

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council**

## **Thursday, 6th November, 2008.**

### **Present:**

Cllr. Eyles, Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Goodrham, Marston, Miles, Shepherd and 4 members of the public.

### **1. The Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting open. He welcomed Mr Colin Weight and co-opted him onto the Council. Councillor Weight took up his seat.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Fox, District Cllr Steward and County Cllr Monson.

### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008.**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **5. Meeting suspended for Public participation**

The clerk is to report to Highways the large oak on the Brandon Road side of the memorial which has several dead branches overhanging the road. On the other side of the road the hedge needs attention. The Council were asked to consider replacing the bench under the chestnut tree by the monument and replacing the name tag on the present bench on the new bench. The council agreed to do this.

The clerk is to report to the Highways department the sign on the island which is at head height and obscures the view of motorists and pedestrians alike.

Cllr Eyles is to look at the notice board to try and solve the problems of condensation.

### **6. Matters Arising**

- **Outstanding Highway Matters**

- **Pigstye Lane Dyke**

As there had been no further correspondence from Cllr Steward, Cllr Goodrham suggested that the matter needed resolving as it had dragged on long enough. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about taking the matter to the local ombudsman.

- **Mundford Common**

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The Council is awaiting the response from the Land Registry.

- **Benches**

The clerk is to contact Highways to ask permission to site the benches on Highways land using the appropriate form.

- **Bulb Planting**

Cllr Eyres reported that the bulb planting had gone well with more helpers than in previous years. In all, it had taken just one hour and a half. The Chairman is to write in the Connect magazine and thank those people who helped or donated monies for bulbs. The money donated was given to the school to help them plant up the school grounds as part of Mundford floral display. The clerk is to contact Highways to ensure that they trim round the bulbs on the first cut in Spring as they did two years ago.

- **Footpath Crown Road**

The Council presumed that the survey has been carried out and the clerk is to request the outcome of the survey.

- **Vacancies on the Council**

The clerk had displayed the notice of vacancies.

- **Remembrance Day Wreath**

There had been confusion about the ordering of a wreath this year which had resulted in two being sent. One is to be kept until next year. The clerk had made contact with the village representative of the British Legion to ensure that the situation does not arise next year.

- **Connect Magazine**

An e-mail from the editor was read out and everything should have returned to normal.

- **The Traffic Lights and Speeding on A134**

Cllr Eyles informed the meeting that there was no signs indicating a pedestrian crossing and the timing of the traffic lights needs adjusting. Cllr Goodrham asked that the Police be informed of speeding vehicles on the road and incorrectly overtaking at the roundabout. The clerk is to contact Cllr Monson to ask the outcome of his discussions with Highways and to inform the Police of the speeding and ask that traffic calming measures be installed. Cllr Eyres informed the meeting that a class of

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year 6 pupils had been asked about problems crossing the road at the traffic lights and 4 pupils in one class had had a near miss because of the timing of the lights.

- **The tree at the junction of Crown Road and the Grove**

No further information is available at the moment

- **Litter Competition**

The clerk is to contact the school about the litter competition to see if a date has been fixed.

- **School Library**

A letter from the chairman had been circulated about the needs of the school with regard to the library. The Council agreed a donation of £1500 to support the purchase of new books. The Council did, however revise its decision to allow the school to spend the money as it wished to best meet the needs of the pupils.

### **Correspondence**

- An e-mail had been received from the Scout Group requesting help to meet the costs of a new lease for the land it used for the Scout Hut. The Council agreed to make up the difference between what the Group had raised and the cost of the new lease. The clerk is to write and request the amount needed.
- An e-mail had been received from MRG&VHT about future funding needs. The clerk is to request more detailed costs.
- A letter of thanks for the donation for the defibrillator was received from the school.
- A letter had been received from Breckland Council about the donation of a beech tree. Cllr Eyles suggested and it was agreed that the tree warden would find a suitable place to plant it. It was suggested that the triangle opposite Malsters Close was a suitable place for it. All agreed.

### **7. Finance**

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

Cheque	Description	Total
100954	Community car Scheme	£ 300.00
100955	S.L.Symonds Litter Warden	£ 65.00
100956	J Illsley Clerk, post, travel	£ 435.66
100957	Mazars Audit costs	£ 334.88

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100958	Mundford Primary school lettings	£ 90.00
100959	Garth Turnbull refurb. of land	£ 634.50
100960	Viking Direct	£146.51

- Audit return is to be made available to parishioners at £5.50 per copy.
- Grass cutting quote to be accepted but clerk to check areas included in the quote.

**8. Planning Applications**

- 3PL/2008/0782/O 24 Fir Close Appeal lodged
- 3PL/2008/0451/F 1 Swaffham Road granted

**9. New Highway Matters**

- Cllr Goodrham requested the clerk to write to 28 Brecklands about a vehicle parked on the footpath. The clerk is to report to the police the van which is parked on Impson Way which is obscuring the view of pedestrians and motorists.
- It was agreed that Cllr Eyres would purchase the necessary top soil to complete the refurbishment of the verge on Cranwich Road. The area is to be cleared of roots. Cllrs Eyres and Marston are to survey the situation.
- Cllr Eyres is to remove the trimmings of ivy which had been left on the verge on Cranwich Road.

**10. Street Lighting**

- The clerk is to report street light 9008 opposite Middle Cottage which flicks on and off during the day.

**11. Reports**

- **MRG&VHT.**

See e-mail under correspondence.

- **STANTA**

No report

- **School Governors**

See letter from the school in correspondence.

- **District Councillor**

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No report

- **County Councillor**

No report

- **Members' Matters**

**The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 because of the clerk's leave. The clerk is to advertise the change on the notice board, the village hall and the parish office.**

- The clerk is to send the council's good wishes to ex-councillor Goad and wish her a speedy recovery from her illness.

There being no other business the meeting closed to the public at 8.45pm

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_