

**MINUTES**  
**Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Present:** -, Mr G Wade (Chairman), Miss M Wright, Mr P Button, Cllr E Back, Mrs B Shaw, Mr S Rees, (Vice Chairman) Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs G Soanes. Mrs D McKernan, Mrs E Sparkes, & 6 Parishioners were present.

1. **Apologies**, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr P Ashdown, Mr C Harris
2. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of interest
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 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.** Cllr P Ashdown sent an update to say they are still waiting to find out who owns the land he will speak to them in person when they meet up again.

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

Sign in Market Lane at the bottom of short road Damaged, this is still ongoing Anya will email Cllr E Back with details.

**White Lines at the corner opposite the Fruit Hill Farm Entrance**

This has been reported again on the reporting tool.

**Footpath between The Street and Market Lane**

Anya to email Cllr P Ashdown to ask if he has any updates.

5. **Clerks Report:** The Blundeston Management Team have asked for some support with the Village Hall and asked if we could help in some way to get more interest in hiring the hall out like advertising on village life and face book? It was asked if the management team could put a poster together for the Parish to circulate.

It was asked if anyone was going to attend the Licensing of Rev Andrew Avery as Priest in Charge of the Somerleyton Benefice to be held on 4th February 2025 at Blundeston. Vice Chairman Mr S, Rees said he would attend. A Councillor asked if there was any lighting that they could borrow to light up the church wall from the church to the school as it is so dark, as we have a reception afterwards at the school this will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The updated three-month forecast will be sent around tonight to all PC members.

6. **15 Minutes for Parishioner input-** It was asked about the three war soldiers that were put out for Armistice if they could be stored away somewhere safe until next year it was agreed this would be arranged as soon as possible.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors).**

It was asked about inspection procedures for repairs to the play park and how this can be followed up so that the advisory points are repaired and logged. It was agreed to write something up and agree at the next meeting.

It was mentioned about the Millennium Green Trees and that we need to have a tree inspection this should be done every five years, it was agreed to get an inspection done to see what needs to be done going forward.

It was mentioned about the ballet school in the village, and that it has closed due to a complaint the council told them to close it, It was asked if maybe the village hall could use the business if needed.

It was raised about planning decisions that we never get notified of any decisions it was asked if the clerk could contact Cllr P Ashdown to look into this.

Also the house in Lound Road, where they replaced the hedge with a fence this is still waiting a decision from November 2022, It was asked if the clerk could contact Cllr P Ashdown. And report back at the next meeting.

**8. County Councillors Report (Cllr K Robinson and Cllr E Back)** Cllr E Back spoke about the budget for 2025/26 that has just been considered by the scrutiny Committee they managed to achieve a balance budget without dipping into the reserves and not cutting any front-line services. The main concerns now are the question of devolution and a creation of a unitary authority and the abolition of County Council and District Council. County council had an extraordinary meeting and agreed it would be preferable to except the governments invitation to enter negotiations regarding the creation of a unitary authority. It was mentioned about the elections in May, but we will not know about this until the government let us know.

**9. District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) Sent his apologies for the meeting

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

**DC/24/4241/FUL Proposal: Proposal for Wooden Insulated Garden Office in back garden of property for business use.**

This Planning Application was agreed at the meeting.

**DC/24/4495/FUL|Construction of Garage to Existing Dwelling. |Sheldon Market Lane Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AP**

This Planning Application was agreed at the meeting

**11. Other Points for discussion**

**Footpath between Lound Road and Flixton Road safety gate has been blown down**

Anya has reported this issue twice on the reporting tool, still waiting for a reply.

**Expenditure**    £935.75 NGF Play Zipwire Safety Rail/Signs for play park

**Income**            £79.84 Bank Interest (December 2024)

                      £6.00 Clothing Bank

Budget/Forecast (Quarter) This was agreed at the meeting.

Bank Reconciliation (Quarter) This was signed off and checked.

**12. Correspondence for Information**

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

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

NEWS BULLETIN - 16th December 2024 NALC

Adoption of Houses in Multiple Occupation 'Exceptional Circumstances' Guidance Note

Important - Planning constitution changes affecting how you respond to Planning Applications

PCC consults on new Police and Crime Plan

Devolution update

December Monthly Newsletter (Cllr K Robinson)

Hey Anya, our chair has penned an open letter to parish and town councils. NALC

Officer urges Suffolk residents to be aware of fraudulent calls

Have your say on policing in Suffolk

Loft Insulation for your residents

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm  
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The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday <sup>17<sup>th</sup></sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm

