

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Blundeston Village Hall at 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Miss M Wright, Mrs G Soanes, Mr C Harris, Mrs B Shaw, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leech, and 6 Parishioners.
2. **Graham** wanted to say a big thank you to Rod Leach who is retiring he has been on the Parish Council for 15 years and Ehern Harris who has also stepped down.
3. **Apologies:** Apologies of Absence-Cllr P Ashdown, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr E Back, Mr E Harris, Mr P Button, Mr S Perks, Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman).
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved.
5. **Declaration of interest**-No Declaration of Interest
6. **Clerk's Report**-The Clerk reminded all the Parish Councillors that they were required to complete the Election Expenses form and send to the Returns Office by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (even if it is a Nil return) or give it to her at the next meeting. Declaration of Acceptance of office form to be given to her at the next meeting and to complete the online Register of Interests Details regarding completion of the online Register of Interest form will be provided when available.
7. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input -her Parish Business (Parish Councillors)**-  
A Parishioner wanted to thank the Parish and anyone else who helped to arrange the Defibrillator that is in the village at the Plough Inn as his wife was took poorly and needed the use of the defibrillator in case her heart stopped.

It was also asked again about the progress of the Footpath from The Street to Market Lane at the back of Barkis Meadow as it is really overgrown,muddy and uneven it was agreed the clerk will contact East Suffolk Council again.

**Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present-**  
A Councillor has been asked if the Parish Council are aranging anything in regards to King Charles Coronation it was agreed that we would light the Beacon if the country is lighting all the Beacons the clerk will email Bruno to find out.

It was also recommended that we give Anya an interim payment of £100 for all the extra work she has had to prepare for the Elections Barbara Shaw second this and all the other Parish Councillors at the meeting agreed to this. It was also asked that if Anya sends around any emails with any information could they please reply as the Planning needs to be agreed in a timely manner.

A resident who lives opposite the new Market Lane path has asked if some Double Yellow lines could be put down it as cars are now parking along the path kerb and impeding access in and out of their drive making it very dangerous especially as there is a slight bend in the road. It was agreed that the clerk will contact Cllr K Robinson.

A resident has contacted a parish councillor regarding the Barkis Meadow footpath hedge, in places it is almost toppling over onto the path the clerk will contact Cllr K Robinson regarding this issue.

8. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson) and Cllr (Edward Back) – Both sent their Apologies.
9. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr Paul Ashdown)-Sent an Apology for the meeting

**Play Park Update**-Since the last meeting the CIL Application has been sent in only we will not get any answers until around September so we will have to fund the committed amount for the Play Park. Work was supposed to of started on the Play Park on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 but due to the weather conditions this has been delayed.

It was also mentioned to ask for the maintenance schedule of the suppliers as we will need compet ent people inspecting it. Regarding the Play Park and the Skate Park it was agreed that the clerk would contact our insurance company to see what is needed regarding these inspections.

**Millennium Green Footpath**-It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting as we are still waiting for some more quotes.

**Play Equipment from the school.** -The concern is regarding Health and Safety issues. It was agreed that at the moment we will not take up the kind offer.

**Tables for the Village Hall**-It was asked by Blundeston in Bloom if we could get some new tables for the Village Hall it was agreed the clerk will get a price for 4 new tables.

**Playing Field hire for Footpath**-It has been asked by Hawthorn United FC if they can use the field on a Saturday Morning for 2-3 hours, it was agreed the clerk will speak the Village Hall Management.

**New Lease for the Playing Field**-It was agreed the clerk would get the Statutory Declaration form agreed by a solicitor and that the deeds be signed and witnessed at the meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Coffee Morning for Brain Tumour Research**- Barbara Shaw wanted to thank everyone who helped, and they raised £1197,12

- **10.Planning**-No Planning Applications to discuss at the meeting
- Finances
- Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23  
This was agreed at the meeting.
- **Expenditures** -£7347.88 New Kitchen in Village Hall  
£300.00 Rent for Playing Field  
£500.31 SALC Membership Subscription  
£19.60 Clerks Expenses Stationary needed for Accounts and Elections
- **Income** - £158.40 Plough Inn New Years Eve Cash Donation for Play Park  
£50.00 Mr Mason. Miss and Mrs Fitzgerald Cash Donation for Play Park  
£6345.59 VAT reclaim  
£6123.23 payment for Village Hall New Kitchen
- **Correspondences**  
Playing Field use for football  
**Email**  
Music for May Coronation events etc.  
March Town and Parish Newsletter (Cllr K Robinson)  
Planning - Joint Statement from SALC and East Suffolk Council  
Neighbourhood CIL Payments – April 2023

Next Meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 this will be the Annual General Meeting and will start at 7.00pm There being no further business the meeting closed 8.10pm

