

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Annual Meeting
Held on Monday 16th May 2022

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice-chairman), Mrs G Soanes, K Blowers, Mr S Perks, Miss M Wright, Mr R Leach, Mr P Button, Mrs B Shaw, Mr C Harris, Cllr Edward Back & 11 parishioners were present.
2. **Annual reports** were available from the Parish Council Chairman, Suffolk County Council, Blundeston & District Local History Society, Blundeston Charity Trustees, 1st Blundeston Scout Group, St Mary's Church, Blundeston W.I., Village Hall Management Committee, Blundeston in Bloom, Coastline Singers. Full copies of these reports are available from the clerk or on the Website.
3. The Parish council planted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree on the Millennium Green that was donated to Blundeston & Flixton from East Suffolk Council in supporting 'Treebilee', a project launched by HRH Prince Charles to encourage the planting of trees during a year-long celebration of the Queen's 70-year reign in 2022.

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5. **Election of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson**
The Clerk took over the meeting for the election, Barbara Shaw proposed Mr Wade as Chairperson, and this was seconded by Glenis Soanes and all other councillors at the meeting. Mr Wade said that he was happy to continue and following a unanimous vote Mr Wade was re-elected as Chairperson. Mr S Rees agreed to carry on as Vice-chair and this was agreed by all councillors at the meeting Mr Rees agreed to continue and following a unanimous vote he was re-elected as Vice-Chair.
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6. **Apologies:** Cllr P Ashdown, Cllr Keith Robinson, and Ehren Harris.
7. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meetings held on 25th April 2022 were approved and signed.
8. **Declaration of interests:** There were no declarations of interest.
9. **Clerks Report** - Anya thanked Mel Wright for kindly doing the Audit for the Parish Council and thanked Sarah Wells for all her support through-out the year. Anya also asked if anyone would be kind enough to put up the new Parish Notice Board for Flixton it was agreed that the Thursday night gang would do this in few weeks and place it in front of the phone box in flixton. Also the notice board in Lakerise is in a bad state of repair it was agreed that a Parish Councillor would speak to Badger Builders.
10. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item:
A Parishioner mentioned that the W.I .part of the village sign had been removed? It was confirmed this had been taken down to clean and that it would be put back as soon as possible.
Another Parishioner said about the defibrillator outside the plough Inn is no longer in working order and that Blundeston no longer has one.It was discust at length as to whether a new one should be placed at the

village hall or the Plough Inn it was decided that Graham would contact the lady who deals with the defibrillator and get the full details.

11. Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)

The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present - At the last parish council meeting we discussed that a Parishioner was going to replace a tree that was taken up during some work that they had done. The Parishioner was at this meeting, and it was decided that once the birds have finished nesting, he would plant a hedge as agreed by the Parish Council.

12. It was also mentioned that there seems to be a hole in the fence to the village green on the corner of the street and if someone ran out it could be very dangerous. The Thursday night gang said they will look at repairing the hole to make it secure. Also, we had an issue in the village where someone parked across someone's driveway and they couldn't get out, it was asked if we could get some white lines put down Cllr Edward Back said he would speak to Cllr K Robinson.
13. It was asked where the councillors would like to position the clothing bank, it was agreed it would go on the side of the village hall on the right-hand side.
14. The play park was raised and that a couple of the Parish council members had an online meeting with a person called Micheal Carter who is a consultant for play parks nationally, he would be happy to come out to site. But it was decided to wait until we have had the safety inspection and receive the results. It was agreed that we will get a notice put up in the play park to keep people updated and that it will not be a quick fix, but we are looking into this issue. With health and safety being of the up most importance we cannot take the risk of getting it wrong. It was agreed that we would ask if the safety report could be done as soon as possible.
15. One of the Parish Councillors was asked as to why there have been a lot of signs going up in Somerleyton near the Marsh Pass and that they are not very clear and not very explainable, and could we find out what they are all about. Anya has spoken to the clerk at Somerleyton, and they are waiting to speak to Cllr Simon Phillips this report will all be in there Minute's in July 2022.
It was also mentioned about the Hedges at the bend at Peto's corner and that the hedge is really overgrown it was agreed that the Councillor would speak to the landowner.
16. It was also raised about the Road works in Hall Road, Highways were planning to carry out pre surface dressing road repairs, drainage improvements and surface dressing along C905 Hall Road and Lowestoft Road, Blundeston. The works are programmed to take place between 3 and 6 May 2022. The roads will be closed between 9am and 3pm to ensure that we can carry out our works safely. This didn't happen Cllr Edward Back is going to find out as to why this did not go ahead.

17. District Councillors Report: (Cllr P Ashdown)

Cllr Paul Ashdown. Sent his apologies for the meeting

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

Cllr K Robinson sent his apologies for the meeting

Cllr Edward Back spoke about the Annual report and about the environment and that there have been 100,000 trees planted. Also, that the county council are now replacing all the old-style streetlights with LED bulbs which use 75% less electricity and less light pollution for the environment.

The Suffolk fire and rescue service have invested in four new hi-tech fire engines which have solar panels to be able to operate electricity to use their hydraulic gear and other hi-tech equipment to be able to communicate with others more quickly.

Cllr Edward Back is also on the pension fund committee and this is the one that oversees the three companies run by Suffolk county council this deals with catering in schools and design for schools and other public buildings and employment agencies and careers, there is now just one company dealing with all this now the more profitable they are the bigger the dividends that they pay back to Suffolk County Council which goes to supplement the council tax.

A Parish Councillor asked about the New "Garden Village"

in Corton and that it is prime agricultural land, and that it will not be a Garden or a Village and that this land is all owned by the County Council. It was asked who the developer was, but nobody seems to know. The Parish Councillor asked if the lack of Dentist, Doctors and Schools and bus routes have these issues been discussed. It was raised that a Public Consultation is online and a walk

in for comments.

19. Planning: Nothing to report at this meeting

20. Land off Queensway – Cadent Gas Ltd – Gas Apparatus:

Nothing to report at this meeting.

20. Finances:

Income- Precept - £9,986.50

Expenditure:- Receipts:- - Clerks Expences £52.00 Audit Voucher for Mel and £62.88 for Stationary, Tea and Coffee, and Voucher.

BHIB Council Insurance £1113.74

New Porch for Village Hall, Sunrise Installations £9,280.00

Inside out Marquees Queen's Platinum Jubilee £206.40

Graham Wade Expenses £9.60

Mike Underdown £30.00

21. Approval of Year End Accounts 2021/22

The annual accounts had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Accounts have been audited by Mel and were unanimously approved by those present.

22. Correspondence

April Parish Newsletter (Cllr Keith Robinsom)

Blundeston Prison Development/ Open Space provision

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership (21st June 21st September 20th December)

Community Football Day - Join in the fun

Community Governance Review

Festival of Suffolk - Torch Relay

Suffolk on board bus timetable updates

Enhanced Bus Partnership - Passenger Working Group

Oulton Neighbourhood Plan

21. Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th June 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm