

Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council
Thursday 3rd April, 2008.

Present: Cllr Eyles, Chairman, Cllr Goad, Joint Vice-Chairman, Cllr Fox, Joint Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Goodrham, Marston, Miles, Shepherd, 2 Community Police, Keith Fuller, Breckland Council and 6 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present including the Community Police and introduced Keith Fuller from Breckland Council who had come to hear the Council's concerns about litter in particular on the A134.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Pam and Steve Edmunds.

3. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 6th March, 2008.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. Meeting suspended for public participation

Keith Fuller discussed in detail the efforts Breckland Council were putting into the eradication of litter in Norfolk and its policy on Fly Tipping. He explained his role in the process. Many councillors expressed huge concern about the efficacy of these measures to date and the continued existence of unsightly litter around the area in spite of numerous phone calls and letters to Breckland about the problem. He reassured the Council that the matter was in hand and being dealt with and that in future councillors were to contact him directly. He asked that if anyone saw litter being deposited it would be helpful if when reporting it the caller had the date and time as well as the registration, make and colour of the vehicle. His contact number is 01362 656291 or keith.fuller@breckland.gov.uk A letter was also read out from Matt Atherton at Streetscene about the particular problem on A134. Mr Fuller is to return to Breckland with a clear indication of the Council's concerns and wishes for a speedy and permanent solution to the problem.

The Community Police asked for the Council's help in identifying children who are throwing stones at cars and "mooning" at motorists and help with identifying youngsters on motorbikes who are causing concern around the village. It was agreed to do what we can to help and a request for help from the villagers was to be put in the newsletter.

A request was made for the Police to patrol around the Village Hall following acts of vandalism and to look into the vandalism of the Public Telephone Box.

Questions were asked about under age drinking and the Police offered to help if they were contacted directly.

A question was asked whether it was possible to change the venue of the Council meeting because of the uncomfortable seating. The Chairman stated that we used the school because it was both beneficial to them and to the Council.

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The publication of a Council report in the local newsletter was applauded and it was stated that it encouraged people to attend the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Outstanding Highway Matters

The clerk is to request further information about the dropped drain in Impson Way, the reinstatement of the yellow lines outside the Cricket Club entrance, the request for a footpath and the repair of the public telephone. The Chairman spoke of the problems about the flooding in St Leonard's Street and that at the moment nothing further could be done by Breckland until the ownership of land adjacent to the dyke was established. In the interim the clerk is to contact the Probation service and the prison to see if they have anyone who could help to clean out the dyke. The clerk is also to look into the possibility of the Council taking over the land if ownership cannot be established.

6.2 Grass Cutting

The Council expressed its pleasure in a job well done.

6.3 Village Roundabout

The Council asked the clerk to write and thank Serco for the work it had carried but to point out their disappointment that it was so little and not what they had envisaged at the beginning of the project. A copy of the letter is to be forwarded to Ann Steward, District Councillor.

6.4 Lynford Road Junction

It was noted that much of the work in redeveloping the site was nearing completion and the Council is to ask Ian Monson, County Councillor if there had been a planning application put forward. The Clerk is to write to Giles Brockman about the opening of the new development.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Christopher Fraser MP has written to ask the Council to support a petition to lower the speed limit outside schools. The Council agreed to this and the petition is to be circulated around the local shops and Post Office for signatures.

7.2 The questionnaire about the environment has been completed by the Council.

8. Finance

8.1 Payments

The following payments were authorised and signed by Cllr Eyles and Eyres. Included is a payment for £190.75 to Eon Energy.

Cheque	Description	Total
100895	Community Car Scheme	£200.00
100896	S.Symonds Litter Warden	£ 60.00
100897	J. Illsley Clerk, Post salary etc	£398.26
100898	Grass Cutting Will Smith	£312.55
100899	Cleaning Bus Shelters	£ 80.00
100900	Subscription to NCAPTC	£213.52
100901	Breckland Council rates	£132.82
100902	John Marston Trophies	£65.00

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8.2 Auditors for 2007/8 Accounts have been appointed and a date for external audit set.

8.3 Insurance Renewal received.

9. Planning Applications

3PL/2008/0110/0 5 Swaffham Road Erection of 2 storey dwelling granted.

3PL/2008/0175/F Lyndford House Extension to form a self-contained annex and erection of detached garages granted.

3PI/2008/0393/F 5 Brecklands first floor extension pending.

10. New Highway Matters

The clerk is to report:

The dropped drain in Impson Way again.

The flooding on the A1065

The damaged footpath outside 2 Malsters Close which is still not repaired. Clerk is to seek a timescale for completion.

The tree on West Tofts Road which is overhanging the road.

11. Street Lighting

The clerk is to check that all street lights have been repaired.

The light outside 30 Swaffham Road is much improved.

12. Reports

MRG&VHT

Minutes received and circulated.

STANTA

Nothing received.

School Governors

Nothing received.

District Councillor

Not present. The chairman is to contact her about the results of the Boundary

Commission meetings.

County Councillor

Not present. Still need answers to the problems of road gritting and the schedule for the resurfacing of the main roads through the village.

13. Members' Matters

13.1 Nominations for the Mundford pride Scheme

Oliver Rucke has been nominated and the Chairman is contact relatives for his address.

Cllr Fox to contact appropriate military authorities about the nomination

13.2 Naming of the roads on the new development

Mr Scott had requested that the roads on the new development be named after the above soldier in recognition of his bravery. No decision has been made about the roads of indeed who will make the decision.

13.3 Training

The date for training is 28th April at 7.00pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. Clerk is to book the room.

13.4 Clerk's Telephone Number

The clerk's telephone number is 01760 756018

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13.5 Council Visit of the Village

The Chairman is to arrange a time for the Council to walk around the village. The clerk is to carry out a Health and Safety check at the same time.

13.6 The Daffodils

The daffodil display this spring is greatly admired. A collection box for donations towards the cost of furthering the display is to be placed around the village. People will be able to donate money, bulbs or plant up an area near them if they so wish.

13.7 The AGM has been fixed for Thursday 1st May at 7.00pm in the school hall of Mundford Primary School. It will take place before the normal Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman: _____ Clerk: _____

Date: _____