

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 17th August 2015

1. **Present:-** Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice-Chairman), Mr M Straw, Mr B Shelton, Mrs J Hetherington, Mrs G Soanes, Miss M Wright, Mr R Leech, Cllr P Ashdown, PCSO R Foyster and 5 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies:** Mr J Nichols, Mr P Button, Cllr B Poole, PCSO S Kershaw
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th July 2015 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** No Declarations of interest.
5. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input:**

A parishioner ask Cllr P Ashdown if the times of the refuse collections could be varied and if the operatives could be more considerate of the noise they make when emptying the bins early in the mornings.

ACTION ITEM: Cllr P Ashdown to enquire.

A parishioner was concerned about speeding cars along Market Lane. B Shelton, on behalf of the Community Speed Watch, said that when speed had been monitored along this road no excessive speeding had been recorded. They would, however, continue to put the speed monitoring sign up on this stretch of road when available.
6. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors)**

Several Councillors mentioned the state and visibility of road signs throughout the village, some are missing, some are unreadable, some point the wrong way and some are overgrown with vegetation.

ACTION ITEM: Cllr P Ashdown to report

M Straw enquired as to the whereabouts of the tennis net. G Wade said that the post and net had been damaged and repair/replacements had been ordered.

M Wright said that she, along with J Hetherington would be attending the next Local Plan Review meeting.

M Wright also commented on the accident that had occurred at the Lound Road Junction stating that this was a very dangerous junction and more so recently as the grass verge had not been cut back sufficiently to enable drivers to see if it is safe to pull out.

ACTION ITEM: Cllr P Ashdown to discuss with M Kerridge

M Wright also enquired as to when the post and rope round the Pound were going to be installed. B Shelton confirmed that he had the items required and would be installing them shortly.

S Rees reported that the hedge at Peto's corner was again in need of a trim.

ACTION ITEM: Cllr P Ashdown to report to Lord Somerleyton

J Hetherington enquired about whose responsibility it was to restock the pond with fish and was informed that Anglian Water were responsible for this as sewage had got into the pond and killed the fish.

J Hetherington also requested that a filing cabinet be purchased to store village records. This was agreed by those present.

B Shelton reported that the new litter bin is still to be installed and some rotten timbers in the play park have been repaired/reported.
7. **Police Report (PCSO Rob Foyster)**

There were five recorded crimes for the month of July for the parish of Blundeston, three were criminal damage to the area around the village hall, these were overnight and the two others were also related.

Criminal damage 4th July of flower cart.

Criminal damage 15th July Planters

Criminal damage 17th July damage.

Burglary to the bowls club and criminal damage 29th July.

Burglary other to shed nothing taken.

All the above crimes have been linked to the crimes similar in the month of June and the investigating is still on going. This area is now a SNT North Lowestoft priority which means a police presence is prioritised in the area when officers are available. Police officers have attended and in the case of the bowls club a containment of several officers was in place.

As for the location and due to the lateness of the hour when these crimes taking place, the residents of Blundeston have been quick to dial 999. Sue Kershaw has spoken personally to many residents to relation to these crimes of destruction however if any resident has any further information please ring 101 and speak with PC Stranks, who is the investigating officer.

Flixton had one crime – of arson, where in daylight hours a straw bale was set on fire, quick response by the farmer contained the fire and the fire brigade were not called.

I am pleased to advise that from the request for volunteers for C.S.W, we had four residents willing to help.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown)

Cllr Ashdown confirmed that both Anglian Water and Suffolk County Council would be completing the remaining work in Market Lane from 7th September which will hopefully prevent any future flooding in the area.

9. **County Councillor Report**

No report available

10. **Planning**

The following plans were reviewed and recommended for approval:-

Miss E Hume, 4 Queens Way, Lowestoft Road – Construction of a single storey garden shed/domestic workshop with a dual pitched roof

Tredwell Developments Ltd – Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/14/2996/OUT – Outline Application – Construction of a detached house with integral garage – Details relating to the layout, appearance, access and landscaping of the site at 30 The Street.

Following plan approved by Sub-Committee prior to meeting:

Mr A Fox, Wickfield, Hall Road – Construction of a detached garage

Mr G Cooper, Old Police House Station, Hall Lane – Construction of a detached cart shed garage at Plot 2 Kondinin, Church Road

Planning Approval Received

Mrs L Brown, 71 The Street – Construction of a single storey rear extension and an additional side extension to existing two storey rear extension

Mr A Fox, Wickfield, Hall Road – Construction of a detached garage

Mr G Cooper – Construction of detached cart shed garage at Plot 2 Kondinin, Church Road

11. **Blundeston Prison Site**

Cllr Ashdown said that there was nothing to report regarding the Prison Site as no details have been released by the Ministry of Justice on the offers received.

12. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Two people had expressed an interest in becoming Parish Councillors, Mr Keith Blowers and Mrs Shirley Tuck. As Mrs Tuck was not present at the meeting, Keith Blowers was proposed by M Wright and seconded by R Leech and unanimously voted on.

13. Finances: The following finances were approved

Ms S Wells – Clerks Salary £149.29 paid by Standing Order

14. Correspondence

E-mail SALC – Summer Briefings
 East Suffolk – Summer Briefings
 SCC – Footpath 20 Closure
 SCC – Notification of temporary traffic order – Market Lane
 Broads Authority – Annual Report/Information Request

15. Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept 21st 2015 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.