

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman) Mr P Button, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs E Sparks, Mr C Harris, Mrs B Shaw, Mrs G Soanes, & 1 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies:** Miss M Wright, Cllr P Ashdown, Cllr E Back, Cllr K Robinson
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th November 2023 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
5. **Clerks Report** -Nothing to report.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** -Nothing to report at this meeting.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors). The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** – It was mentioned again in regards to the Village Hall car park that it has got big potholes appearing it was asked if the clerk could contact Suffolk Highways.

A councillor said that the Tree Surgeon is coming this Friday to tidy up the trees in the play park.

It was mentioned that Ben Burgess an Agriculture company in Norwich was broken into on Sunday evening so please be aware especially that our mower was taken from the church.

A Councillor mentioned that a car has been parked outside the church for around 2 weeks and it has a for sale sign in the window and asked if this was legal.

It was mentioned that there is a blocked drain up in Queensway it has been reported to Essex Water and Suffolk Water but they have said it is nothing to do with them so the clerk will contact Suffolk Highways.

The Heras Fencing was mentioned that was around the Skate Park. And to ask if the Parish should keep it? It was agreed that Paul Button will keep it for the Parish and will collect it from Simon.

It was mentioned that there has been some issue with noise of cars revving engines in the Village Hall car park late at night it was asked if the clerk will contact the police.

It was asked if the Parish could help Blundeston Primary School as they would like to put up some banners advertising the primary school on the outskirts of the village and wondered if we are able to help us contact the landowners to enable this. The areas they are looking at are the junctions to the A47, Flixton Road / Lound Road, and Flixton Road / Church Road. It was agreed that this is not a decision that the parish can make, and they will need to contact Suffolk Highways.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Sent his apologies for this meeting.
9. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back). both sent their apologies for this meeting.
10. **Casual Vacancy** – We now have a casual vacancy due to section. 85, Local Government Act 1972 a councillor has Automatically vacated office this will need to be advertised for 14 days If an election is not demanded by 10 electors, then we will be informed, and the council can co-opt to fill the vacancy and We can then co -opt someone.

11. **Traffic Calming in Blundeston and Flixton and Traffic Costs for survey.**

After a long discussion it was decided that as we now have two new dedicated Police officers for Blundeston and Flixton and as it is the Police who are responsible for speeding traffic it was asked if the clerk would ask the new Police officers to attend a meeting to discuss this further.

12. **Planning-** No planning Applications to discuss at this meeting

13.

- **Finances:**

Income:- £13.50 Clothing Recycle Bin  
£3808.00 Hastings Direct for Village Hall Porch Damage

Expenditure: £30.00 Clerks Telephone Allowance  
£50.00 Poppy Appeal Royal British Legion  
£1200.00 Kevin Jones Grass Cutting

- **Correspondence-**

Traffic Survey  
Support for agenda Re Banners for Blundeston School

- **Emails- REMINDER - Virtual Briefing on Draft Healthy Environments and Draft Rural Development Supplementary Planning Documents**  
Wellbeing walk, practical action for the environment, and more  
EP Passenger Interest Group meeting 14/11/23 – minutes  
New Suffolk police model forging closer links with communities  
November Town and Parish Newsletter 2023  
Local Validation List - Consultation on draft document - Notification to Towns and Parishes  
Traffic Survey reply  
New Local Police Details  
Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan  
South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan - Consultation on Alternative Sites & Focused Changes (Regulation 18)  
T&PCS' RESPONSES TO NATIONAL GRID SEALINK CONSULTATION

**Any other Business**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm