

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 16th October 2023

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Miss M Wright, Mr P Button, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr P Ashdown, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs E Sparks & 6 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies:** Mrs G Soanes, Mr C Harris, Mr S Rees. (Vice -Chairman), Mrs B Shaw, Cllr Edward Back,
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 18th September 2023 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
5. **Clerks Report** -Anya let us know that the new Notice Board in Flixton has now been kindly purchased by Badger Builders and put up, and Paul Button kindly collected the keys.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** – It was reported that the lawn mower that was recovered from being stolen in September has been damaged and will not start it was agreed to get an estimate of parts and contact our Insurance Company.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)** The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present –It was asked again about the white lines in the village that still have not been done, Cllr Keith Robinson said that there is a new company dealing with this and that he will ask Wayne if he has any updates.

It was mentioned about the round-about in the play park a councillor had a meeting with NGF play and it was agreed that the roundabout needs to be replaced it was agreed to get a quote for a new roundabout. The Zipwire spring has broken again, this has now been fixed but will need to be checked.

It was also mentioned that the ground in the play park is very uneven and could do with some top soil and new grass it was also asked if when the Millennium Green footpath gets renewed could they quote for a pathway into the play park as the concrete into the play park is a trip hazard.

It was raised about the old Mill in the village that they are blocking up all the windows to keep the pigeons out the problem is that bats live In the Mill and they are protected. Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would speak to the conservation team and in the meantime maybe bat boxes could be put up.

It has been noticed that in Church Road the parking signs have disappeared and the Double yellow lines that are opposite the school cannot be seen as the verges are so overgrown you cannot see them, this has been reported on the portal, they have come back to say the verges will be cleared but the signs have been recorded for potential work, Cllr Keith Robinson said he would speak to Wayne.

It was mentioned that we did have an extra dog poo bin outside the millennium green and the play park but they have disappeared. The one on the millennium green has no lid and we need a bigger one it was agreed to get a price and also get another bin for the play park.

The Daffodil bulbs will be due for collection at the end of this month and we need some volunteers to help plant them it was agreed to plant them in the woodland in millennium green.

It was mentioned again about the Oak tree that was planted for the Jubilee and that it has died it was agreed to replace it when the daffodil bulbs are planted.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown)
Last week Paul attended the Wherry Hotel where the Police Commissioner/ Constable were giving a talk Paul attended and complained about the police service that we get in rural areas and was told that Lothingland is going to get a new PCSO from around the 1st December 2023 so they will be part of the community and visit the parishes and support the community partnerships.

Also the crime commissioner has a budget for funding if they need support for security camera's or CCTV. Information is on the website.

Paul also spoke to the vice principal of Lowestoft at East Anglian college regarding what is happening to the old Lothingland sports site as it has been taken over by the college. Lound Parish council have been concerned about the extra traffic. The old building will be coming down and a new building will be built it is going to be a schooled centre to encourage and training young people to work in industries like Offshore wind and Sizewell and they will also have a Horticulture part and they are going to use Lound plant centre to provide the canteen. On December 2nd they have arranged an open morning from 10-4pm where local people can go and have a look around, they are also going to speak to the primary schools to encourage them to look at careers in the future. Also on the open day they would like as many pictures and any information that people could provide so the school could display an archive of how the school was and how it has changed.

Paul has had an email from a resident in lakeside rise regarding the prison site this has been taken back to the planning department re the footpath that crosses over from lakeside rise to the school.

County Councillors Report: (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back).

Cllr Keith Robinson said that they are in budgeting again and most of the money is going to SEND (Special Educational needs and Disabilities). It was also mentioned about the new bridge and traffic surveys. It was asked about the bus service to the school at Benjamin Britten as this gets to the school late every day.

9. **Dates for 2024 Parish Council Meetings to agree** these have been agreed at the meeting
15th January, 19th February, 18th March, 15th April, 20th May, 17th June, 15th July, 19th August 16th
September, 21st October, 18th November, 9th December

10. **Speeding Traffic on Lowestoft Road**

After a lengthy discussion It was agreed that Cllr K Robinson would find out the costs for a traffic survey to be carried out.

11. **Trees in play park**

A Councillor had a meeting with Falcon from East Suffolk Council, and it was advised that three trees need attention, and it was agreed to speak again to the tree surgeons to take another look then decide by the next meeting.

12. **Memorial Meadow (Millennium Green) Request to plant a Tree or have a Plaque**

It was discussed that we would not allow any more trees to be planted but would consider the idea of people adopting a tree and putting up a plaque or maybe paying towards a bench, a councillor will find out the cost of the benches and discuss this at the next meeting.

13. **Hopton Harriers FC.**

No one attended the meeting again to discuss what they need.

14. **NGF Play Invoice-**

This invoice was agreed at the meeting to be paid.

15. **Planning - This Planning Application was rejected prior to the meeting**

DC/23/3191/FUL | Hybrid Planning Application on 8.27 hectares of land to the north of Hall Lane and south of Union Lane, seeking outline planning permission for 163 no. dwellings, associated infrastructure, public open space and a pre-school site (if required). Together with full application for 34 no. dwellings, vehicular access, associated infrastructure, and public open space. | Land Between Hall Lane and Union Lane Oulton Suffolk 16th October.

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- **Finances:**

Income:- - £5138.34 second payment of Precept 2023/2024
-£12.00 Clothing Recycle Bin

Expenditure - - £2820.00 NGF Play for Signs and Picnic Table
-£378.60 Nicholsons Land Fee Registry for lease of playing
field

21. **Correspondence-**

Memorial meadow

Shared Access Telecom Mast

Hopton Harriers fc

Overgrown plants obstructing footpath - Pickwick Drive/duck pond

Hedge in the Pippins

- **Emails-**

Highways - 417693 - Blundeston Footpath 009, Blundeston

Control of Dogs Renewal of three Public Space Protection Orders

Our Direction East Suffolk

Monthly Town and Parish Newsletter

James Paget: Council of Governors - nominations for election

PCC & Chief Constable Host Meetings to Discuss Community Policing in Suffolk

New rural crime strategy launched during rural crime week.

Minutes for Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership meeting on
19/09/2023.

Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th November 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm