

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 17th October 2022 at Blundeston Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Cllr Mr P Ashdown Miss M Wright, Mr K Blowers, Mrs B Shaw, Mr R Leach Mrs G Soanes, Mr C Harris, Mr A Harris and 7 Parishioners.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies of Absence. Cllr Edward Back, Cllr Keith Robinson, Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman) Mr P Button.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 15th August 2022 were approved, (No Meeting was held in September)
4. **Declaration of interests** - Keith Blowers declared an Interest in the Application_DC/22/3307/FUL Church Road
5. **Clerk's Report-** Nothing to Report
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** -
Mr Ken Ward let everyone know that Blundeston Anglian in Bloom received the silver award and that next year they are going to do the Charles Dickens theme.
Another Parishioner mentioned about the Bike Show at the Plough Inn that was held in the village raised £650.00 in Donations and that this will be shared with local Blood Bikes and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.
It was also mentioned about the Hedge at the back of Barkis Meadow that the hedges are getting wider, and the footpath is disappearing underneath the vegetation. It was agreed that this could not be cut back until after September due to nesting birds, but this still has not been cut back. Anya will follow this up.
The footpath between Market Lane and the Street also needs repairing as this is a Public Right of Way and belongs to the County Council, Anya will contact Cllr Edward Back.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)**
It was raised that back in June cars were blocking the driveways in the village (The Street) and that Ambulances and fire services cannot get through and it was asked if we could have some white lines painted on the road. Anya will contact Cllr Edward Back who was dealing with this issue.

A councillor has been asked as to when the letter box will be replaced at the back of the Pre-School at Lakeside Rise as this was knocked down when they were cutting the grass Anya will contact Norse.

Keith Blowers thanked the Thursday night gang for a tremendous amount of hard work that they have done throughout the year.

A Councillor also wanted to thank Cllr Edward Back for repairs to Orchard Lane-Barkis Meadow footpath.

It was also asked if there is any progress in the Millennium Green footpath, it was agreed that just tarmacing between the grass would not be appropriate it needs more work to be done other than just tarmacing over the path . After a long discussion it was agreed to add this to the agenda for next months meeting to discuss further.

The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present-

8.County Councillors Report: (Cllr Keith Robinson) (Cllr Edward Back). Both Cllrs sent their apologies

9. District Councillors Report: (Cllr Paul Ashdown).

Spoke about the Community Buzz-Bus and said they are going to do a day trip on the 17th November to try and encourage more people to use the service because if we do not use it we will lose it.

Paul also spoke about the project Ease the Squeeze and asked everyone to listen to people who might be struggling as they have funding for this project. Also the Holly Garden centre in Blundeston are going to open on a Monday in the café if people want to go and have a bowl of soup, keep warm and have chat.

10. Sub committee to discuss Planning Applications

Due to the Planning Applications decisions needing to be returned within 21 days sometimes they fall outside of the meetings, it was agreed that we need 5 Parish Council members to Approve or Refuse the Applications it was agreed that if Anya does not here back with a refusal that you are happy with the Planning Application if not a Sub Committee meeting will need to take place.

11. Blundeston Pre-School Portacabin

It had been asked if the parish Council would agree to screening or fencing around the portacabin as trees and shrubs would take a considerable to grow.

Pre-School in Lakeside Rise had planning permission back in 2019, it was agreed that this needs to go back to the Planning Department to make this decision.

12. Clerks Salary

It was agreed that the clerk's salary would now reflect £190.00 a month as from October 2022

13. Lakeside Rise Notice Board

It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss further.

14. Play Park

Since the last meeting 2 months ago the councillor's have been busy getting quotes for replacing equipment in the Play Park, we now have 3 quotes and these amount to the cost of around £60.000-£70.000 the parish has agreed to try and apply for funding from the Community Fund and the National Lottery Awards to help towards the costs.

15. Dates for 2023 Parish Council Meetings to agree

Jan 16th, Feb 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, Aug 21st, Sep 18th, Oct 16th, Nov 20th, Dec 11th. **These dates have been agreed.**

- **10.Planning-**

This Planning Application has been agreed Prior to the meeting

**DC/22/3282/FUL | Single and two storey extensions | Forevermore Hall Lane
Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BL**

This Planning Application has been agreed Prior to the meeting

**DC/22/3145/FUL | Music room/wood store and storage for charity equipment. | 2
Church Road Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AJ**

This Planning Application has been rejected prior to the meeting

**DC/22/3457/FUL | New double garage with storage over to front of property. | The
Old Police House Hall Lane Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BL**

This Planning Application has been agreed Prior to the meeting

**DC/22/3307/FUL | Construction of a 1.5 storey chalet style self build dwelling and
double garage with associated driveway and access. | Plot 1 Kondinin Church
Road Blundeston Suffolk NR32 5AJ**

This Planning Application has been refused at the meeting

**DC/22/3988/FUL | Construction or a single storey porch to the front and a
two storey extension to the rear. | 25 Lakeside Rise Blundeston Lowestoft
Suffolk NR32 5BE**

- **Finances- - £30.00 Clerks Telephone Expenditure
 £9.90 Mike Nicholson Petrol for lawn mower
 £22.99 Anya Coleman for Condolence Book for church
 £36.00 Anya Coleman Black and Colour ink and A4 Printer**
- **Income £6.00 from Clothing Recyeling Bank**

Correspondence.

Blundeston Village Playing Field

Notice board in Lakeside Rise is in a dangerous condition, requires urgent attention

Lakeside Rise Notice Board re footpath crossing

Children's play area repairs

Emails

National Highways - Important roadworks information - A47 Breydon Bridge

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership

notes from Suffolk Enhanced Partnership - Passenger Interest Group

Police Connect Suffolk congratulated in inspection report

Suffolk Bus Passenger Interest Group - save the date

Your Police Your Say - public meeting dates announced for 2022

CAS News | Suffolk Action Week, energy audits and solar panels

August Parish Newsletter Cllr K Robinson

Outdoor Play for your Parish

Ease the squeeze

Your Police Your Say - Chief Constable and PCC public meeting

BFI Newsletter Edition 10

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership

Important roadworks information - A143 / A47 northbound entry slip

CAS News | Youth Focus Conference, Suffolk Action Week, Vacancies and more..

Ever wondered if policing could be the career for you?

Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth III - guidance and information for parishes - Operation London Bridge

Meeting notification: Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership

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Reports for Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership meeting on 21/09/2022

Tributes in your local community

Suffolk on board bus timetable updates

SpH M Queen Elizabeth II - website and social media image changes specials recruitment event rescheduled

Community Partnership meeting - ease the squeeze programme and board update

Initial consultation on designing developments that better support health and wellbeing – ends 5pm 7th November

The Rural Bulletin - 27 September 2022

Countywide – Cooking oil theft warning

Is a playground project on your agenda?

Broads Briefing September 2022

September 2022 monthly Parish Newsletter from Cllr Keith Robinson

Notice of TWO documents out for consultation - local plan and design guide

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER EAST ANGLIA CUPPA & CHAT

Don't ignore hate crime, say police

Minutes of Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership meeting on 21/09/2022

Enhanced Partnership - passenger information group agenda

FW: Suffolk Climate Emergency Board Short Survey

Next Meeting is on Monday 21st November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm