

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 20th February 2023 at Blundeston Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Shaw, Mrs G Soanes, Mr P Button, Mr K Blowers, Mr S Perks. and 10 Parishioners.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies of Absence - Miss M Wright, Mr R Leach, Mr C Harris, Mr A Harris
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held 16th January 2023 were approved.
4. **Declaration of interests** Mr P Button has Declaration of Interest with DC/23/0388/FUL | Removal of central barn, conversion of 5 remaining barns to 5 dwellings, associated parking and works | Whitehouse Farm Barn Rackhams Corner Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5LB
5. **Clerk's Report-** Nothing to Report
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item. It was raised that Badger Builders on the prison site in Blundeston Lakeside Rise that residents are concerned as they have taken down a boundary wall which is listed on the planning commission boundary and have erected a fence within a metre of everyones rear gardens and have taken some access, and that it is in their deeds that they have that access of 3 metres for maintenance and a right of way. Cllr P Ashdown said he would investigate this but said that the builder can develop up to their boundaries. They are also looking at footpath 13 which was going to be a 5-metre footpath linking Lakeside Rise to the village which should have been done before people moved into the gate house. As they have a lot of young children, and they have to walk to the school. It was also asked about all the trees that are being felled at the prison site Cllr P Ashdown said that he will ask what is going on.

The GoFundMe for the play park is now £1750.50.

Another issue has been raised regarding letting dogs off their leads on the Millennium Green and not clearing up after them and was asked if we could have some new signs put up as the signs are old and worn out the problem is enforcing this issue. There was also an issue with a parishioner who damaged a dog poo bin after being told to pick up after their dog. It was agreed to put some new signs up around the village.

Also it was asked if anything has been done about the speeding traffic from Hall Road/Lakeside Rise to the footpath at the field as the children do not stand a chance when crossing the road as the cars go so fast. It was asked if the speed limit could be changed to 20 is plenty or a crossing as this issue will get worse with the new houses being built Anya will send an email to Cllr Keith Robinson to see if something can be done.

7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present-** It was asked if we could do the Annual litter pick in March, it was agreed that the 11th March 2023 would be a good date, at 9.am at the village hall. Anya will arrange the posters and put on the Notice Boards.

It was asked if the Fly Tipping in Market Lane had been removed a Parish Councillor spoke to an enforcement officer from Norse who said it was a harvest of cannabis it has now been removed.

A Parishioner asked a councillor to raise the issue with the hedges at the tennis courts and that they need cutting back, it was agreed for these to be cut.

White lines have caused an issue again at Fruit Farm Corner- Lowestoft Road it has been reported that since the road was resurfaced and the new white lines where painted they are not a legal width it was agreed Anya will email Cllr K Robinson who said he will get this issue sorted.

8. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson) and (Cllr Edward Back)

Cllr Keith Robinson mentioned about the newsletter and said that the new budget has now been set and they have kept it as low as they can and will keep all the services running.

9. District Councillors Report: (Cllr Paul Ashdown)

Spoke about the new Buzz Bus running twice a week and that Mondays do not seem to be a good day for people so they will be changing this to Tuesdays and Thursdays and asks people to use it otherwise you will lose it. And its there if they want to use it to visit the Warm Welcome Rooms they were called the Warm Rooms we want people to use these and keep them running to help people mix and socialise due to covid people do not mix together these will continue to run through the summer.

The Rugby bus at Corton will continue to run for another year as this is very popular

This year's budget will be announced after Wednesday when we will know what the council tax rates will be there will be a slight increase but not too high.

The tree at Osbourne Cottages has been dealt with only one branch will be felled the rest will stay.

The county budgets have been agreed and will continue next year. The budget for the year will be £7,500 so if any groups need any funding, please let us know.

This will be my last meeting with this council until after the May Elections.

. **Play Park**-Adnams Community Grant application for £1,530 for the cost of the new seesaw has been approved.

Crowdfunding - as of 10 Feb total now raised is £1,730 of which £1,665.04 has been received (net of charges of £64.96).

£20 cash donation given to Barbara to give to Anya.

- **Playing Field Lease Renewal**-The skate park must have Weekly /Monthly inspections by a competent person it was agreed that Anya would speak to Simon Walker and arrange a visit. It was agreed to fence the skateboard off until the inspection has been done. It was agreed to renew the lease for another 15 years.

- **Millennium Green Footpath Update**- It was agreed that we need to have tanalised timber edge and a tarmac base the contractor will let us know the new quote.

- **East Suffolk Council bulb scheme** -It was agreed to go ahead with the bulb scheme from East Suffolk

- **Elections in May to discuss.** - The Nomination forms have been handed out to the Parish Councillors

- **Kings' Coronation 6th May 2023**- It was agreed that the Beacon will be lit and a time will be given nearer the event.

- **Memorial Bench Enquiry**-A Parishioner has asked if they can put a Memorial Bench on the Millennium Green with a Plaque, it was agreed that an existing bench maybe replaced with a Plaque on. And that we will get a picture of the bench beforehand.

- **BBC Radio 4 Question Hosting**-It was asked if we would Host a question time with Radio BBC 4 after a long discussion this was not agreed.

. **Lakeside Rise Notice Board** – It was agreed to have one locked glass side and one open glass side.

This Planning Application was approved at the meeting

10.Planning- DC/23/0388/FUL | Removal of central barn, conversion of 5 remaining barns to 5 dwellings, associated parking and works | Whitehouse Farm Barn Rackhams Corner Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5LB

- **Finances- Expenditure** -£29.50 Website Hosting
-£125.00 Insurance excess for kitchen floor
-£7.99 clerks' stationary expenses

Income-£33.00 Clothing Recycling-January /February's
£270.12 GoFundMe for Play Park funding

Correspondence.

Trees being chopped down for no legitimate reason

Pre-Election Period Guidance for Elections 2023

Lakeside Rise Notice Board and Planning issue's

- **Emails**
Northern Parish Meeting
RE: Footpath Barkis Meadow
Village Halls and Community Buildings Newsletter (January)
South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan - Regulation 19
Publication
Sealed Order - SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISHES OF ASHBY,
BLUNDESTON, CORTON, HERRINGFLEET, LOUND, OULTON AND
SOMERLEYTON) (VARIOUS ROADS) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND
REVOCATION) ORDER 2023
Lowestoft and northern parishes Commu...
Thanks for contacting Royal Mail - Enquiry Reference: 230118-005541
Public consultation - Draft Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document
CAS Newsletter 26 01 2023
Greater Norwich Local Plan update
Exhibition of Films and Film Classification
NEWS BULLETIN - 30th January 2023
Initial consultation on the Custom and Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning
Document

Initial Consultation on the Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document

Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2023

Advising and delivering new playgrounds and sports facilities.

January 2023 Parish Newsletter

East Suffolk Council bulb scheme for 2023

Citizens Advice East Suffolk

Housing and economy figures for 2021/22 published.

Next Meeting is on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.54pm