

Minutes of Mundford Parish Council
Thursday, 7th August, 2008.

Present: Cllr Eyles, Chairman, Cllrs Goad and Fox, Joint Charimen, Cllrs Eyres, Goodrham, Shepherd, Miles, Lt Col. Simon Lloyd, Stanta and 6 members of the Public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced Lt. Col. Lloyd from Stanta.

2. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Monson, Cllr Marston.

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

After minor adjustments the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Declaration of Interest

None received.

5. Visit by Stanta representative

Lt. Col Lloyd introduced himself as the Commanding Officer of the Training Estate East of England. He outlined his command and explained the role of the Training Area at West Tofts. In particular he explained its role in the training of personnel prior to their displacement to areas of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. He went on to explain that relationships between the training area and local inhabitants were very important and that it was paramount that the communities work together harmoniously. He also informed the meeting of the role of the training area with regard to preserving the environment.

He did, however, stress the importance of maintaining up to date facilities to ensure that the training soldiers received was as realistic as possible because it was this training which saved lives in actual battle. He described the current planning application for the construction of two middle eastern types villages on the training ground to enable soldiers simulate conditions in the conflict areas.

Several Councillors posed questions regarding the timing of flying exercises and the flight paths, the commencement of simulated battles and litter on the West Tofts Road. Col Lloyd explained why the attacks occurred at first light. He also said he would check flight paths to minimise disruption to the local community and look into the problems of litter. Col. Lloyd said that they were constructing a waste sorting facility on the camp.

Councillor Fox asked if it were possible to schedule meetings for viewing the training facilities in the evening because most councillors worked. Col Lloyd said this was possible and that he would arrange it. He went on to say that he would remain as commanding officer for the next three years.

6. Meeting suspended for Public participation

Mr Blackaby reported that he was still in possession of the old village sign and that it was in a poor condition. He proposed to try and repair and return it to the school. He said he would keep the Council informed.

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The matter of the Lynford Hall Sewage works overflowing into the bog which was a possible health hazard. The Council confirmed that it was the responsibility of the Forestry Commission. The clerk is to write and inform them and to also seek clarification on a right of way which had been blocked to stop joy riders from using it.

It was expected that Karen Boxall, editor of the Connect magazine would be present to ask the Council to reconsider its request for payment towards the cost of running the Parish Office. In her absence the Chairman outlined the confusion there was over the status of the magazine whether it was now being run as a business or not. The clerk is to write to Karen to request clarification.

The footpath along Pigsty Lane Dyke requires cutting.

The Council were asked who gave permission for advertising signs to be placed along the Highway. The Chairman stated that it was the responsibility of the Highways Department of Norfolk County Council.

7. Matters Arising

Tree adjacent to Impson Way

After contacting Breckland Council and others it has been established that the land on which the tree stands is parking designated to the terrace house close to the parking area and that it is the responsibility of the owners to ensure the tree is removed. The clerk is to write to the owners to make them aware of their responsibility.

Outstanding Highway matters

The clerk is to contact Highways again about the dead tree at the junction of Crown Road and the Grove.

Village Roundabout.

There was concern expressed about the trees on the roundabout and Cllr Eyres is to check whether they are still alive.

Lynford Road Junction and Forest Parking

The Council believe that the parking scheme has been suspended. The clerk is to write to them to seek clarification and to inform them that there is increased parking along Lynford Hall Road which is proving dangerous to pedestrians.

Pigsty Lane Dyke

The chairman informed the meeting of the discussions he had held regarding the clearing of the first 50 feet of the dyke. Cllr Fox proposed that the Council go ahead with this suggestion and this was seconded by Cllr Eyres. It was carried unanimously. The Chairman is to seek further quotes for the work.

Mundford Common

The Chairman is to contact the Land Registry about the matter.

Litter Competition

The clerk is to write to the school with the following information for the Anti- Litter Poster Competition that all entries should be on A4 size paper and the name and class

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of the child should be on the back. High Street Voucher to the value of £10 is to be awarded to the winner in each class. The Council is to judge all entries.

Report from the visit with the Planning Department of Breckland Council

The Chairman reported that Section 106 monies can be used by the planners as they wish. If there is a particular need within the village then 106 monies will be made available. This situation is changing and the developer in future will need to provide amenities for the village. The will include even those developing a single property. When it comes to naming roads on a new development, it is the developer who suggests names. The Council is consulted and if there is no agreement then an executive officer makes the final decision. The Parish Council can however pre-suggest names for any development. These need then to be sent to Breckland Council. The Council is to discuss possible names for the new development at the next meeting. The Chairman informed the meeting about the new changes to the planning procedures and that a definitive map of the village had been obtained and that it was proposed that the Council walks the boundary of the village at a time to be decided.

Parish Office

The clerk is to check the siting of electricity and other amenities before further discussions take place.

8. Correspondence

The Chairman read out all the correspondence and it was decided to circulate it to all the Councillors.

The quote from Mr Turnbull for clearing the verge of the A134 adjacent to Adeane Meadow is to be accepted.

9. Finance

The following payments were authorised and signed by Cllrs Eyles and Eyres. These included a payment of £191.06 to Eon Energy.

Cheque No.	Description	Total
100930	Community Car Scheme	£250.00
100931	Litter Warden	£ 65.00
100932	Clerk Post and Travel	£463.55
100933	Chairman Travel	£ 23.43
100934	Viking Direct Stationery	£ 22.50
100935	S.Eyres Spraying and travel	£ 42.27
100936	Oliver Ruecker MPS	£ 50.00

Major Spending Projects

The Council agreed to donate £4000.00 to MRG&VHT towards the cost of replacing the windows in the village hall. It was agreed that the Council would retain the monies until the work had been completed. The Council agreed to reconsider providing further monies to support the MRG&VHT later in the financial year.

10. Planning Applications

3PL/2008/0782/0 24 Fir Close refused

3PL/2008/0864/LB Mundford and Didlington West Hall no decision

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3PL/2008/1011/F Palgrave London Road no decision
3PL/2008/0982/F 27 St Leonard's Street no decision
3PL/2008/1125/F 1 Crown Road no decision

11. New Highway Matters

The children at play sign is completely obscured by the hedge of the Old Rectory Mundford. The clerk is to write to ask for the hedge to be trimmed to clear the sign.

A Chestnut Tree is obscuring the lights on the A134 from roundabout to Cranwich. The clerk is to contact Highways to have the tree timed back.

The hedge at 7 St Leonard's Street needs to be cut back to allow access along the path. The clerk is to write to the owners to ask them to trim the hedge back.

The clerk is to contact Highways to ask if 40 mile flashing signs could be installed along the A134 from Mundford to Cranwich to slow traffic particularly at the junction of the A134 and the entrance to Impson Way.

12. Reports

STANTA

Please see visit from Lt. Col. Lloyd

MRG&VHT

None received

School Governors

None received

District Councillor

None received

County Councillor

None received

13. Members' Matters

There had been several requests for benches to be sited around the village. The clerk is to obtain the price of benches. It was agreed that the Council would walk around the village looking for appropriate sites. This is to be done at the same time as the Village Boundary walk

Cllr Shepherd asked that the car abandoned outside 7 Wissey View be reported again. Red Mercedes Estate, Registration J425 OHG. Road Tax expired on 02.08 Damage and flat tyre front near side. Sign for Stateside Rentals.

The clerk is to write to Mr and Mrs Powell to thank them for caring for the barrels on the green at the entrance to Malsters Close.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm

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