

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council
Thursday 7th May, 2009.**

Present:

Cllr. Eyles, Chairman, Cllrs Shepherd, Goodrham, Miles, Weight, 7 members of the public and a Community Police Officer..

1. The Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Fox and Marston. Apologies were received from Cllr Eyres who said he may be late due unforeseen circumstances.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 2nd April, 2009.

Cllr Weight asked for the minutes to be amended. The clerk is to represent the minutes at the next meeting. The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting were agreed but not signed until next year.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Meeting suspended for Public participation

Cllr Weight expressed concern over the recent vandalism in the village. The Community Police are to investigate. There was also concern over bogus callers who preyed on the elderly. The Police are to give out leaflets and information and a warning about vandalism and bogus callers it to be placed in the newsletter. There have been some break ins on the Breckland Estate which the Police are to investigate.

6. Matters Arising

• **Outstanding Highway Matters**

• **Pigstye Lane Dyke**

Adrian Sewell from Highways has checked the drainage systems on file and the work needed to prevent further flooding is to be placed on the area manager's scheme which means work should be carried out within the year. Mr Sewell said until Highways had placed a camera into the system it was difficult to know what the actual problem was. The Council has, therefore, decided to shelve any clearing of the dyke until work has been completed by Highways.

• **Benches**

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There had been some suggestions for planting around the benches. It has been decided not to plant around the bench outside the bowls club, the one opposite the entrance to Malsters Close, not around the memorial site and not around the bench near the Post Office. Cllr Goodrham proposed and Cllr Shepherd seconded that a sum of £250 be spent on buying plants and planting around the remaining benches. It was agreed by all.

- **Vacancies on the Council**

A letter had been received about the vacancy on the Parish Council.

- **Newsletter**

The editor of the magazine had contacted the clerk to say there had been a great deal support expressed for the letter about dogs fouling the footpath. She thanked on behalf of the public Cllr Shepherd for bringing the matter to everyone's attention. She also said she would continue to remind villagers about the funds available for starting up a Youth Club.

- **Parish office**

Following the concern expressed about the lack of use of the Parish Office at the Annual Meeting, Cllr Eyles has looked into other possible uses. He said it was still a valuable asset for the village and had increased in value since its purchase. He said it could be used as a first responder post for Norfolk Ambulance Service or as a taxi Office to raise further revenues for the village. Cllr Eyles said he would look into further possibilities. The Council is to review the back window to see if it needs replacing and organise a clean of the outside of the office.

- **Pride in Breckland Bid**

The District Councillor had informed the Chairman that the work is supported on a 50/50 basis and receipts will need to be shown for the work carried out by the Parish council. The Chairman is to prepare the bid.

- **Parking in the village**

There is still concern about parking within the village. View is often obscured and cars are often an obstruction particularly when parked on the grassed areas and verge. Illegal parking prevents the grass cutting contractor from carrying out his work. The area around the village green was of particular concern because the number of cars parked there had increased significantly. Cllr Eyles has already discussed this with Mr Walker. It has been suggested that perhaps an alternative parking area could be found for his customers.

- **Footpaths and Hedges adjoining footpaths**

There is still concern about the number of hedges encroaching on to the pathway. The clerk is to write again to Holly Cottage and to the owners of 64 St Leonard's Street to

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ask them to cut back their hedge. The clerk is to contact Mr Buckle about the village hall hedge.

Correspondence

Following a letter from Mr P Lynch in support of a reduction of the speed limit to 20 mph along the full length of St Leonard's Street and pointing out particularly the hazard of the blind bend, the Council has agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting and asked the clerk to place it on the agenda. An e-mail from Mother and Toddler has been received asking for a donation towards the cost of purchasing play mats. The clerk is to contact them to see how much they have raised to date towards the purchase.

A letter had been received from EACH requesting support. The Council agreed to donate £250.

A letter has been received from the village Hall committee asking for donations towards the cost of refurbishing the hall floor. The Clerk is to contact them for further information about the number of times the floor has already been stripped and resurfaced. Cllr Eyres asked whether the MVH&RGT has monies to extend the car park because he was concerned that by giving money towards the cost of refurbishing the hall we may then be approached for further funding for the car park despite the reassurance that there would be no further requests after this last phase of improvements.

A Letter has been received from Mr Nash and the residents of Lyndford Hall Road about the condition of the road with regard to cleanliness and overgrown footpaths. The clerk has already reported the problems to both Breckland Council and Highways.

Mr Nash also expressed concern about the change of use of a site of SSI to a refuse dump for building waste and other such materials. The clerk is to write to the owners and inform Breckland Council.

7. Finance

- The following payments were authorised by the Parish Council and cheques signed by Cllrs Eyles and Miles.

Cheque	Description	Total
100993	Community Car Scheme	£ 250.00
100994	S.L.Symonds Litter Warden	£ 65.00
100995	J Illsley Clerk,Travel	£ 472.94
100996	D. Freeman Bus shelter cleaning	£ 60.00
100997	TTSR Grass Cutting	£ 312.55
100998	Allianz Insurance	£ 887.30

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100999	SSGE for MRG&VHT	£5000.00 cancelled
101000	MHB Services Ltd Street Light Main	£ 142.90
101001	Mundford Primary School Hire	£ 90.00
101002	Viking Direct	£ 137.90
101003	P. Lynch MPScheme	£ 50.00
101004	MHB Services Ltd St Light Maintenance	£ 142.90
101005	SSGE for MRG&VHT replacement chq	£4000.00

The end of year accounts were presented. