

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mrs E Sparks, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs B Shaw, Mr P Button, Mr C Harris, Miss M Wright, Mrs G Soanes, Mrs D McKernan, and Cllr P Ashdown & 5 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies.** Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Cllr Edward Back, Cllr Keith Robinson,
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** Mr P Button declared an interest in planning DC/24/2239/VOC | Variation of Condition 2 of DC/23/0388/FUL - Removal of central barn, conversion of 5 remaining barns to 5 dwellings, associated parking and works - Barn 5 to be completed in accordance with drawing no. 24/389/28 (Proposed Ground Floor Plan and Elevations) | Whitehouse Farm Barn Rackhams Corner Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5LB
5. **Clerks Report** –Nothing to report.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners Input-**. Nothing to report.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors). The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** –. It was raised about Banjos Backyard at the Loke a dog walking field, neighbours have had enough of the noise and the parking also the last three Sundays at just gone 8 o'clock there has been a dog barking and someone shouting. It was asked if on a Sunday the hours could be reduced as dogs barking non-stop from 8-8pm 7 days a week is really disturbing Cllr P Ashdown said he would investigate this but also asked individuals to report to the Environmental Health service, the parish council will also contact them.

It was mentioned about the bollards for the front of the Village Hall Door it was agreed at the meeting for this to be done and get the quotes for the yellow lines to be done.

The Annual Play Park inspections has been done and there was no big issues at present the only thing he said was maybe put a hand rail around the zipwire, it was agreed that Anya will contact NGFP to ask the question and decide at the next meeting and to also get a quote for a sign to be put on the zipwire re how many persons to use it at one time.

The quotes for the CCTV were discussed as it needs to be updated and with the anti-social behaviour going on at the back of the hall it should be repaired it was agreed at the meeting to go with Waveney Aerials as he done the original CCTV for the village hall.

It was asked if the gates at the village hall, are being locked at night due to the anti-social behaviour it was agreed that this will wait until the CCTV is up and running then if any more problems it will have to be locked.

In regards to the new bin in the play park, the application form for the Locality budget has been given to Cllr P Ashdown so once we get this we can order one, the Thursday night gang said they could help with the concrete base. The bin on the skate park should be collected soon.

The weeds in the play park we're sprayed a few weeks ago, and the Thursday night gang said they would pull up the dying weeds.

The bulbs that we applied for the Millennium Green have been acknowledged and we should have here by the end of August if we will get some.

The hedge on Petos Corner is far too high and not being kept to the correct height, it is 1.4m and from road level it is 1.6m it was agreed to be kept at 1m, Cllr Paul Ashdown said he would look into this matter.

We had a letter about the parking in Short Road from a Parishioner which has been forwarded to the police.

It was asked about the bungalow in Hall Lane as they have taken the hedge out and put a fence up. Would this need planning permission? Cllr Paul Ashdown said it did not need permission.

It was asked if Paul had investigated the Fence in Lound road he said he has passed it back to the enforcement team as he was not happy with its progress.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Not a lot to report due to the General Elections as they are still waiting for the new legislation to come from government. It was asked about the opening of the new bridge, and this should be in August.
9. **County Councillors Report:** Cllr Keith Robinson and Cllr Edward Back both sent their apologies.
10. **Planning- This planning application was agreed at the meeting**  
DC/24/2401/FUL | Construction of an outbuilding in rear garden | Trelawny Hall Lane Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BL

This planning application was agreed at the meeting.

DC/24/2239/VOC | Variation of Condition 2 of DC/23/0388/FUL - Removal of central barn, conversion of 5 remaining barns to 5 dwellings, associated parking and works - Barn 5 to be completed in accordance with drawing no. 24/389/28 (Proposed Ground Floor Plan and Elevations) | Whitehouse Farm Barn Rackhams Corner Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5LB

#### 11. **Speeding in the Village**

It was agreed as a starting point that the posts should be away from residential areas it was agreed to go forward with this but will take a lot of organising and will need to be discussed further with Cllr Keith Robinson who has said he would walk around the site in a separate meeting to help go through setting it up correctly but then it would be the parishes commitment. We will also need volunteers to help as batteries need replacing and moving the sid board around.

#### 12. **Finances**

Income- £20.00 Clothing Recycling Bin  
Expenditure £500.00 Blundeston Church Yard Maintenance

- **Correspondence**

- Parking on corner of Market Lane and Short Road.
  - Availability of allotments - 08 July 2024

- **Emails-**

- Monthly Town & Parish Newsletter (Cllr Keith Robinson)
  - Suffolk Looks Closer this Modern Slavery Awareness Week
  - POSTPONEMENT: James Paget Hospital Open Day - 29 June 2024
  - NEWS BULLETIN - 25th June 2024 SALC
  - Countywide – ‘Fatal Four’ Roads Policing Campaign
  - The Rural Bulletin - 2 July 2024
  - Declaration of Result - Lowestoft Constituency
  - The Local Councillor Magazine from SALC - June 2024
  - Community Walk at Carlton Marshes

Small Grants Panel - Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership -  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall