

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 19th June 2023

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice-chairman), Cllr P Ashdown, Cllr K Robinson, Mrs G Soanes, K Blowers, Miss M Wright, Mrs B Shaw, Mr P Button, Mr R Leach, & 6 parishioners were present
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Edward Back, Mr C Harris, Mr S Perks.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 15th May 2023 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
5. **Clerks Report** - Anya mentioned that the ground in front of the notice board at Flixton has got really overgrown with weeds and that she couldn't get to the notice board and asked if someone would be kind enough to clear them it was agreed that this would be done.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item: It was asked about the white lines again in the village, Cllr K Robinson said to report it on the Reporting tool.
A Couple of Parishioners wanted to state the reason for their planning application and to let the parish know that they only wanted to accommodate their elderly parents.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** - It was mentioned about the height of the verges in the village and that you cannot see to pull out from the junction near the prison and pre-school/gatehouse it was asked who is responsible for this, Cllr K Robinson said to use the Reporting tool.

It was asked again about the state of footpath from the Street to the Pond and that quality of the path is just mud and come the winter months this will cause a problem. Cllr K Robinson said he will investigate this.

A Councillor wanted to thank Mel for all her hard work in getting the Play Park sorted and Emily for the Go Fund me page and all the others who helped for their hard work. There are a few bits and pieces that still need to be done it was asked if they could perhaps open it on 1st July 2023 when the new shop opens in the village and "Blundeston in Bloom have their open gardens day".

It was also mentioned that the letter box in Lakeside Rise has still got plastic wrapping on it so we still cannot use it, it was agreed the clerk will contact royal mail.

It was mentioned that the Road Sweeper has finally come to the village and it was said that if we didn't keep chasing them they wouldn't of come at all so we need to keep moaning to get things done they are contracted to sweep our village 3 times a year.

A Councillor let us know that we will be getting one bag of Daffodil bulbs this is 500 bulbs from East Suffolk bulb campaign which we can collect in October so we need to decide how we will plant them.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Spoke about Planning Applications and said this will now take much longer, the planning application Wilmer is going to committee in July if someone wishes to speak from the parish about this we may have to travel to Melton as Riverside is having work done. But you might be able to use Zoom but you will need to register by 5pm on Monday night.

Paul also let us know about our CIL application for the play park and that it will probably be granted.

Also that the Community Partnership is coming back at the over sixties club on the 4th July at 5pm.

The Buzz Bus is coming up for a review we do have some funding for this but the day will change from Monday to a Tuesday it was asked if it will go to James Paget Hospital Paul.

9. County Councillors Report: (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back) Keith said that he has been investigated the riding of Motorcycles on Heath Pit and advised that we can check on the land registry as to who owns the land, it was agreed that someone would send the clerk a map of the area to contact the land registry to clarify this.

The only other change is that Cllr K Robinson has now been promoted to Chairman for Suffolk County Council.

10. Play Park Update- The councillors all had a look around this evening at the work that has been done so far and have taken a few photos. Mel will email John regarding the guarantees for the wood and surfacing, and also to ask what has happened to the plaque from Adnams that we were going to put on the seesaw and also about the surfacing under the big roundabout and the climbing frame. In terms of the money the total cost excluding vat is £54,938.05 there was an additional cost of £106 for the Portaloo, to date we have money of £23,740.54 so we will be paying out from the Parish £31,197.51 if we do get the CIL money that will help. It was asked if we could perhaps have a plaque put up as a lot of people have donated money to the play park this was agreed at the meeting.

11. Millennium Green Footpath

It was agreed to send the quote to the councillors to ask how much they would kindly fund for the footpath so we can discuss this further at the next meeting.

12. Blundeston Prison Phase 3

It was asked if we would get a chance to comment on this application as with all these extra houses with no additional with doctor's dentist and schools.

13. D DAY 6th June 2024

It was agreed to discuss this nearer the time

14. Motorbikes on Heath Pit

Due to Insurance issues this cannot be allowed.

15. Blundeston Parochial Church Council

It was asked if the Parish would consider a further donation this year which they could use towards the Building and Churchyard Maintenance. It was agreed that at this time the parish could only give the normal £500 to be used for the upkeep of the churchyard as the parish is not responsible for the upkeep of the Buildings and Maintenance it was felt that the Church England who owns the property should pay for the upkeep.

16. Planning This Planning Application was approved prior to the next meeting.

DC/23/2013/FUL | Extension to front and rear | 4 Orchard Close Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AD.

17. This Planning Application was approved prior to the meeting

DC/23/2016/FUL | Side Extension | Autumn Cottage Church Road Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AJ

This Planning Application has been agreed.

DC/23/2250/FUL | Installation of 6ft closeboard wooden fence along front boundary of property to enclose part of the front garden and create a more useable family space for the property. | 2 Orchard Close Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AD

This Planning Application was rejected at the meeting

DC/23/1922/FUL | Granny Annexe in rear garden | Holly Barn Market Lane Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AN

- **Finances:**

Income:- £247.10 funding for play park
£3000 Geoffrey Watling Charity for play park
£36.00 clothing recycling
£910.00 Shooting Syndicate for the play park

Expenditure -- £30.00 Clerk Telephone Allowance
-£14.00 Tyre Sealant for Mower
-£1138.14 Insurance for Village Hall

21. **Correspondence**-Blundeston Parochial Church

22. **Emails**

We are looking for feedback from people who use rural transport services in Suffolk

Blundeston Prison Phase 3

Monthly Town and Parish Newsletter (Cllr K Robinson)

Planning and Coastal Management Newsletter

Planning Forum for Town and Parish Councils

Meeting Notification: Lowestoft and Northern Parish Community Partnership - 4 July 2023

Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th July 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm