

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

1. **Present:** -, Mr S Rees (Vice Chairman) Mrs G Soanes, Mrs E Sparks, Mrs B Shaw Mr C Harris Miss M Wright, Mr R Leach Mr K Blowers, Cllr P Ashdown & 15 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies,** Mr G Wade (Chairman) Mrs D McKernan, Mr P Button, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr E Back
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 19th August 2024 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
5. **Clerks Report** –The clerk reported that as from Octobers meeting the agenda will be in a slightly different format and that she would send it around for the councillors to have a look.
It was also reported that the Parish needs to be registered with the ICO, Information of the commissioner’s office it’s to do with the data protection act of 2018 and GDPR the cost of this is £60 and this must be paid every year and will be added to the forecast.

6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners Input**-The owner of Copperfield’s shop in the village wanted to give an update on the Inpost locker as there was a complaint from a resident as some collections have been in the early mornings, this has now been resolved they are now coming at around 8.45 in the morning. The Inpost Locker siting is now waiting for planning application. Inpost have not had any updates yet from planning but, if necessary, they will move it to the front or the back of the property. And to say that there is no benefit to the shop as we get funded to cover for the electric only other than the footfall that might bring into the shop. We have started a petition and already have over 120 names that want it to stay as it has become a real asset to the village.
A resident said that she is concerned that it might be moved around the back as it would be below the bedroom. A councillor said that this will now go to planning so please raise any objections to East Suffolk and let’s hope that they make the best decision for everyone.

A Parishioner asked about the skate park and asked if there was any way possible to get the skate park back as a lot of children would like to see this back in the village. It was agreed that this could not happen as the parish do not own the land where the skate park was originally it is owned by a local farmer, and we have it on a lease where he could take the land back and turn it back to agriculture land. A councillor commented to this that maybe the new development in lakeside rise might be able to modify the new play park as they are due to have a play park built maybe contact Justin Coote from badger builders to see if the play park could be modified.

It was raised about the new footpath, at the school end they have taken away the railing it was asked if this could be reinstated, Steven asked Paul to raise this with East Suffolk Council as soon as possible and will get some feedback at the next meeting.

7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors). The following matters were discussed with the councillor’s present** –
It was asked if anyone had any objections for the old shelter in the skate park if this could be moved to the play park instead of scrapping it. This was agreed at the meeting.

A Councillor gave an update -The markings at the front of the village hall are due to be done within the next month.

It was asked where we are with the second bin for the play park? Keith said he took delivery of the bin last week and will be done asap.

A Councillor mentioned that the clerk has raised that we have a lot of policies that we should have on our website Mel has agreed to take this role on and advised there will be a lot of policies to approve going forward.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Paul said that not too much going on due to summer time, but spoke about the new bridge that is now open and that how quickly it gets you from North to South. Paul also spoke about the Buzz-Bus and that it has now been around for 18 months the contract has now been extended to March 26 and that some new posters will be sent out, the main change is that pensioners that have a bus pass can now use the buzz bus with no charge.

It has been agreed that the ward can have 10 beach huts, these are old beach huts that have been taken off the beach so we can have one for the village.

9. **County Councillors Report:** (Cllr Keith Robinson) (Cllr E Back) sent their apologies for the meeting.

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

11. **Play Park Zipwire quote**

We briefly discussed this at the meeting last month for the horizontal rail on the back of the zipwire that was put forward as a recommendation after the last safety inspections and some play equipment signs the quote is for £935. Paul Ashdown has offered to cover the cost of the rail and the signs so subject to Paul's successful funding it was agreed that we would go ahead and fill in the forms and send to Paul. Jamie from the shop at Copperfield's also offered to donate £500 but as Paul offered to pay for all the cost, we kindly accepted Paul's offer. The Councillors thanked Jamie and Paul for their kind support.

12. **SID Board**

Speed board requires volunteers we would need 3-4 people to move the sid boards and collect data before we can apply for this Cllr K Robinson has already agreed to fund this. It was agreed to advertise this one more time and discuss again at the next meeting to see if anyone comes forward.

Expenditure	£30.00 Clerks Telephone allowance
	£474.00 Tree work in play park Farmland Forestry Limited

Income	£20.00 Clothing Recycle Bin
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13. **Correspondence**

New Parcel Lockers at Copperfield's Shop
Letter re Skate Park Returning

14. – **Emails**

CAS Newsletter: Full Cost Recovery Training | Funding Opportunities | Training Courses | Job Vacancies
URGENT - CANCELLATION OF ENERGY PROJECTS MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER AT SNAPE
MALTINGS -REPLACED BY ZOOM MEETING FOR T&PC COUNCILLORS ONLY
Funding Opportunities 22.8.24
The Rural Bulletin - 28 August 2024
Chief & PCC host meetings to discuss policing in Suffolk
Monthly Parish & Town Newsletter (Cllr Keith Robinson)
Important roadworks information: A47 Rackhams Corner to Sparrows Nest – resurfacing
Community Grant Funds
Your Police Your Say - Public meetings with the PCC and the Chief Constable

There being no further business the Vice Chairman Steven Rees closed the meeting at 8.08pm

The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday 21st October 2024, at 7.30pm

