

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 20th November 2023

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr P Button, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr E Back, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs E Sparks, Mr C Harris, Mrs G Soans, & 6 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies:** Miss M Wright, Mrs B Shaw, Cllr P Ashdown,
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 16th October 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** – It was mentioned that the Market Lane Road sign opposite short road needs repairing the clerk will report this on the reporting tool.

7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors).**

It was mentioned that the Play Park is still not finished and needs levelling off and topsoil and grass seed added it was agreed to get this done at the meeting.

Also before the nesting season starts could Kevin cut the hedge in the play park to a manageable height this was also agreed at the meeting.

A Councillor noticed that a tree had been taken down near the gate at the village hall, this was agreed by the chairman.

It has been noticed that a couple of 30 speed limit road signs have been flattened in Lound Road it was asked if this could be reported on the reporting tool.

It was mentioned about the flooding in Market Lane and that when they build the new town (Garden Village) this will cause an even bigger problem and asked if the council have thought this through ,Cllr K Robinson said that this is down to planning.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Sent his apologies for this meeting.
9. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back).
Once again not much going on. They said that the new Bridge is Progressing well. And spoke about all the flooding in the area due to the amount of rain we have had in Suffolk.
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. **Playing Field Trees**
Further to the last meeting a councillor had another meeting with the tree surgeon, and he has confirmed that the trees in the play park need to be trimmed and looked at every 3 years it was agreed at the meeting to go ahead and get this done.
12. **Traffic Calming in Blundeston and Flixton and Traffic Costs for survey**
It was agreed to have a Traffic Survey done, at a cost of £420 for the first Tube then £195 for the second and to be set up in Lowestoft Road and Market Lane.

13. Dog Waste Bins and Waste bin

The Councillors asked if East Suffolk Council could supply a new Dog Waste bin for the Millennium Green and a New Waste bin for the play park as we have supplied a lot of bins in the past. It was asked if the clerk could email Cllr Paul Ashdown.

14. Hopton Harriers

No representative from Hopton Harriers turned up at the meeting to discuss what they needed it has now been agreed that we are now not able to hire the field out.

15. HP Printer

It was agreed that the clerk should get a printer where you can subscribe to get ink and paper.

16. Memorial meadow costs to discuss.

It was agreed that the Parish would buy 2 or 3, 2-seater Wood Style Recycled Benches for the Millennium Green for people to attach a plaque on for a cost of around £80-£100. It was also asked if the quote for the new benches could not include paying the installation charge as the Parish could do this.

17. Council Tax Base and Precept 2024/25- (submit by 26th January 2024)

There was a concern that the Parish has a lot of expense this year and going forward, so it was agreed that the Precept for 2024/25 will need to go up by 10%.

18. Planning- No planning Applications to discuss at this meeting

19.

- **Finances:**

Income:-: £937.00 From Aviva Insurance for repairs to mower that was stolen.
£27.00 Clothing Recycling

Expenditure: £29.50 Clerks Expenses for Ink for printer and stationery cost's
£45.99 Oak Tree for Millennium Green (Jubilee Tree)
£675.19 Costs for Mower recovery and secure part's
£21.00 Glenis Soans Expenses flowers

21. Correspondence-

- **Emails-** Saved search results and Tracked Applications have been updated
Storm Babet recovery - East Suffolk Council
Community C.P.R and A.E.D training
Neighbourhood CIL Payments – October 2023
Suffolk – Have a fun and safe Hallowe'en
Traffic survey costs
Traffic surveys
Bus Strategy
EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL & D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024
Storm Babet - communication from Suffolk County Council
PCC and Chief answer your questions online – Tuesday 7 November
October Town and Parish Monthly Newsletter
Parish Council Poster/Social Media
FRITTON WITH ST OLAVES - Upcoming temporary closure of Beccles Road

to facilitate Norfolk County Council carriageway resurfacing works (REF NTRO6869)

Neighbourhood planning event for Town and Parish Councils

Consultation of East Suffolk Council's Street Trading Policy

Do you have a question or issue to raise with Suffolk highways?

Outcome of Referral Panel for DC/23/2250/FUL - 2 Orchard Close, Blundeston

SCC/0039/22W - Buck Land To the north of Flixton Road Flixton NR35 1NZ -

Decision Notice

Litter and Fido Waste Bin policy from East Suffolk Council

Saved search results and Tracked Applications have been updated (Prison Site)

RESPONSE REQUIRED Transport to support Warm Welcome

Suffolk Enhanced Partnership Passenger Interest Group

A47 Lowestoft drainage improvements - Sussex Road to Lowestoft Lighthouse.

Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 11th December 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16 pm