

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 16th December 2024

Present: -, Mr G Wade (Chairman), Miss M Wright, Mr P Button, Cllr E Back, Cllr P Ashdown, Mrs B Shaw, Mr S Rees, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mr C Harris, & 6 Parishioners were present.

1. **Apologies**, Mrs G Soanes. Mrs E Sparks, Mrs D McKernan, Cllr K Robinson.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Mr R Leach Declared an interest in the Planning Application for the TPO **DC/24/3993/TPO|TPO/028/2021 - T1 1no. Oak (marked on plan) - Reduce height from 18m to 9m, reduce lateral spread from 16.5m to 8.25m|12 The Street Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AQ**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 18th November 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Update on ongoing matters-**
Fly Tipping Queensway- fly tipping” in the small wood adjacent to the old clay pit (pond) at the back of Queens Way. Cllr P Ashdown said that it is still under investigation.
5. **Sign in Market Lane at the bottom of short road still Damaged**
Sign in Market Lane at the bottom of short road Damaged
Anya has emailed East Suffolk and has still not had a reply apart from a report a year ago saying that it needs a new sign. Cllr Edward Back asked for the emails, and he would chase this up.
6. **Clerks Report-** Anya let us know that John Nichols from Blundeston Charity Trust will be resigning from 31st March 2025 so there will be a vacancy to be voted in April 2025.

The forecast was sent around to all PC Members and asked if there were any questions.

The Invoice from NGF Play has come in for the work completed for the Play Park Zipwire Safety Rail and the new signs are you all happy for me to pay this. This was agreed at the meeting.

Cllr K Robinson had sent his apologies for tonight’s meeting but wanted to let you all know that we have been accepted for the SID Board he will send me the details to follow this up.

7. **15 Minutes for Parishioner input-** No points were raised at the meeting.
8. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors).** It was raised about the white lines at the corner opposite the fruit hill farm entrance that a councillor had reported this on the reporting tool and had a reply within 4 hours this issue really does need someone to come out and monitor the traffic and the issue, Cllr E Back said he would follow this up.

It was mentioned that last year we was going to get the conifers in the play park cut back, only it was too wet it was asked if this could be done. It was agreed to get this done as soon as possible to a height of around 6ft.

A councillor mentioned that we had to get someone to cut back a tree in the play park that got damaged in the storm they have kindly done this and not charged the council.

It was mentioned that Blundeston has now got a new Vicar after 3 years he will be based at the rectory in Somerleyton.

It was raised about an email regarding the footpath between the Street and Market Lane about taking the barriers away at the end, and the dog bin, firstly we do not want the dog bin to go it must stay. It was agreed to send the information we have received to Cllr P Ashdown who will investigate further

9. **County Councillors Report (Cllr K Robinson and Cllr E Back)** Cllr k Robinson sent his apologies for the meeting. Cllr Edward Back said that the budget is being discussed but needs to be approved by the full council but as it stands is looking to be a 2.9% increase in social adult care and looks like a 4.9% in council tax no services will be cut, but the budget is very tight. It was raised that the government initiatives depend on them abolishing county councils and district councils and appoint a unitary authority.
10. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Followed on with the county councillors report to say that we will have a mayor, and that the budget starts in January and will be adopted in February 2025. Also there might be by-election in the district.

11. **– To Consider planning applications as listed below plus any further applications received before the meeting.**

DC/24/3848/FUL|3 Proposed Dwellings|White House Farm Flixton Road Flixton East Suffolk NR32 5PG

This Application was approved at the meeting.

White House Farm Flixton Road Flixton East Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5PG

Ref. No: DC/24/3585/FUL | 3 Proposed Dwellings

This Application was approved at the meeting

DC/24/4048/FUL|Two storey front entrance porch, single storey side extension, two storey rear extension and new detached double garage and home office.

This Application was not recommended at the meeting.

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This Application was approved at the meeting

DC/24/4247/FUL|To convert a pair of semi-detached properties into one dwelling including some minor alterations|White House Farm Flixton Road Flixton East Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5PG

This Application was approved at the meeting

12. **Other Points for discussion**

To Agree Precept 2025/26

There was a concern that the Parish has a lot of expense this year and going forward, so it was agreed that the Precept for 2025/26 will need to go up by 22.53%.

Approval of the following policies as circulated to the PC member's

- 1) Financial Regulations
- 2) Playground Risk Management
- 3) Risk Assessment

The Councillors said they had all read the policies that were sent around and agreed them at the meeting

To Agree To appoint a Councillor other than the chair or cheque signatory to verify the Quarter Bank Reconciliation Finance sheet every quarter

It was agreed that Miss M Wright would sign off the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

Expenditure £50.00 for British Legion Wreath
 £6.80 stamps (clerk)
 £5.49 HP Instant Ink (clerk)
 £30 Clerks Allowances

£1200.00 Kevin Jones for Grass Cutting

Income £9.00 Clothing Recycle bin December
Budget/Forecast This was agreed at the meeting (Quarter)
Bank Reconciliation (Quarter)

13. Correspondence for Information

To note the attaches appendix of items which have been circulated

Fw: CR No 496778 - Blundeston Footpath 009

Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership Meeting - Thursday 5th December 2024

14. – Emails All have been read prior to the meeting

November Town & Parish Newsletter (Cllr K Robinson)

Christmas campaign highlights risks of drink and drug driving

Loft Insulation discount for everyone in Suffolk

EP Passenger Interest Group meeting 13.11.24 – minutes

Chief executive's bulletin - 28 November 2024 NALC

Events newsletter NALC

15.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm

The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday ^{20th} January 2025, at 7.30pm

