

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

**Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice-chairman), Cllr P Ashdown, Cllr K Robinson, Mr W Saunders, Mrs G Soanes, Mr K Blowers, Miss M Wright, Mrs B Shaw, Mr C Harris, Mr R Leech, & 11 parishioners were present

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Edward Back, Mr S Perks, Mr P Button
2. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were approved and signed.
3. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
4. **Clerks Report** -Anya has spoken to Justin Cootes about the new Notice Board for Lakeside Rise he has taken delivery and they will kindly put it up for us as soon as possible.  
**Graham** -Introduced Mr Wayne Saunders who will be talking about the traffic calming options in the village.
5. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item:  
A Parishioner let us know that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 it is the Annual Blundeston Plough classic motorcycle show and has asked if it is ok to use the field for parking. This was agreed at the meeting.

It was mentioned that a page on social media said that Lowestoft town council have been refurbishing play areas in Corton and Rosedale Gardens and asked if it would benefit Blundeston, this was agreed that the council own the play parks so would not benefit Blundeston.

The Footpath between the Street and Market lane has been mentioned again, Cllr P Ashdown said that if it has been reported on the reporting tool it will be looked at as soon as possible. It was also mentioned that the hedges that are falling away from the fencing belong to the people who own the properties and that they are responsible for cutting the hedge. It has been asked that everyone put this issue on the reporting tool so that the council can follow this up.

6. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** – It was mentioned about the trees in the Play Park as they need to be checked by a tree expert due to health and safety a parish councillor has received a quote for this and the quote for this is between £325 to £475.00. It was agreed to find another tree surgeon to get another quote and will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was also reported on the portal about the grass cutting, which was kindly done today, and the fly tipping at the end of Hall Lane has also been reported, so hopefully this will get sorted. It was also asked to put on the reporting tool the footpath from Lound road to the Church as this is very overgrown.

It was mentioned that the oak tree that we planted on the Millennium Green for the Queens Jubilee has died, Graham said that he has a lot of baby oaks and will grow one up.

And it was asked re the 500 Daffodil Bulbs that we are getting in October from East Suffolk if everyone could have a think as to where they would like to plant them for the next meeting.

It was mentioned again that we still need to find out who owns Heath Pit it was asked if Cllr P Ashdown could find out for us.

It was asked about the Footpath between church road and that it was going to be shut from 15<sup>th</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August only it has not been closed as yet also it says it could be closed for up to 6 months. The issue is that once the schools return this will become a problem. Cllr P Ashdown said he would speak to Justin Cootes.

7. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) The Buzz Bus that runs around the villages to Tesco will be changing from a Monday to a Tuesday and Thursday and will also run to North Quay. Hopefully we will get some leaflets out as soon as possible. The Corton Rugby Club bus will continue to run.  
It was asked if the Blundeston Prison Site will be called before a committee but as it is a variation of condition it probably will not. It was asked about the care home that was going to be built it was said that the care home providers said that there were not enough facilities in the area to warrant one.
8. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back) ( Wayne Saunders )  
Wayne introduced himself to the Parish he has been in post since last September as a community liaison Engineer for the County Councillors to make the communication easier to work together he spoke a lot about the ways to help the speeding issues in the village and to use the reporting tools and the different ways to use them. It was agreed that Cllr K Robinson would send the parish a speeding pack so that the parish could discuss this at the next meeting.  
It was also mentioned that there is a Community Self Help scheme for Parishes to apply for.
9. **Play Park Update-** NGF Play have quoted for the two signs one is for Health and Safety and the other for the sponsorships and for two wood style picnic tables including delivery and installation the cost is £2350.00,it was mentioned that we could use the £1500.00 from the Tesco Community fund to put towards this, this was agreed at the meeting.  
Suffolk County Council have asked if they could put up some temporary signage this was agreed at the meeting.  
It was also asked if someone else could do the inspections on the play park due to holiday's
10. **Skate Park**-We have had an estimate for the repairs to the Skate Park which is £1800 plus vat. The Skate Park has been fenced off as it is not safe to use, and it has been agreed at the meeting to demolish the skate park due to Health and Safety issues.
11. **Millennium Green Footpath**-We have agreed a contractor to do the repairs who will start as soon as possible.
12. **Fireproof Safe for Deeds and Document's** This was agreed at the meeting and the parish will get some quotes.
13. **Dog Poo Bin for outside Millennium -Green-** East Suffolk Council have now provided a bin
14. **Bin on Play Park-** East Suffolk Council have also provided a bin on Play Park.
15. **Planning to discuss** -It was agreed that if Anya sends the Planning Applications out that need to be actioned before the following meeting and no one responds Anya will take it that the Parish Councilors are happy to accept the application.
16. **Hopton Harriers Portaloo and storage-** It was agreed to ask them if they could attend the next meeting to discuss in more detail.
17. **Traffic Calming in Blundeston**-This was covered in point 8 above.
18. **Phase 3 of Blundeston Prison site Amendment**-This was covered in point 7 above.
19. **Footpath from Market Lane to The Street via Barkis Peace** -This was covered in point 5 above

