

. MINUTES

Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 19th January 2026

Present: - Mr G Wade (Chairman), 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, Mr R Leech, Cllr P Ashdown, & 3 Parishioners were present.

1. **Apologies**, Mr C Harris, Cllr E Back, Cllr K Robinson. 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 15th December 2025 were approved and signed.
4. **Update on ongoing matters-**
Village Hall- Still ongoing in arranging a meeting.

Roundabout in playpark-The Council thanked Cllr K Robinson, and Cllr E Back for the kind funding of £1500 towards the repairs to the Roundabout, it is now currently being repaired and should be ready soon.

Beacon on Millennium Green-The Beacon has now been repaired and Paul has it at his yard

Lawn Mower Replacement -We had 2 Quotes for two reconditioned John Deere mowers one is an X165 £1950 and the other one is X125 £1500 it was asked if they come with any warranty and what size cutting blade they both have it was agreed at this stage that as they are both reconditioned to ask about the warranty and what size they need and how many hours cutting they have done and if they have anymore coming and discuss again at the next meeting.

Playpark Inspections/Maintenance -We had two quotes for the inspections it was agreed to have East Suffolk Services to do our inspections going forward at a cost of around £500 a year.

5.Clerks Report-Anya updated the council on the Repair to the Notice Board that it is still ongoing as the person who has kindly Volunteered to repair it has not been well.

And also let the Council know that we now have a Debit Card to help update our Finances.

6.Public. Participation (15 mins) – Nothing to Report at this meeting.

7. Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)-A Councillor asked if the Sid Board had any data downloaded yet re Statistics /Numbers since we have been using the Sid Board in the village? Apparently this is ongoing at the moment Cllr P Ashdown said if we needed help to download the information to ask Corton Parish/Somerleyton Parish.

It was mentioned that the Zipwire in the Playpark is due to have another inspection as it's been 6 Months since the last Inspection was done it was asked to email East Suffolk Services if they cover the Zipwire and what they advise. And also to ask them about the trees in the playpark and what they recommend.

A Councillor said it was nice to see Keith back at the Parish meetings.

It was raised about the Footpath sign in Market Lane next to Seymour House that has been blown down, has been Reported on the Reporting Tool and they have come back to say they will re-instate it.

8. County Councillors Report-Cllr K Robinsom and Cllr E Back sent their Apologies for this meeting.

9. District Councillor Report -Cllr P Ashdown- Updated us that we will be receiving our new bins in June.

The Budget debate will be in February and will be around a 4.9% increase.

Paul let us know that he has some funding left from the Locality Budget if we needed any help with the cost of something? It was asked if he could help us with the new lawnmower replacement Paul agreed to give us £500 towards this project.

Call for sites is now closed and it will be mid-February before we will know where the sites will be, it was asked about the two older sites that are in the village that still have not moved forward would they be taken into account before the other ones? Paul advised that they are still live and they will be an addition as an allocated site. It was raised that the village does not have the infrastructure for any more houses. It was asked if the village gets any input in these houses but there is no right to appeal.

It was asked if the Planning Department has been approached by Essex and Suffolk Water in regards to the new proposed water treatment plant that will effect Blundeston as there is a proposal to take the water from Corton sewer to another treatment plant two of the sites proposed are on land west A12 Market Lane to Jay Lane it was argued why not put it where the other Sewer in Corton is. Paul said that he has seen the presentation and that this will take around five years.

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

There were no Planning Applications to discuss at this meeting.

11. Other Points for discussion

Overgrown Hedge in Footpath off Lound Road/Flixton Road

This has been reported on the Reporting Tool and Suffolk Council are looking into this it was advised to contact Cllr K Robinson and Cllr E Back to chase this up.

Work on Telephone Mast

Updates are needed on the Telephone Mast the Chairman has a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the work involved.

12.	Expenditure	£9.11	HMRC Employers NI
		£37.20	Scribe Accounting Subscription
		£73.20	Sunrise Installations for Machine Parts.
		£16.59	John Smith for Drill Piece for Beacon
		£500.00	Donation for Rugby Club Bus
	Income	£21.00	Clothing Recycle Bin
		£101.15	Vat Reclaim every Quarte
		£1500.00	Suffolk County Council Locality Fund for Roundabout

Budget/Forecast (Quarter) This was sent around to all

Bank Reconciliation (Quarter) Miss M Wright signed this off for this quarter

13. Correspondence

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

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

Local Government Re-organisation and devolution

Recent rise in rural outbuilding burglaries.

Appeal following burglaries in Lowestoft [#582824235]

Local Plan Call for Sites - 1 week to go

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

News from East Suffolk: Bin collections suspended in East Suffolk due to cold weather

News from East Suffolk: Bin collections to resume in East Suffolk

Payroll Billing Update - Important Changes from September 2026

December – Newsletter (Cllr K Robinson)

Start the New Year on the Right Footing: Councillors Code of Conduct Training

Lowestoft - appeal to help locate missing man [#592616848]

Local Government Re-organisation - County Council elections

Suffolk PCC asks for views on precept proposal

Town and Parish Forum February 2026 [OFFICIAL

Statement of Community Involvement

SALC training bulletin 13th January 2026

Consultation on the Broads Authority Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.07pm

The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday 16th February 2026

