

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 17th June 2024

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman), Mrs E Sparks, Mr R Leach, Mrs B Shaw, Mr P Button Miss M Wright, Cllr P Ashdown Cllr Keith Robinson & 4 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies** Mrs D McKernan, Mr Keith Blowers. Mrs G Soanes. Mr C Harris Cllr Edward Back
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th May 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** Mrs B Shaw had a Declaration of Interest in the Church Funding.
5. **Clerks Report** –Nothing to report.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners Input**-It was asked about the planning application re White House Farm Flixton as to why they split these small farms up instead of offering it to a tenant or some young people. A Councillor said that the cost of the economics of maintaining the old buildings are often double what a commercial rent is for a farm. Cllr Keith Robinson said that they do a study and a reassessment of the land before a decision is made. There is also a review done every 5-10 years to see how the farms are run as to the best way forward. The other issue is that the sheds do not meet the modern assured crop standards.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors). The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** –. It was mentioned that the annual play park inspection will take place at 9 am on 10th July 2024. Also the tree surgeon said he will look at the play park and give us a date when they will look at the Millenium Green.

The Church will be open from Tuesday 18th June 2024 the work has not been completed as this was manly investigations for the repairs. Barbara also wanted to say a big thankyou to everyone who helped for two days with the cleaning of the church.

Graham thanked everyone who helped with the lighting of the Beacon on the 6th June 2024 for the D-Day celebrations.

Cllr Paul Ashdown was asked about planning applications that go back to March regarding Lound Road and the Prison Site. Paul said that the Lound Road application would now be with the legal department. The prison site apparently has been given permission. It was asked as to why we do not get told of any decisions. Paul said he would chase this up

Cllr Keith Robinson was asked about the White Lines again in the village. Keith said that he is waiting for a lot of work to be completed since the takeover. The new company want the projects reassessed and re costed.

It was mentioned about having a sign put up on the Zipwire in the Play Park at the last meeting saying only to have one person to use it at a time. It was agreed to ask the Play Park Inspectors opinion when he comes on the 10th July 2024.

It was asked if there was any update on the Quote for the footpath on the Millennium Green to get this finished. Graham said he would chase this up.

A Parishioner asked about the sanitiser in the village hall porch. Saying that it was empty and needed a good clean. It was agreed to remove the sanitiser.

It was asked again about the footpath between Market Lane and the Street was there any updates as it was passed on to the Rights of Way Team at East Suffolk. We are still waiting for a reply from them.

It was raised about the bin in the Skate Park and that East Suffolk Services had been informed and had attended the site, but they looked at the wrong bin. They have asked for some photos and further information of the bin in question.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) East Suffolk will be having two new strategic directors as one has left and taken over as chief executive of Kings Lynn and North Norfolk which is a new council, and Andy Jarvis is retiring.

This weekend is festival on the beach.

On the 1st June 2024 the first of the BoxUp projects was delivered by Lowestoft and Northern Parishes it provides solar-powered storage lockers which contain a mixture of different sports and leisure equipment which can be accessed for free using the BoxUp app. The first of these was situated at Normanston Park and the second one will be on the South Beach. We have funding for two more and there will be an opportunity for this to extend to smaller parishes.

9. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson) Cllr E Back sent his apologies for the meeting. Cllr Keith Robinson asked if there were any questions from his report. And gave an update, he has stood down from Chairman of Suffolk County council from the 23rd May 2024. Since then, Keith has been involved in being Chairman of Educational Transport and Chairman of Education of children and young person's services.

10. **Planning-** DC/24/2112/FUL | Retrospective Application-Proposed Garden room | 6 The Pippins Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AE **This Planning Application was approved**

11. DC/24/2127/P3Q | Prior Approval (Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion) - Agricultural Building to 2 Dwellings | White House Farm Flixton Road Flixton East Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5PG
This Planning Application was approved

12. **To agree the procedures when we need quotes for work to be done**

It was agreed that any quotes that councillors receive for work are to be sent into to the clerk for her to send around for the councillors to view and agree at the next meetings

13. **Speeding in the Village to agree where we want the SID BOARD to be positioned**

It was agreed to place the Sid Board at Lowestoft Road/Queensway and on Market Lane. Cllr Keith Robinson said he would send the clerk the details.

14. **To Discuss the church funding**

It was agreed to send the church a donation of £500

15. **Bin for Play Park**

It was agreed to see if the bin at the back of the village hall can be used, if not It was agreed that Cllr P Ashdown would fund this from the locality budget.

16. Graham let the parish know that we are going to have to take on another caretaker for the village hall due to sickness.

17. It was mentioned that the gates to the village hall have been closed at night, hopefully this will stop the cars parking in this area at night.

Expenditure £30.00 Clerks Allowances
 £9.50 Photocopy Paper Clerk

£16.00 Mels Expenses for weed killer
£1862.03 Renewal for Insurance

Income £31.50 Clothing Recycle Scheme

- **Correspondence** - Letter from Blundeston Parochial Church Council
- **Emails-** D-DAY 80 June 6, 2024
 - Suffolk Community Awards - time to enter!
 - Monthly Town & Parish Newsletter (Cll Keith Robinson)
 - Support for Citizens Advice East Suffolk
 - Suffolk police support licensing week
 - Important roadwork information: A47 Links Road Roundabout to Victoria Road Roundabout Road markings
 - Village Halls and Community Buildings Newsletter (June 2024)
 - Quality of Place Awards 2024
 - Summary notes from the SALC East Suffolk Area Forum held on 13th June 2024
- Planning Forum for Town and Parish Councils
- Highways Communications

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.22pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 15th 2024 at 7.30pm