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### **Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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

1. **Apologies,** Mr G Wade (Chairman,) Mr C Harris, Mr R Leech Apologies have been excepted.
2. **Declaration of interests:** There was no declaration of interest at this meeting
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were approved and signed.
4. **Update on ongoing matters-**
  - Village Hall-**All the Practical items have been addressed but will need to wait for Graham to give a further update from the Management Committee.
  - Roundabout in Playpark-**Has now been refurbished but will need a bit of work and time to put back in the Playpark Steven said that on behalf of the Parish Council he wanted thank Paul and Kevin for all their help with the transport getting it back and forth.
  - Update on Work on Telephone Mast-**This has now been completed.
  - Maintenance and Play Park inspections-**It was agreed for the clerk to contact East Suffolk Services again.
  - SID Board re Volunteers and Data-**Emily let us know that a different Sid Board has appeared on Queensway,( Copperfield Terrace) Cllr K Robinson said it could be Highways doing a survey. It is still on going with finding Volunteers to help.

**5.Clerks Report-**Nothing to Report

**6.Public. Participation (15 mins)** – It was asked if the Millennium Green could be used for a Handfasting Ceremony on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2027, this was agreed at the meeting.

**7. Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)-**It was asked if we have any update on our Notice Board in the Street that is being repaired, the clerk will chase this up again.

It was raised again about the Millennium Green and the gap that has been made through the green at the spinney and the concern for safety for children running out into the road, it was agreed to get some advice from our Insurance Company for Guidance and discuss at our next meeting.

It was asked if we could contact our local PC Michelle Deal in regards to the issues that are going on in the Village

It was mentioned about the Litter Pick that was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March to say a big thankyou to all that attended from the village and to the Scouts and all the children that helped and a big thankyou to the church who donated some vouchers for the litter pickers to have a free tea/coffee.

**8.County Councillors Report-**Cllr K Robinson- Cllr E Back, let us know again that they are now having Elections in May. Cllr E Back will now be working for Oulton Broad, but they will still work together and Cllr K Robinson said it has been a pleasure to be able to help the Parish Council for this area, Cllr E Back said he will be sorry that this will be his last meeting here but said he will still be supporting us and working together the Parish thanked Cllr E Back for all his support.

**9. District Councillor Report** -Cllr P Ashdown- Paul let us know that we should be getting our new bins any time after the 6<sup>th</sup> April and that leaflets will be sent out to all to explain what to put where. Call for sites will be published by the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

**10. Consider planning applications as listed below plus any further applications received before the meeting. DC/26/0473/FUL** Single and two storey extension at rear and single storey porch at front  
Lakeside Rise Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5BD  
This Planning Application was agreed at the meeting.

**11. Other Points for discussion**

**Gate to Footpath at the Pippins re Complaint about Motorbikes using the footpath**

This has been reported on the Suffolk reporting tool, and the bikes have been reported to the Police.

**Members of the Public Urinating in the footpath at the Pippins.**

It was asked that if anyone sees this happening please report this to the police

**Parishioner has asked if they can use the Millennium Green on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2027**

This was agreed at point 6

**W.I Have asked if they can use the Millennium Green again on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 between 2pm-4pm**

This was agreed at the meeting.

**Policy Updates/Reviews**

Data Protection Policy

Freedom of Information

IT Policy

The above Policies were agreed at the meeting by the Parish Councillors

<b>12.</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	£37.20	Starboard Systems Accounting Package
		£10.98	HP Ink and Paper for Clerk
		£94.80	Scribe Accounts Health Check for end of year
		£40.98	Telephone Allowance/ HP Ink from January
		£5690.40	BFS for refurbishment on Playground Roundabout
		£54.00	SALC 6 Months Payroll Services

<b>Income</b>	£19.00	Clothing Recycling Bin
	£54.96	Bank Interest

Budget/Forecast (Quarter)  
Bank Reconciliation (Quarter)

**13. Correspondence**

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

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

February – newsletter (Cllr K Robinson)

Housing and Employment Land data published

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm  
The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

