

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Annual Meeting
Held on Monday 18th May 2026

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Annual reports were available from the Parish Council Chairman, Blundeston History Society, Blundeston Charity Trustees, Blundeston Scout Group, Village Hall Management Committee, Blundeston in Bloom, Blundeston and Flixton W.I Coastline Singers. Full copies of these reports are available from the clerk or on the Website.

The annual meeting closed at 7.25pm

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1. Election of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson

Graham put himself up for election again for Chairman, Steven Rees proposed Mr. Graham Wade as Chairperson, and this was seconded by Glenis Soanes and all other Councillors at the meeting. Mr. Graham Wade said that he was happy to continue and following a unanimous vote Mr. Graham Wade was re-elected as Chairperson. Mr. Steven Rees agreed to continue as Vice Chair, and this was agreed by all Councillors at the meeting Mr. S. Rees agreed to continue and following a unanimous vote he was re-elected as Vice Chair.

2. Apologies: Miss E Gowan, Cllr P Ashdown

3. Declaration of interests: There were no declaration of Interest

4. Approval of minutes of previous meetings held on...Monday 20th April 2026..... are a true and correct record These minutes were approved at the meeting.

5. Update on ongoing matters

Village Hall-A Company is coming to do the lights in the hall, and we are still struggling to find any builders to give us some quotes for the Rendering work that needs to be done if anyone knows of anybody, please let us know.

Maintenance and Play Park Inspections and Trees-We have had a quote from East Suffolk Services in regards to Surveying the trees in the Millennium Green and the Play Park it was agreed at this stage to get some more quotes and discuss again at our next meeting.

Sid Board re Volunteers and Data-It is still ongoing trying to find any volunteers to help with the sid board. A councilor has asked when the board is next removed, he will take another look as to what is needed to download the software.

6.Clerks Report-

A) Gave an update on the Notice Board that is being repaired -it should be ready in about two weeks'

B) Just to update again on the invoice for £2450.00 to FlameSkill for the Fire Alarm repairs to the village hall this still has not been paid as they have not sent Michaela the invoice.

C) Let the councillors know that all the paper work has now been sent to PKF Littlejohn for our External Audit.

D) Michaela had sent me a message from the Scouts to ask if the council will allow them to put a trailer at the side of the hall? it was agreed that they could store the trailer at the back of the village hall providing they are covered by their own Insurance. This was agreed at the meeting.

7. Public Participation input (15 Mins) -It was asked by A & K sell sweets if it would be possible to have a Sweet Stall at the side of the Village Hall between 3-5Pm on Friday afternoons it was agreed at the meeting to start on Friday 22nd May 2026

8. Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present

-A Councillor gave an update on the Zipwire in the paly park that the seat will be repaired but will need a new shackle and Chain.

And also gave an update on the Beacon Post that will be concreted in on Thursday, the Chairman thanked all involved in the work.

A Councillor had been asked by a Parishioner if they could use the field as an overflow car park on Saturday June 20th 2026 they are getting married and having the reception at the Plough Inn It was asked to contact Michaela to see if the field is available.

It was raised about the attempt to repair the Entrance and Exit to the Village Hall by Suffolk County Council that they have not done any repairs to the exit and the work done to the entrance has not been repaired properly, it asked if the clerk could contact them again.

It was raised again that the plaque is still missing from the tree on the Millenium Green that we planted for the Queens Platinum Anniversary it was agreed to get this replaced as soon as possible.

A Councillor let us know that Blundeston primary School will be 300 years old this year and that they are having an open day on the 27th June 2026 and also having a church service on the 2nd July 2026 and on the 3rd July 2026 a Family fun day to commemorate that the school is 300 years old.

9. District and County Councillors Report: (Cllr P Ashdown) Has sent his apologies for this meeting

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

DC/26/1660/LBC Listed Building Consent - Repairs to two chimney stacks|Whitehouse Farm Rackhams Corner Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5LB

This Application was recommended at the meeting by the Parish Councillors present

11.. Other points for discussion

Parishioners request to use the Playing Field 13th June 2026

This was agreed at the meeting although a Donation will be needed to the land owners choice

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Insurance Renewal to agree that has been circulated to all councillors

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1.12. Finances: Expenditure

£37.20 Starboard Accounting Package
£10.98 Hp/Ink
£154.00 Miss Wright Petrol Broom
£690.00 Millennium Green Beacon Base
£348.00 Salac Internal Audit
£63.66 GDC- Chain and Blades
£74.10 Munnings Supplies-Hi Vis Vests

Income:-

£32.00 Clothing Recycle
£10,000 East Suffolk First Payment of Precept 29th April

Emails-

NALC events

Election Result - Oulton Division [OFFICIALRe Field hire 13th June

IMPORTANT - preview of the new LGR website Future Suffolk

Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th June 2026 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm