

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 17th July 2023**

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice-chairman), Mrs G Soanes, K Blowers, Miss M Wright, Mr P Button, Mr R Leach, Mrs E Sparks, Mr C Harris. & 7 parishioners were present
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Edward Back, Cllr Paul Ashdown, Cllr K Robinson, Mrs B Shaw, Mr S Perks.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
5. **Clerks Report** - Anya wanted to let the parish know that the cheque from the Geoffrey Watling charity for £3000.00 was returned from the bank in June due to a signature issue this has now kindly been rectified and she will put in the bank as soon as possible.
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 raised that now the Play Park is finished we need to get the health and safety and inspection procedures agreed for the Play Park Skate Park.

It was mentioned again about the position of the white lines in the middle of the road in Hall Road that you cannot stay on your side of the road due to the lines being in the incorrect place, the resurfacing is due to be done on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

It was asked about the Skate Park and the report we received back in May in regards to the repairs that need doing and asked if the clerk could chase up Simon Walker and Salc to see if they know anyone who could carry out the repairs.

In terms of Heath Pit it seems that it was owned by Lothingland Council and when this council was abolished it was split between Waveney District Council and Great Yarmouth Borough Council. It was asked if the clerk could speak to Cllr Paul Ashdown.

It was mentioned that the parish council records need to be tidied and put in order it was agreed that a day/date would be sorted, and that Anya would receive additional pay for this.

It was raised that Cllr Keith Robinson keeps asking the parish to report any issues we have on the online reporting portal, back in February it was reported about the footpath at Barkis meadow and had a reply to say it's been recorded as a future potential footway site, it is already a footway site. Also, the white lines on Hall Lane have been reported as they do not go all the way around the corner both have been taken down from the portal this will be taken up with Cllr Keith Robinson.

Also it was mentioned that the footpaths at Lound Road and Church Road are really overgrown you cannot get through especially if you have a push chair.

It was mentioned that there has been a lot of garden rubbish being chucked down at the back of the hedge at Waddling Lane it was asked to put this on the reporting portal.

It was mentioned again that there is still a clump of concrete at the end of Lound road. It was agreed that this would be removed as soon as possible.

In regard to a planning application a parish councillor represented East Suffolk Council for Wilmar, Market Lane, Blundeston this was agreed by a full majority at the meeting.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Sent his apologies for meeting  
**County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back) Sent their apologies for meeting.

9. **Play Park Update-** The CIL money grant of £25,000 has been approved, the net expenditure to the parish council is currently at £6442.51 on a project of nearly £60,000, we still do not know if we will get any money from Badger Builders, and we have not heard from the Tesco Community tokens which finished at the end of June we will wait to hear from them before we go ahead and get the signs done for the supporters in case we need to add some more names.

It was suggested that Anya claims the vat back up to the end of June. And to take down the crowd funding posters that are on the notice boards.

It has also been mentioned about regular inspections for the play park and the skate park it was looked at on the RoSPA website who are recommended by the British standard institution health and safety they recommend weekly as a minimum it was asked if we could get 4 people together who between them would take responsibility. RoSPA do offer training it was decided that this needs to be onsite training.

It was agreed that a sign needs to be put up saying that children should always be supervised and that the Zipwire should only have one person using it at one time. It was also asked if a recycling bin could be put in the play park.

#### 10. Millennium Green Footpath

It was agreed the clerk would send the quote around to the parish council to make a final decision to get the work started and to send the Cllrs the quotes again to ask to what they can kindly commit.

11. **Planning** -No Planning Application at this meeting to discuss.

- **Finances:**

Income:- - £27.00 Clothing Recycle Bin

Expenditure - £500.00 Blundeston Church Yard Maintenance

£ 44,027.32 NGF Play Invoice for play park

£270.00 Waveney Fencing for Play Park concrete post.

£78.00 Waveney Norse Charges for Annual Play area Inspection

#### 21. **Correspondence-**

Blundeston PCC Alison

JL (BLU6/2) Deed of Variation for Telecoms Lease at Blundeston Village Hall

Blundeston Play Area Bin

#### 22. **Emails**

Agenda for Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership meeting on 04/07/2023

Hedgehog Highway Project

Further to Your Enquiry: Ref: 230626-2167854

East Anglian Daily Times Article re Cllr K Robinson Chairman

Suffolkonboard bus timetable updates

Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule Adopted

Parish and Town Newsletter June Cllr K Robinson

Notification for Temporary Footpath Closure - Blundeston FP13 - 15/08/202300

Uncontested Election Costs

**Any other Business**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8..03pm