

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Annual Meeting
Held on Monday 20th May 2024

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mrs G Soanes, Mrs D McKernan, Mr C Harris, Mr R Leach, Mrs B Shaw, Cllr K Robinson & 2 parishioners were present.
2. **Annual reports** were available from the Parish Council Chairman, Ward Councillor, Blundeston & District Local History Society, Blundeston Charity Trustees, St Mary's Church, Blundeston, Village Hall Management Committee, Blundeston in Bloom, and District Councillor report and Cllr Keith Robinson Annual newsletter. Full copies of these reports are available from the clerk or on the Website.
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Election of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson

The Clerk took over the meeting for the election, Mrs. B Shaw proposed Mr. Graham Wade as Chairperson, and this was seconded by Glenis Soanes and all other councillors at the meeting. Mr. Graham Wade said that he was happy to continue and following a unanimous vote Mr. Graham Wade was re-elected as Chairperson. Mr. Steven Rees has agreed to carry on as Vice-chair and this was agreed by all councillors at the meeting Mr. S Rees has agreed to continue and following a unanimous vote he was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

The annual meeting closed at 7.20pm

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1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mrs G Soanes, Mrs D McKernan, Mr C Harris, Mr R Leach, Mrs B Shaw, Cllr K Robinson, and Cllr P Ashdown & 8 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies:** Miss M Wright, Mr P Button, Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Mrs E Sparks, Mr K Blowers, and Cllr Edward Back
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 15th April 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** There were no declarations of interest.
5. **Clerks Report** – Anya spoke about a phone call she had received from PCSO 3190 Paul Dennington who has asked if any crimes that are a non-emergency could they be reported on the police website that is www.suffolk.police.uk . Anya also wanted to thank Miss Ball for kindly doing the Internal Audit for the Parish Council.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** - Agenda suspended for this item: It was asked about the cost of the hire of the Village Hall as it seems to be a different cost for the same bookings. Graham said he would speak to the management.

It was raised again about the road sign for Market Lane opposite short Road that it still has not been repaired. Anya said she would chase this up as it was reported back in November 2023.

It was asked if the Parish had a response to the letter that was sent to the landowners regarding the flooding in Lound Road. Anya said she has had no response from them. It was also asked if we had the email from Steven in relation to dates and times of events, Graham confirmed we had had an email.

7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** -A Councillor has asked for a quote for the trees to be inspected on the Millennium Green he said he will keep chasing for this.
It was raised that the Play Park inspection is due in July the person who done it last year is willing to do it

this year it was agreed at the meeting to get this done.

A Parishioner had approached a Councillor about the Zip-line in the Play Park and that a child had fell off because they all climb on at once. It was asked if we should have sign to say how many children at one time should use it. It was agreed to get this agreed when the Annual inspection is done in July. If anyone else would like to become an inspector, please let him know as training could be done at the same time.

It was raised that there was a pile of hedge/shrubs trimmings dumped at the end of the loke and where cut at the back of the house at coal field end, the landowner moved them but they kept falling into the road which caused an accident, they have been moved now but this needs to be reported as fly tipping.

It was asked if the gates in the Village Hall are being locked at night as this was spoke about at our last meeting? Graham said that they have not got any locks.

It was asked if the WI could purchase some signs for outside the Village Hall. This was agreed at the meeting.

It was asked if the electrics in the Village Hall have been PAT Tested.

The ventilation fan in the kitchen is not working

The fridge freezer door in the fridge has broken

It was asked about the Rubbish Bins and if they could have the ones with the sack style. Graham said he would speak to the Village Hall Management.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Nothing to report.

9. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back) Nothing to report.

10. Speeding in the Village

To discuss any further updates on the Speed Watch Scheme

Two people kindly offered to help with the Speed Watch Scheme, Cllr Keith Robinson said that he would not recommend using the speed gun. Cllr Keith Robinson said he would fund the SID Board and that we would need two positions to place them in and someone to change the batteries and get to get one that can download data so that the police can use. It was agreed to find a suitable position to place the posts and get back to Cllr K Robinson re the funding.

11. Flooding in the Village

To discuss any further information

The Parish sent a letter to the Landowners as requested by the residents of Lound Road at the last meeting, but the parish still have not had a reply.

12. East Suffolk Blooms

East Suffolk_community wildflower growing scheme returns and do we want to apply for Packs of bulbs they will be available to collect in the autumn,
It was agreed to apply for the bulbs at the meeting.

13. Bin for Play Park

To Decide on what bin to get for the play park

It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to agree the Bin for the Play Park.

14. Planning

To discuss what actions need to be agreed when Planning Applications come in before the next meetings.

It was agreed to set up an independent planning committee to agree these Planning Applications going forward. |

15. Footpath between The Street and Market Lane

To discuss quotes for the footpath

The Parish have received quotes for the footpath but as this is a Public Right of Way It was agreed to

contact the rights of way team at East Suffolk Council as first contact.

16. D-Day 6th June 2024

To discuss the lighting of the Beacon and any further information needed.

It was agreed that the Parish will light the Beacon on Thursday 6th June 2024 at 09.15pm. Anya will send out information about the lighting and ask if this could be advertised on the face book pages and put on the notice boards.

17. Play Park Inspection

To agree on the Annual inspection for the play park/cost

This was covered in other Parish Business in point 7.

18. Planning: DC/24/1267/SCO | Scoping Opinion - Land north of Lowestoft Garden Village | North Of Lowestoft Garden Village A47 Corton Suffolk

Points raised have been sent to the planning office for this Scoping Opinion for the Garden Village

19. Finances:

Income:- - £5699.50 First payment for Precept 2024/25

£22.50 Alfred Storage Clothing Recycle Bin

Expenditure: - £14.70 Clerks Expenses (Jotta Pad for Minutes and Lever Arch File, Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits for AGM meeting)

£100.00 Amazon Gift Card for Internal Audit for Miss Ball

£1809.00 NGF Play for three Wood Style Benches for Millennium Green

£300.00 Playing Field Rent Mr. Jermy

20. Approval of End of Year Accounting Statement 2024/25

This was signed and agreed at the meeting.

21. Approval of the Standing Orders

This was signed and agreed at the meeting

22. Approval of the Financial Regulations

This was signed and agreed at the meeting

23. Approval of Insurance Quote from Clear Group

This was signed and agreed at the meeting

24. Approval of other Policies the council need to adopt

It has been agreed that the Parish Councillors need to have another meeting to discuss in full all the policies that are required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03pm

25. Next meeting is on Monday 17th June @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall