

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 14th April 2025

Present: -, Mr G Wade (Chairman), Miss M Wright, Mr P Button, Cllr P Ashdown, Cllr K Robinson, Mrs B Shaw, Mr S Rees, (Vice Chairman) Mr C Harris, Mrs G Soanes, Mrs D McKernan, Mrs E Sparkes, & 2 Parishioners were present.

1. **Apologies**-Mr R Leach, Mr K Blowers, Cllr E Back,
2. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of interest
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on Monday 17th March 2025 were approved and signed.
4. **Update on ongoing matters-**
Fly Tipping Queensway- fly tipping” in the small wood adjacent to the old clay pit (pond) at the back of Queens Way.
It was agreed at the meeting that the parish will make arrangements to clear the rubbish at a convenient date.

Footpath between The Street and Market Lane

Cllr P Ashdown said that they still have no response re the footpath.

Play Park Repairs/Annual reports

This is still ongoing

Barriers on Footpath between Hall Road and the School

Cllr K Robinson said that East Suffolk still have not come back to him but he said that he told them that we need the barriers back.

5. **Clerks Report:**

Cllr E Back wanted to say a big thank you for the Hamper that the Parish Council kindly sent him and that he is recovering well from his surgery. And he looks forward to seeing us all at our next meeting.

Kayle from the local shop has asked if they can put up a Sign/Banner near the play park to help footfall it was agreed that they could put a sign up on the left on the close Board fence in the play park it was also mentioned that it would need to be the same size as the current sponsorship boards that we currently have and also maybe after six months if it has helped the footfall then a small donation to the up keep of the play park.

It was also asked from the Blundeston and Flixton WI if they could have permission from the parish council to hold a fund-raising tombola stall during the summer, on the Barkis Piece land, It was agreed to go back and ask some more information and ask what date and recommend that they would be better using the Millennium Green due to parking issues at Barkers Piece.

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

It was asked about the VE Day 80th Anniversary lighting of the Beacon it was agreed that the week before they would have a trial run, and it would be lit at 9.30pm on the 8th May 2025

7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors).**

The Sid Board was mentioned and asked if the poles had been put up and asked about some training and the next steps, Cllr K Robinson said there is someone in Oulton who could help and said that he would ask about a scheme regarding the Insurance and Health and Safety issues. It was asked to contact Cllr K Robinson when ready to do so.

A Councillor wanted to follow up with the Health and Safety issues that were raised about the volunteers and other groups last month. If we have a health and safety policy and a separate risk assessment form relating to all the volunteers groups (Thursday night Gang, and the Litter Picker and the Sid Board) we would need to buy some Hi -Vis vest for the Litter pick and for the sid board it was asked if Anya emails our Insurance Company to ask that we have these groups of Volunteers what are their requirements .

A Councillor had noticed that the box to the Anglian Water substation in the village was open a councillor has reported it but no one has come out as yet, they will report it again.

It was also asked if Anya could chase up NGF Play regarding the Soft Bound Matting in the play park.

It was asked if the bookings have picked up in the Village Hall with all the advertising that we have been doing, Graham said it is slow but will see how it goes. Cllr K Robinson said that Oulton pass people onto Blundeston. And that all the posters have been put up in the shop, School, and notice boards the landowner has said we can now use the field behind the Village Hall for car boots, craft fares for a donation to cancer research.

It was raised that the people who have bought the houses on the prison site are lifting up there fence panels and cutting down the trees outside their boundaries it was asked if the clerk could follow this up.

8. County Councillors Report (Cllr K Robinson and Cllr E Back)

The monthly and Annual SCC newsletter had been sent round to all councillors and there were no questions arising.

9. District Councillors Report: (Cllr P Ashdown)

Paul said that they are running the Community Partnership scheme again this year and asked if anyone wanted to join the panel the venue will be agreed at a later date.

10. To Consider planning applications as listed below plus any further applications received before the meeting.

DC/25/0878/FUL|Erection of a metal storage shed to replace existing wooden shed|St Marys Church Road Blundeston Suffolk NR32 5AJ- This Application was approved at the meeting.

DC/25/1136/FUL|Construction of a single storey rear extension|38 The Street Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AQ- This Application was approved at the meeting.

11. Other Points for discussion

Approval of Policies circulated to Cllrs to read and approve

- a) Reserves Policy
- b) Lone Working Policy
- c) Co-Option of Councillors Policy

The above policies have been read and agreed with the councillors present

Dog Waste Bin to agree a Style and a price please see quote for Bin that has been sent around.

It was agreed to order the a red POO-1P in Red and Cllr P Ashdown said he would kindly fund this for the Parish

12. . Finances	Expenditure	£4464.00 Westcotec for Sid Board
		£9.50 Clerks Stationary
		£54.00 Salc 6 Months Payroll Services
		£524.79 Salc Membership Subscription
		£204.00 Trevor Aldis Assisting Conifer cutting

Income	£4.00 Clothing Recycle Bin
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Approval of Year end Statement (1) 2024/2025 as circulated

- a) Approval of Exemption Certificate 2024/2025

This was agreed at the meeting with all the councillors present

Bank Reconciliation (Every Quarter) Jan-March has been sent for checking and signing

This was signed of at the meeting and agreed with all the Councillors present.

Budget/Forecast (Every Quarter) Jan-March 2025 has been circulated

This was sent around and agreed with all the Councillors at the meeting

13. Correspondence for Information

To note the attaches appendix of items which have been circulated

Fly Tipping Queensway NR32 5BS

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership 15th May 2025

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership 24th July 2025

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership 25th Sept 2025

Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnership 4th December 2025

EP Passenger Interest Group Meeting 12.03.25 – Minutes

Introducing Nature at Work

Suffolkonboard bus timetable update

NEWS BULLETIN - 24th March 2025 (NALC)

Limited CGR - Cllr Numbers only

Devolution and LG - where are we now?

SALC training bulletin 25th March 2025

Broads Local Access Forum Vacancies

NSIPs Bulletin - March 2025

Annual Parish and Town Report 2025 (Cllr K Robinson)

James Paget Hospital - Future Paget Programme

Important roadworks information: A47 Artillery Way – landscaping and electrical maintenance work

NEWS BULLETIN - 31st March 2025

March 2025 Town and Parish Newsletter (Keith Robinson)

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

Suffolk Police shine spotlight on criminal use of the road

Crime prevention project hailed by police peers

Police urge lorry driversto stay vigilant

SALC SURVEY regarding devolution and local government re-organisation

Faster, more efficient, more accessible - happy birthday Digi Desk

Suffolk Water Supply Project – Introduction to landowners

Chief executive's bulletin - 10 April 2025

Bicycles, shed and garage burglaries 2. New PCC police and crime plan

James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Sharing Our Future Paget Vision

Nominations for the 2025 Suffolk Adult Learners' Awards

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

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The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday 19th May 2025 at 7.00pm AGM Followed by Normal Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

