MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 15th April 2024

1. **Present**: - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Mrs E Sparks, Mr R Leach, Mrs B Shaw, Mrs G Soanes, Mr P Button, Mr C Harris Miss M Wright, Mrs D McKernan, Cllr P Ashdown & 15 Parishioners were present.

2. **Apologies** Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back, Mr Keith Blowers.

3. **Approval of Minutes**: minutes of the previous meetings held on 18th March 2024 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 asked about the community speedwatch scheme and how we go about getting volunteers to help with the speed gun.It was agreed that a councillor would advertise this on the Facebook page, and it was asked if Anya would put some notices on the Parish Council Notice Boards**.** Cllr Keith Robinson said he would fund the speed board at the last meeting**.**

7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)**. **The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present –**. It was asked about the replacement bins in the play park as a Council member has asked for a quote but has not heard anything. Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would email the department to chase this up.

   It was mentioned about the weeds growing up in between the new bond that was put down in the play park and asked if the council would be prepared to by some weed killer to treat this it was asked to get child friendly weed killer.

   A council member asked if the Buzz Bus is now going to go to the James Paget Hospital. Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would ask the question.

   It was mentioned that a councillor had been approached in regards to youths hanging around the back of the village hall at night, and asked if the gates could be locked at night it was agreed to ask the village hall management as to the times it is needed to be open in the mornings.

   A Councillor said that they had sent the measurements around for the footpath between The Street and Barkis Meadow it was said that we need more than one quote it was asked if anyone new of any other surfacing contractors.

   It was mentioned about the Ponds in the village and asked if we need any risk assessments done or signage put up Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would ask who is responsible.

   A Councillor told us that the trees in the play park have now all been inspected and will not need to be done again for 3 years. But there is now a question about the trees in the Millennium Green as they have never been checked, it was agreed that the councillor would ask the tree surgeon who done the ones in the play park to give us a quote for the work to be done.

   A Councillor let us all know that the church St Mary the Virgin in Blundeston will be closed from 22nd April until the beginning of June 2024 due to having work done and a safety concern.

8. **District Councillors Report**: (Cllr P Ashdown) Election for the PCC on the 2nd May 2024 there is a community partnership meeting on April 16th, 2024, at 6pm at Oulton Community Centre. Paul said that he has sent out the forms for the Locality funding to all the clerks and that is now open.
   There has been a change in the Planning Team Philip Ridley has now left to concentrate on Sizewell the planning team will now be run by Ben Woolnough and Andrea McMillan until a new head is appointed.

Also to those here interested in the flooding in the village Paul did have word with Dick Smith but he had no more luck in talking to the farmer he has refused to speak to him.

9. **County Councillors Report**: (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back). Both sent their apologies for the meeting.

10. **Flooding in the Village.** No flooding issues where mentioned.

11. **Clerks Salary** The clerk's salary was agreed by the chairman Mr Graham Wade and all the other Parish councillors who attended the meeting.

12. **Planning- This Planning Application was agreed prior to the meeting**
DC/24/1022/FUL | Single storey rear extension | Touchwood Lound Road Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AT.

13. **Finances Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024**
This was agreed and signed at the meeting

Expenditure **£518.23** Salc Membership Subscription
£80.00 Kevin Jones for Hedge cut by tennis courts

Income £892.60 Claim for Village Hall Porch repair from Admiral Insurance
£21.00 Clothing Recycle Clothing Bin

- **Correspondence** - Locality Budget Application forms for 2024
  Lakeside Rise bus stop inquiry
  Flooding in Lound Road

- **Emails**- Road closure planned in your division - 21 March 2024
  New rural and wildlife crime lead for Suffolk
  Video created to share signs of county lines drug dealing
  VCSE Funding Opportunities 19.3.24
  Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership Meeting - Date for your Diary
  Notes from the SALC East Suffolk Area Forum held on 20th March 2024
  Travel Behaviour Survey for the East
  CAS Newsletter 21/03/2024
  Planning, Building Control & Coastal Management Newsletter
  Follow-Up: Green print Forum's Food and Farming Event, 28
  Broads Authority - notice of two consultations
  SALC subscriptions 2024/25
  Annual Parish & Town Newsletter 2024 (Cllr Keith Robinson)
  Advice to bikers this bank holiday weekend
  Adoption of Greater Norwich Local Plan: South Norfolk and Broadland District Council
  20's Plenty for Suffolk Campaigner Update
  SALC training bulletin 2 April 2024
  Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Draft Collaborative Agreement - for action
  March Parish & Town Newsletter (Cllr K Robinson)
  NEWS BULLETIN - 8th April 2024
  Agenda and Reports for Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership meeting on 16 April 2024
  VCSE Funding Opportunities 11.4.24

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.54pm but the resident's from Lound Road raised their concerns about the flooding and they asked if a third letter could be sent to the landowner to ask for a meeting to resolve the issue. The residents have kindly sent the parish council a full report of their findings. The Chairman agreed for the Parish Council to send a 3rd Letter to the Landowner. Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would chase Cllr Keith Robinson and Cllr Eward Back to speak to the county drainage team.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting again at 08.10pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th May 2024 7.00pm for AGM then at 7.30pm normal monthly meeting.