

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Annual Meeting
Held on Monday 15th May 2023

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice-chairman), Mrs G Soanes, K Blowers, Miss M Wright, Mrs B Shaw, Mr P Button, Cllr Edward Back & 7 parishioners were present.
2. **Annual reports** were available from the Parish Council Chairman, Ward Councillor, Blundeston & District Local History Society, Blundeston Charity Trustees, 1st Blundeston Scout Group, St Mary's Church, Blundeston, Village Hall Management Committee, Blundeston in Bloom, Full copies of these reports are available from the clerk or on the Website.

The annual meeting closed at 7.20pm

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4. **Election of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson**
The Clerk took over the meeting for the election, Paul Button, proposed Mr. Graham Wade as Chairperson, and this was seconded by Glenis Soanes and all other councillors at the meeting. Mr. Graham Wade said that he was happy to continue and following a unanimous vote Mr. Graham Wade was re-elected as Chairperson. Mr. Steven Rees agreed to carry on as Vice-chair and this was agreed by all councillors at the meeting Mr. Rees agreed to continue and following a unanimous vote he was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

Graham welcomed back Rodney Leach as a Parish Council member who has decided not to retire. Therefore, we have one other vacancy for a Parish Councillor a lady called Emily Sparks would like to join, all the parish councillors agreed that where present for Emily Sparks to join the parish Council.
5. **Apologies:** Mr R Leech, Mr S Perks, Mr C Harris.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 17th April 2023 were approved and signed.
7. **Declaration of interests:** There were no declarations of interest.
8. **Clerks Report** – Anya reminded the Parish Councillors to update their Register of Interest, and thanked Mel Wright for kindly doing the Audit for the Parish Council, Anya also asked that when she received invoices if they could make sure that they are made out to Blundeston and Flixton parish council and not to the individuals.
Also the Insurance for the year is due for renewal and as the other quotes need a lot of information with the time scale involved it was agreed to stay with our original quote.
9. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item: A parishioner asked the question about riding motor bikes on Heath Pitt the issue we have is with our Insurance Company. They asked if they get a disclaimer would this be ok, it was agreed that the clerk would ask the Insurance company and SALC if this would be ok. Cllr P Ashdown will investigate what the land can be used for. It was also asked to get a copy of the disclaimer form for the next meeting.

10. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present -**
It was mentioned again about the Barkis Meadow footpath and the overgrown hedges and that in places it is almost toppling over the path and at the last meeting it was asked about the progress of the footpath from the street to Market Lane at the back of Barkis Meadow it was agreed the clerk will contact East Suffolk Council

It was asked that it was brought up a couple of months ago about the roads not being swept they have not been done at all this year it was agreed the clerk will send Cllr K Robinson an email.

Another Councillor wanted say a big thankyou to the Thursday Night Gang who cleared the path opposite the village hall.

It was also mentioned about the height of the vegetation on the road verges and asked if this could be cut back it was asked again for the clerk to contact Cllr K Robinson.

11. District Councillors Report: (Cllr P Ashdown) Spoke about the Elections and said that it will be interesting times. Regarding Planning Applications this could take a lot longer to deal with. Paul will be going around to the Badger prison site at lakeside Rise to see how they are progressing.

12. County Councillors Report: (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back)

It was mentioned that Cllr K Robinson came around and had a look at the white line issues we have in the village and that this will take around 14 weeks. Not much else to report as the Elections have taken precedence.

13. Planning: This planning Application was rejected prior to the next meeting

DC/23/1487/FUL | Construction of a single storey rear extension | Wilmar Market Lane Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AW

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Play Park Update

The CIL application has gone in for Local and District so we might get something. In regard to the work starting, it has been delayed due to the weather conditions and getting it all level they are hoping to start work next week but that is weather dependent. In terms of the skate park NGF cannot help us with the work advised by our annual report as the rules are very different to play parks. It was asked if Anya could ask Simon Walker and SALC if they know of anyone, we could ask regarding the work needed on the skate park.

Millennium Green Footpath

We now have 3 quotes for the footpath, Graham asked where we want to go with this it was mentioned that maybe we should wait until the play park has been completed, Cllr P, Ashdown said that if we send the quote to the councillors they will see if they can help with this cost.

Lakeside Rise Notice Board

The notice board has now been ordered it will be here within the next few weeks it is as requested left hand side lockable right-hand side open with Blundeston and Flixton across the top.

Footpath between the Street and Market Lane

It was agreed to email Cllr K Robinson the details again.

Insurance Quote

It was agreed to continue with the company we are with now for this year

14. Finances:

Income:- - Precept- £5138.34

Clothing Recycle £30.00

Expenditure:- Expenses for Anya for £50.00 voucher for Mel for preparing the Parish Council Accounts

£100.00 one of payment for the clerk for Elections and other extra work

£37.69 for Petrol for strimmer's

15. Approval of Year End Accounts 2022/2023

The annual accounts had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Accounts have been audited by Mel and were unanimously approved by those present.

21. Correspondence

Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council – Play Park Insurance

Election Results

Blundeston Skate Park report.

22. Emails

Beacon Lighting

A47 Breydon Bridge update

Monthly Newsletter from Cllr K Robinson

News from East Suffolk: Helping people access affordable food

Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership meeting

Please can you share to all councillors, thank you

Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 19th June 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm