

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council
Thursday 4th September, 2008.**

Present:

Cllr. Eyles, Chairman, Cllrs Goad and Fox, Joint Chairmen, Cllrs Eyres, Goodrham, Shepherd, Miles and four members of the public.

1. The Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Marston and County Cllr Ian Monson

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 7th August, 2008.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Meeting suspended for Public participation

A letter from Mundford over 60s about broken glass around the recycling bins and the Connect newsletter was read out and the clerk informed the meeting that the complaints had been passed to the appropriate people at the magazine and the Village Hall. Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that a bumper issue of the magazine was imminent and that she believed in future the magazine would be published around the 12th of the month.

Mrs Dennis asked that a contact number for the Council be placed in the window of the office. The Chairman replied that it would be a good idea to do it and thanked Mrs Dennis for bringing it to the Council's attention.

Mr Dennis raised the issue of the cutting of the grass between the dykes near the War Memorial. The Chairman said he would look into it and obtain a quote for the cutting. He also said that the drains were blocked on the roundabout and the roundabout flooded. The clerk is to report this.

The street light outside 2 Crown Road is not working. The clerk is to report this.

6. Matters Arising

• **Tree adjacent to Impson way**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the tree was on private land and therefore not the responsibility of the Council but the Council had written to the houses whose parking area is was to inform them of their responsibility in the case of an accident. Cllr Marston informed the meeting that the residents had had difficulty in finding

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someone to take down the tree. The Chairman informed him that Mrs Thorogood had obtained quotes and that the Council would pass these on if requested.

- **Outstanding Highway Matters**

The proposed footpath in Crown Road was discussed and Cllr Fox is to designate a time for a survey of the footpath to be carried out by the Highways Dept of NCC. The clerk is to inform Highways of the time. Friday, 26th September, 2008 between 3.15 pm and 5.15 pm

- The clerk is to report to Highways the flashing 40 mile an hour sign outside Malsters Close which is not functioning.

- **Village Roundabout**

Cllr Eyres informed the meeting that the grasses on the roundabout are fine but of the three trees, one is fine, one half and half and the final one it is difficult to tell. He thought the Council should await the Spring before taking any action.

- **Lynford Road Junction and Forest Parking**

The Council had received a letter from Giles Drake-Brockman about the parking charges and the sewage works. He said that the charging had been suspended and that the sewage works were the responsibility of the owners of Lynford Hall but that he would be testing the water again this winter but tests carried out last year showed no contamination. He also stated that the forest road between Mundford and Ickburgh was not to be opened to vehicles but remained open to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. There was no further comment from the Council.

- **Pigsty Lane Dyke**

The drains were carrying the water away from the road but the road remained flooded outside the butcher's shop although not outside Flint Cottage. The Chairman had contacted NCAPTC for advice and they were talking to Highways who were to send out an engineer. Cllr Goodrham informed the Council that a quote had been obtained to pipe in the dyke. He suggested that when the work on the dyke is carried out that the Council request that the dyke be piped in to avoid further silting up. The Chairman said that the Council should await further advice from NCAPTC.

- **Mundford Common**

The Council is to seek to determine the ownership of the Common from the Land Registry. The Clerk is to request a search.

- **Parish Office**

Now that the status of the Connect magazine has been established as a village project the Council asked the clerk to write to the editor to withdraw its request for support towards the cost of running the office and to reassure the editor of the Council's continued support for the magazine.

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7. Correspondence

- Cllr Eyres suggested the name “Green Acres” for the road on the new Bennetts development. It was carried unanimously. The clerk is to inform Breckland Council of the Council’s preference.
- A letter has been received from Christopher Fraser MP thanking the village for its support with his petition to Parliament to restrict the speed of traffic outside schools. He is to write to everyone who signed the petition to thank them for their support.
- A letter explaining how decisions on planning, which were contrary to the parish Council’s wishes, were made was received from Phil Daines, Development Services Manager for Breckland Council.

8. Finance

- The following payments were authorised by the Parish Council and cheques signed by Cllr Eyles and Eyres.

Cheque	Description	Total
100937	Community car Scheme	£250.00
100938	S.L.Symonds Litter warden	£ 65.00
100939	J Illsley Clerk, post, travel and vouchers	£519.95
100940	M Eyles Travel	£ 11.16
100941	May Gurney Street Light Removal	£141.00

- The Chairman informed the Council that they should think about budget needs for 2008/9 so that the budget may be discussed at the next meeting in time for the precept demand to be set by November. One of the items to be considered is the cost of the Street Light maintenance and the clerk is to obtain further quotes.

9. Planning Applications

- **3PL/2008/0782/O 24 Fir Close Appeal lodged**
- **3PI/2008/0864/LB Mundford and Didlington West Hall Granted**
- **3PL/2008/1011/F Palgrave, London Road Granted**
- **3PL/2008/0982/F 27 St Leonard’s Street Granted**
- **3PL/2008/1056/F site adjacent Barton Hay St Leonard’s Street on going**
- **3PL/2008/0451/F 1 Swaffham Road No objection provided it is used for none residential purposes**
- **3PI/2008/1125/F 1 Crown Road on going**

10. New Highway Matters

- Lynford Road footpath needs spraying for weeds and overgrown vegetation. Clerk to inform
- The clerk is to inform Highways of the overhanging vegetation which is a danger to cyclists opposite Lynford Lodge.

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- The clerk is to write to the owners of 27 The Breckland to ask them to cut back the overhanging Willow Tree.
- The clerk is to report the drains on Lynford Road

11. Street Lighting

The street light outside 2 Crown Road needs repairing. The clerk to report

12. Reports

- **MRG&VHT** report circulated. The Chairman reminded everyone of the 100 Club and to contact Val Buckle if interested.
- **STANTA** Cllr Fox had been in contact with Lt Col Lloyd, who apologised for there not being any dates available for a visit at the moment.

13. Members' Matters

Cllr Eyles spoke of the placing of benches in the village. He suggested several sites and the clerk is to check with Highways to see if it is possible to site them on Highways land. He had also received a quote of £150 per bench if 10 benches were purchased. The clerk had obtained a quote of £350 per bench. Cllr Eyles is to obtain a quote for the concrete blocks to secure the benches.

There being no other business the meeting closed to the public at 8.05

A short meeting was then held in camera.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk: _____ Date: _____