

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Blundeston Village Hall at 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman) Cllr P Ashdown, Miss M Wright, Mrs G Soanes, Mr P Button, Mr C Harris, Mrs B Shaw, Mr K Blowers, and 9 Parishioners.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies of Absence- Cllr K Robinson, Cllr E Back, Mr R Leech, Mr A Harris,
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th December 2022 were approved.
4. **Declaration of interest-No Declaration of Interest**
5. **Clerk's Report-** Anya thanked Cllr P Ashdown and Cllr K Robinson and Cllr E Back for the funding for the Play Park
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input -her Parish Business (Parish Councillors)-**  
A couple of parishioners asked about motorbikes being allowed to ride down in Heath Pitt, it was agreed that one motorcycle was give permission and this would be monitored. Their concern was about larger bikes riding around the loke, and they were concerned about dog walkers and dogs and asked if some signs could be put up.

A Parishioner let us know that the Go fundme has so far raised £1465.00 for the Playpark.

**Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present-**

A Parish Councillor said that once again I feel like we have been let down as a Parish re the planning application at the Loke it feels like we have not been listened too and feel that it could have been handled differently. As they are now open 7 days a week 8 am-8pm. Cllr P Ashdown said that only 3 vehicles are aloud at one time and that a max of 6 dogs are allowed and that you need to book, and they have agreed due to the condition that closeboard fencing will be put up and they have 3 months to complete this. It was also asked who was going to enforce this as other applications that have been agreed in the village that are a condition of planning have not been followed up? It was agreed that if the condition is not followed up to let Cllr P Ashdown know.

A Concern was also raised about a TPO ESC TPO 025/2021 - Osborn Cottages Market Lane, Blundeston to a dead tree branch and how this was going to be enforced it was asked if Cllr P Ashdown would get someone to take another look.

It was also asked if we have heard any more in regards to the post box in Lakeside Rise, Anya said she would email Royal Mail again.

It was asked if anything has been done about the Pre School and the planning enforcement Cllr P Ashdown said he would chase this up.

The Millennium Green footpath was mentioned as we are still waiting for a quote from the contractor, it was agreed that a Councillor would chase this up as we need to get this done in the spring.

It was mentioned again about the footpath at Barkis Meadow and that Cllr Edward Back had been out to inspect the footpath and agreed it needed pulling up and resurfacing they have been out and repaired it but all they have done is patched it up again. It was agreed that the footpath is not safe for disabled people to use the footpath. Anya will contact East Suffolk Council.

It was agreed that the Planning Application decision emails are sent around to the parish councillors.

The Play Park was cleared in preparation for the new Equipment over Christmas and New Year, and it was asked if the Parish Council would agree to arranging a skip, this was agreed by the Parish Councillors.

7. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson) and Cllr (Edward Back) – Both Councillors sent their apologies.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr Paul Ashdown)

Said that on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 between 12.30pm and 14.30pm Cllr P Ashdown will be bringing the new chief executive Cllr Chris Bally around all the villages he should be in Blundeston around 13.30 as he wants to see the area.

Paul has also spoken to a Parish Councillor in regards to funding for the play park from district CIL as we are intitled to apply for this for the play park.

**Play Park Update-**A Parish Councillor thanked the Parish Councillors and the thursday night gang who kindly gave up their time over the christmas period to clear the play park. It was noticed that the base of the existing rounabout is really worn away and needs to be re surfaced. NGF have been asked to quote for additional resurfacing which is in total of £2570.00. The Parish Council have agreed to the additional cost. NGF play have started to order the play park equipment. Since the last meeting we have registered the contract on the Government Portal.

Suffolk County Council and the District Council have kindly donated money for the play park and the gofundme funding is still on going, also the parish councils max of £30.000 means we now have £47500.00 committed towards the cost this includes the extra for the the new surfacing that is needed the total cost is going to be £55,000 so we still have a short fall. Since the last meeting another grant application has been sent into the Jeoffrey Whopping charity for £5,000, we will get a decision in March. We will also apply for the district CIL.

It was asked if we would like a press release regarding the councils funding Cllr Paul Ashdown said he will get some more information about this.

Another Councillor thanked the hard work regarding the Play Park organising and funding.

### **Lakeside Rise Notice Board**

The notice board at Lakeside Rise has been agreed.

### **New Lease for the Playing Field**

This will be added to the next agenda for further discussion

- **10.Planning-**

- **This Planning Application was agreed at the meeting**

- DC/23/0020/FUL | Construction of a single storey porch to the front. | 25 Lakeside Rise Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BE

- ESC TPO 025/2021 - Osborn Cottages Market Lane, Blundeston

- **This Planning Application was agreed at the meeting**

- DC/23/0053/FUL | Single storey front porch extension | Aventura Hall Lane Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BL

- **Finances**

- **Expenditures** - NGF deposit for play park £18,814.34  
Kevin Jones £1200.00 Grass Cutting

- **Income**

- Lottery Grant for Play Park = £9160.00
  - East Suffolk Locality Budget for Play Park= £1500.00
  - Gofundme Playpark £352.16
  - Suffolk County Council =£5500.00 = Budget for Play Park

### **Correspondences**

CIL Former H M Prison Blundeston, Lakeside Rise, Blundeston  
Motorcycles

### **Email**

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership

FW: Village Hall Funding

December's Parish Newsletter

Suffolkonboard bus timetable updates

PRECEPT SURVEY: PCC proposes increase in precept to fund Constabulary  
in 2023/24

EP Passenger Interest Group Agenda

Voter ID - national campaign

CAS Newsletter 13 01 2023

Countywide - Over 150 arrests made during Christmas campaign

| Next Meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 There being no further  
business the meeting closed 8.04 pm

