Hall Porch Bollards**  
Due to cars keep hitting the Village Hall Porch it was agreed to get some quotes for some bollards.
16. **Clerks Salary**  
It was asked by the Chairman if the Parish Councillors could meet at 7pm at the next meeting to discuss in full
17. **Planning- DC/24/0650/P3Q | Prior Approval Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of Agricultural Building to Dwelling | Agricultural Barn Lowestoft Road Blundeston Suffolk**  
This Planning Application was agreed by all at the meeting.

- **Finances:**

- Income £1916.27 VAT Reclaim
- £375.00 Second Payment of Tesco Community Fund for Play Park
- £30.00 Clothing Recycled Alford Storage

Expenditure £30.00 Clerks Telephone Allowance

£600.00 Luke Hurren Play Park Entrance Re Surfacing  
£811.20 Mower repairs due to theft (Baggleys Machinery)  
£36.00 Clerks Training SALC Part 1 of 3  
£3948.00 Repair to Village Hall Porch Repair (Sunrise  
Installations)  
£7.00 for New Clock in Village Hall  
£12.90 For Abracs Metal Cut Off Wheel Thursday night Gang

- **Correspondence -**

- **Emails-**

20s Plenty For Suffolk' campaign  
VCSE Funding Opportunities 22.2.24  
NEWS BULLETIN - 26th February 2024  
The Local Councillor Magazine from SALC - February 2024  
Suffolk Police support campaign warning against using a phone whilst driving  
February Town & Parish Newsletter 2024 ( Cllr Keith Robinson)  
SALC training bulletin 5 March 2024  
March Edition - Constable's County  
More than 1,000 offences of intentional strangulation since the introduction of  
new law  
VCSE Funding Opportunities 14.3.24

Recruitment of new Independent Person  
Review of Street Trading Policy  
Local Development Scheme and Waveney Local Plan 5-year Review Assessment  
NEWS BULLETIN - 18th March 2024 SALC

**Any other Business**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 08.30pm