**20. Planning This Planning Application was rejected before the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

DC/23/2245/ARM | Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/18/5226/VOC - Variation of Condition No.3 of DC/16/2157/FUL - To provide an improved layout with: disabled parking spaces that are set out to Diagram 2 of Approved Document Part M - Access to and use of buildings; and an additional parking space - Blundeston Phase 3 - redevelopment of the remainder of the site for a further 121 houses, with associated car parking, drainage infrastructure, open space, and access roads and Landscaping. | Former H M Prison Blundeston Lakeside Rise Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BG 00000

**This Planning Application has been agreed at the meeting**

DC/23/2812/VOC | Variation of Condition No.2 of DC/20/2872/FUL - New rear & side extensions. Plus, new entry porch - Sun Lounge on the proposed floor plan (ref 2020-GLRB/1XB) is able to increase in depth size by 700mm and still be okay with the roof pitch. This would increase the room depth from 3000mm to 3700mm. Although this is a relative small increase in size it would make the room more viable and comfortable to use with space for furniture etc | 6 Lakeside Rise Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BE

Finance's – **Income** £3,000 Amended Cheque from Geoffrey Watling Charity from June

£8671.72 VAT Reclaim

£25,000 CIL Payment

£15.00 Clothing Recycle Bin

£1125.00 Tesco Community Grant

**Expenditure**-£100.98 East Suffolk- Uncontested Election Costs

£180.00 David Bracey - Safety Inspection for Play Park and Skate Park

£252.00 PKF Littlejohn - Auditors Accountability for year ended 31st March 23

£1860.00 Area Scaffolding- Supply and Erect Fencing around the Skate Park

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**21. Correspondence-**

Falling Hedge - footpath from Market Lane to The Street via Barkis Peace Garden

Roundabout at village play park.

Speeding in Blundeston

Prison site amendment.

- **Emails**

NEWS BULLETIN - 24th July 2023 (SALC)

Consultation - Statement of Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003

Neighbourhood Planning Update

Absconder - John Wickens

Highway Grit Bin Refills - Suffolk Highways will begin filling the highway grit bins in Suffolk this week and plan to have all the highway grit bins filled by the end of August ready for the winter Vacancies'. Advice East Suffolk Public Meeting

Right to Bid Awareness Session - 28th September

CAS Newsletter: Funding Opportunities | News | Vacancies'

FW: Grass Cutting Target Dates 2023 with Update 14/08/2023 - C&U programme is now complete. A&B 2nd cut has now started & is almost complete. Ipswich 1st cut complete; 2nd cut has started.

FW: Cyclic Footway Weed Treatment Footway Programme Actual & Target Dates 2023 Update 110823 – FYI

July Monthly Newsletter (Cllr Keith Robinson)

Press notice regarding data breach at Norfolk and Suffolk Police

Local crime levels

Important roadworks information: A47 Breydon Bridge update  
Meeting notification - Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership meeting  
19 September 4pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm