

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 21st October 2024

Present: -, Mr G Wade (Chairman) Mrs G Soanes, Mrs D McKernan, Mr P Button, Cllr K Robinson Mrs E Sparks, Mrs B Shaw Mr K Blowers, Cllr P Ashdown & 9 Parishioners were present.

1. **Apologies**, Mr S Rees (Vice Chairperson), Cllr E Back, Mr C Harris, Miss M Wright, Mr R Leach
2. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 16th September 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Clerks Report** –In Mels absence she has asked me to ask you all where you would like the seeds sown that the council have kindly sent her. It was agreed that these should be put around the pond in the millennium green.
Anya advised that she will be sending around before the next meeting 4 policy’s that need to be adopted and put on our website if you could kindly read these before the next meeting.

Also that we have now received our ICO certificate- (Information Commissioner Office) and that the clerk is also the DPO Officer (Data Protection Officer)

The External Audit has been completed and all documents are on the website and on the notice boards this was all done by the 30th September 2024.

Anya also mentioned about the dates for next year’s meetings being that Easter Monday falls on 21st April which is the date of our April meeting it was agreed that the meeting would be 14th April 2025 and also Decembers meeting would it be 8th December or 15th it was agreed to be the 15th December 2025.

And also just to remind everyone that once the Agenda has been sent out and is on the notice boards and website any other correspondence will have to be added to the next month’s agenda.

5. **Update on ongoing matters-To discuss the ongoing sid board re volunteers**
It was agreed to carry this over to the next meeting as we would need around ten volunteers to be able to manage the sid boards. Cllr Keith Robinson said he would support it, but it needs to be used as it costs over £4000.00.
Update on new bin in paly park- The bin has been purchased only it needs a concrete base this will be completed in the spring.
Update on yellow lines in front of village hall-These have now been done.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioner input-**It was raised again about the sign at the bottom of Short Road into market Lane and that it still has not been replaced, Anya said she would send another email to East Suffolk Services.

It was raised about the “fly tipping” in the small wood adjacent to the old clay pit (pond) at the back of Queens Way (beyond the farmers field, that there are washing machines, cookers, toys etc It was asked who owns the land, it was asked if Cllr P Ashdown would try and find out who owns the land, it will be added to the agenda for next month to discuss further. The Parishioner has reported it to East Suffolk.

The Footpath between Market Lane and the street was mentioned again- this was investigated with East Suffolk, and they said it is acceptable, it was asked if the council could come and have a look at the footpath in the winter and not in the summer. It was asked to report it again on the reporting tool.

7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors). The following matters were discussed with the councillor’s present** – It was raised again about the white lines on the bend in Hall Lane and that they still have not been done it is now over 3 years. Cllr K Robinson said that they will be done when the road gets resurfaced. Anya

was asked to add it again On the reporting tool.

It was asked what is going on at the top of Flixton Road to the footpath Paul Button said it could be something to do with the prison site and extending the footpath to the marshes.

It was mentioned that the extractor fan is still not working in the village hall kitchen? Graham said it needs to be addressed to Michaela at village hall management.

It was raised again about the Barriers at the bottom of the footpath opposite the school at Lakeside Rise and that they still have a plastic crowd barrier up. When asked the question to Badger it was said that on the approved plan there were no Barriers but as they were originally there why not ask the question as to why they are not on the plan and reinstate them. Cllr K Robinson said that he would speak to someone about the importance of putting the barriers back.

It was also asked if we could have a Duck Sign put up regarding the ducks at the pond as one got run over and parishioners have been concerned for their safety Cllr K Robinson said he could arrange this.

Another parishioner has spoken to a Councillor about a parking issue in the Street opposite the shop and that there is a house that does dance lessons. They are concerned about the amount of cars parking there in the evening and that they are supposed to be parking at the village hall. Cllr Keith Robinson said as there are no restrictions on the road there is nothing we can do. Another councillor recommended that the owner of the dance school speak to her clients about the parking issues.

Another issue was raised that on the Millennium Green in Church Road where the footpath got resurfaced there is a high step down to the path and that push chairs are struggling. It was said that this has been done like this due to the flooding onto the Millennium green.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Said that he has given some more leaflets for the Buzz-Bus to Anya to circulate and reminded you that you can use your bus pass to get around and that it runs Tuesday and Thursday and please use it.

Paul also spoke about Lound, and that they are looking to start a fitness class in the village hall on a Thursday Morning it will be run by Active Suffolk.

The beach Huts have been confirmed and 2 will be allocated for Blundeston and we can have the base also.

Paul let us know that we are going to be getting a third bin and that the black bin will only be emptied every three weeks. If we are not happy report, it on the reporting tool this will only course more fly tipping.

Also Paul reported on Banjos Back yard that we can only go through the Environment Health with any noise issues that is the only way anything will get changed.

9. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr E Back) sent his apologies for the meeting. Cllr K Robinson asked if there are any questions on the newsletter that was sent around. No one had any question for Keith. Keith also asked about awards if you would like to nominate anybody let him know and Keith will help with this.

10. **Planning-** No Planning application to discuss at the meeting

11. **Draft Precept 2025/2026 This** was sent around to all Cllrs but we cannot make a decision until we get the final figure from East Suffolk.

Expenditure **£378.00 for External Audit PKF Littlejohn**
 £690.00 Village Hall lines in front of porch
 £54.00 Payroll Services
 £40.00 Registration for ICO

Income **£5699.50 second payment from precept**
£780.00 Locality Budget for Zipwire safety rail and new signs for

zipwire

12. Correspondence

13. – Emails

To note the attached appendix of items which have been circulated September Parish and Town Newsletter (Cllr K Robinson) East Suffolk Council - walking cycling and wheeling working group Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership Meeting - 2nd October 2024 - Box Up Summary Message from Rachel Tucker re Box Up - For Action VE DAY 80 - 8TH MAY 2025 Bruno Suffolk Highways - Updates October 2024

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

The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday 18th November 2024, at 7.30pm

