

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 18th November 2024**

**Present:** -, Mr G Wade (Chairman), Miss M Wright, Mrs D McKernan, Mr P Button, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr E Back, Mrs E Sparks, Mrs B Shaw, Mr S Rees, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mr C Harris, & 9 Parishioners were present.

1. **Apologies**, Cllr P Ashdown, Mrs G Soanes.
2. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 were approved and signed.

4. **Update on ongoing matters-**

**White lines in Hall Lane still not completed**

Cllr K Robinson said that the issue is still on the reporting tool as an ongoing issue.

**Sign in Market Lane at the bottom of short road Damaged**

Anya has emailed East Suffolk and has still not had a reply back

**Sid Board to discuss volunteers and to move forward**

We now have more volunteers come forward and it was agreed to start the application. The posts would be sited in Market Lane, and Queensway.

**Duck Signs as asked for at last meeting**

Cllr K Robinson said that they are doing a reassessment if the council will still provide Duck Signs and said if all ok the signs will be arranged.

**The Footpath between Market Lane and the Street**

Cllr K Robinson said he had chased this up and said that they are trying to find out who owns the right of way.

**Barriers at the bottom of the footpath opposite the school at Lakeside Rise.**

Cllr K Robinson said that they have asked the developer Badger Builders to provide temporary chapter 8 safety barriers as a temporary solution and this will be until such time the S278 works have been completed. The developer has now instructed Capital Road Safety Ltd to complete stage 3 Audit this is proposed for week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November or 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The purpose of the RSA is to identify any safety issues to the S278 scheme. If any issues are identified the process will include a response from the designer/contractor and Suffolk County Council.

**Parking problem in the Street opposite the shop/at the dance school,**

It was agreed not to move forward with this problem as it is just inconsiderate parking.

5. **Clerks Report-**

The Management Team for the Village Hall have asked if we are still going to have the bollards put in front of the Village Hall Porch? And if we are when would this be completed.

It was agreed that as we have put the parking lines in place this should stop the damage to the doors. this will be monitored and if we get any more damage, we will fit them.

Michaela has asked if she could have a key for the CCTV camera cupboard to PAT test the equipment.

SALC has agreed that the councillors can now have their own login to use the members portal and to let her know if you are interested.

Bruno Peeks has asked if we are going to light the beacon for the VE Day 80 Beacon Lighting at 9.30pm-8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 it was agreed that the parish would be lighting the beacon.

**6. 15 Minutes for Parishioner input.**

A Parishioner asked about the protocols of Parish Councillors having their views on social media and in Newspapers. Cllr K Robinson said that they can have individual opinions if they don't mention the views of the Parish Council. And that they can still have views as a Parishioner.

A Parishioner wanted to thank a resident of the village Garry Cooper for the kind donation of 3 stainless steel war soldiers one for the Church and two for the Millennium Green. It was raised that we need to find somewhere to keep them it was agreed that the chairman would agree a safe place.

It was asked that maybe next year we could move them around to the other parts of the memorial green.

It was raised re the SID boards would they be catching the traffic coming into the village at Queensway or going out. At the moment they would be fitted for traffic coming into the village. It was asked is the height correct for the SID Board that is currently in position is it the correct height, if it is we may be able to use ours to face the other way the clerk will send details around for the correct height.

A representative from the cub scout committee attended to ask about the Skate Park and now that it has been closed what is the future and could the scouts use it. Unfortunately, due to our current lease we are not permitted to sub-let.

**7. District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Sent Apologies for meeting.

**8. County Councillors Report (Cllr K Robinson and Cllr E Back)** Cllr K Robinson said that he sent his report in and did we have any question. No questions were asked.

**9. Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors).** The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present –The white lines in hall Lane have been mentioned again in regard to a car leaving the road and going into a fence and that the lines are in the wrong place it is a safety issue. Cllr K Robinson said that he has reported this numerous times and that if they burn them off now it would need resurfacing, so this must wait until it needs resurfacing. A Councillor said that the road was resurfaced so badly that's why there are two sets of lines the work was done so substandard. It all comes down to cost to get this done and highways do not have the funds to get this done. The issue is still on the reporting tool to be considered.

It was mentioned that the church shed has been broken into again, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 6 months the shed had been made so secure so they could not get in the burglars ripped the side off the shed, luckily, they couldn't get the mower out as it would not go through the hole. We have been trying for some time to put a metal shed up we have had permission from the dioceses to put this shed behind the church and Norwich diocese it was agreed to put a shed up as soon as possible.

It was asked about the village hall and that it used to be used for the soldiers to be housed in during the war and that someone wanted to know what date the W.I gave it to the Parish Council. The Chairman said it was around 1931-32.

It was mentioned about the two beach huts that a councillor kindly picked up that we need to decide where to put them. It was agreed to put them at the back of the Village Hall for now.

**10. To Consider planning applications as listed below plus any further applications received before the meeting.** No Planning application to consider at this meeting.

**11. Other Points for discussion**

**Fly Tipping Queensway- fly tipping" in the small wood adjacent to the old clay pit (pond) at the back of Queens Way.** It was asked who owns the land the parishioner who raised it said that she has reported to East Suffolk. It was asked to contact the parishioner who raised this to see if it has been picked up.

**Approval of Clerks pay increase in line with NALC pay scales**

It was agreed that the clerk's salary would be amended in line with NALC pay scales.

**Discuss Precept 25/26**

It was agreed to contact East Suffolk to get a comparison for discussion at the next meeting.

**Dates for 2025 meetings to agree**

Monday 20th Jan 2025, Monday 17th Feb 2025, Monday 17th March 2025, Monday 14th April  
Monday 19th May 2025, Monday 16th June 2025, Monday 21st July 2025, Monday 18th August 2025,  
Monday 15th Sept 2025, Monday 20th October 2025, Monday 17th November 2025, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
2025

These dates were agreed at the meeting

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

- 1) **Complaints.**
- 2) **Councillor Code of Conduct**
- 3) **Equality and Diversity**
- 4) **Standing Orders**

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

**Poppy Appeal Royal British Legion To agree how much for wreath**

It was agreed that the Parish would pay £50 for the wreath for the Royal British Legion

12. Expenditure    No expenditure  
                          Income        £28.00 Clothing Recycle bin October and November

**13. Correspondence for Information**

**To note the attaches appendix of items which have been circulated**

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21pm

The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, at 7.30pm

