

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council
Thursday 1st May, 2008.**

Present: Cllr Eyles, Chairman, Cllr Goad, Joint Vice-Chairman, Cllr Fox, Joint Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Goodrham, Marston, Miles, Shepherd, District Cllr Ann Steward, County Cllr Ian Monson and 5 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman again welcomed those present and said the normal monthly meeting of the Council would continue as the Annual Parish Meeting was now concluded.

2. Apologies for Absence

None were received

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

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. Meeting suspended for public participation

Mrs Edmunds complained of the litter being left by the Utilities Company when they were undertaking work in the village replacing electricity poles particularly in light of the work being done to make Mundford a cleaner environment. She thanked the Council for the information sent to the local newsletter by the Chairman about the Council's work. She said it helped keep people in the village informed of what the Council was doing on their behalf.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Mundford Litter

The Council was pleased to see that the A134 had been cleared of litter and asked the clerk to thank Breckland for their work.

Cllr Goad is to inform the litter warden of litter opposite 2/4 the Lammas- Adeane Meadow.

The clerk had contacted Col Powell about the litter left by military personnel and Col Powell is to inform the men of the problem.

Cllr Miles suggested that we include the children of the local school in our efforts to keep the village free of litter by organising a competition to design a "Keep Mundford Tidy" poster. The Council are to offer prizes for the best poster. The clerk is to contact the school to see if it is a possibility.

6.2 Outstanding Highway Matters

The Clerk is to report:

The dropped drain in Impson Way and outside Flint House St Leonard's Street;

The dead tree in the car park adjacent to 56 Impson Way;

The dead tree at the junction of Crown Road and No 4 The Grove

The poor condition of footpath on the opposite side of the bridge near to Lynford Road;

The footpath outside 2 Malsters Close which has still not been repaired;

The dead trees and over hanging branches along A134 towards Cranwich from the roundabout;

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The clerk is also to check the request for the reinstatement of yellow line outside the entrance to the Cricket Club and the inclusion of the second entrance to the school to prevent dangerous problems with parking outside the school;

The clerk is also to ask if Highways will spray off the weeds and brambles along A134 from the junction of St Leonard's Street to Impson Way. The ownership of the land is difficult to establish and the Council has agreed that if Highways will undertake the initial work then the Council will maintain and improve it.

The clerk is to seek an application to request a footpath along Crown Road into the village.

The clerk is to ask Breckland to clear the gulley outside the school.

The Chairman in his article to the newsletter is to ask people to park in the Cricket Club car park and not block the entrance.

6.3 Village Roundabout

Cllr Eyres proposed that the banks of the roundabout should be uniform all the way round. Cllr Fox seconded. Clerk is to check the legal and safety position of doing the work ourselves. The Council is to continue refurbishing the roundabout. The Chairman informed the meeting that Didlington Nurseries had offered to donate the plants and spray off the weeds.

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.

A letter had been received from John Nash about the naming of roads on the new development. The clerk is to write to Cllr Steward stating that the Council wishes to be included in any future discussion about the naming of the roads.

8. Finance

8.2 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
100903	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	£ 812.26
100904	S.Symonds Litter Warden	£ 60.00
100905	J. Illsley Clerk, Post salary etc	£ 514.52
100906	Mundford PCC	£1500.00

8.3 Presentation of Accounts for 2007/8

The clerk presented the accounts. The accounts were accepted.

Cllr Goodrham proposed that we give a donation of £1500 .00 to Mundfrod Parochial Church Council to help with the upkeep of the church yard. This was seconded by Cllr Marston and agreed unanimously. A cheque was prepared at the meeting. See above.

8.4 Staff Salaries

The Council agreed to place the clerk on point 20 of the Clerks' Salary Scales. They also agreed to increase the payment to the Litter Warden from £6.00 per hour to £6.50 per hour. The clerk is to write and inform her.

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8 Planning Applications

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

9 Street Lighting

The clerk is to report the light outside 6 Swaffham Road and 33 the Brecklands.

10 Reports

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The clerk is to contact Col Powell again with the change of address and the name of the Council's representative Cllr Fox.

District Councillor

Cllr Steward had nothing further to report about the new boundaries except that Norfolk could not keep the status quo. She suggested that the Council contact Streetscene for support with the School Litter Competition. She pointed out that Breckland were offering match funding for Gifted and Talented people and for Community Projects. She gave the clerk information about the funding. She informed the Council of Breckland Council Programme of Cultural Links which would take place from 24th August to 14th September.

Cllr Steward informed the meeting that 2 officers from Breckland Council would be coming to speak to the people of Mundford about LDF site specific matters sometime between May and September. She also advertised the meeting in Ickburgh 20th May at 7.00pm to find a Parish Chairman.

County Councillor

Cllr Monson reiterated what had been discussed about the unitary authority and said it would be a major change for the county. Proposals for consultation would be put forward by the end of July and a final solution would be reached at the end of the year. He reiterated that it was a difficult problem with no easy solution.

Cllr Monson informed the meeting of the change of compound to be used to salt the roads in winter. The new compound is Safecoat which contains less salt, is safer for the environment, adheres better to the roads and is not so easily displaced and is less corrosive.

He also informed the meeting of Norfolk R. C. Council is offering matched funding for new buildings. WREN is available for match funding contact person is Lady Kay Fisher.

Cllr Monson informed the meeting that grass cutting in the county was being reviewed. Normally it would be cut three times a year. It would now be done more intermittently. Nature reserves are to be a priority but corners and junctions would continue to be cut as normal.

Cllr Monson informed the meeting that Waste Recycling is now accepting cooking oil to be converted into bio fuel.

11 Members' Matters

11.1 Nominations for the Mundford pride Scheme

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Cllr Eyres proposed that MPS be awarded to John Marston for his work in the community. This was seconded by Cllr Eyles and agreed unanimously by the Council. Clerk to write to confirm. The award to Oliver Rueker is in abeyance awaiting a contact address.

11.2 Naming of the roads on the new development

The matter is in abeyance. The clerk is to contact Cllr Steward to ask that the Council be involved in the naming of the roads on the development.

11.3 Training

The council was pleased with the training it had received from Sue Lake of NCAPTC. The clerk is to write and thank her and order the books suggested.

11.3 Council Visit of the Village

The Chairman arranged for the Council to walk around the village to assess needs on Thursday 8th May at 7.00pm. The clerk is to carry out a Health and Safety check at the same time.

11.4 The Daffodils

The clerk informed the meeting that she had prepared a flyer asking for donations but had not distributed yet because other organisations were already seeking donations and she felt the time was not appropriate.

11.5 Pigsty Lane Dyke

The clerk is to contact the Land Registry and NCAPTC to see if it is possible to obtain ownership of the Land adjacent to the dyke in order to clear and lower the dyke to stop flooding in St Leonard's Street. At the moment it is impossible to determine who owns the land.

11.6 Speed Limit in Malsters Close

Cllr Steward is to seek information as to why the speed limit on the new development is not to be extended into Malsters Close.

Bennett's Development

11.7 Cllr Steward is to check whether S.106 monies from the Bennett's Development are available to the Council for projects in the village. It was, however, her understanding that S106 money was discussed and allocated at the planning stage.

11.8 The clerk is to chase up the repairs to the Public Payphone which was first reported in November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Chairman: _____ Clerk: _____

Date: _____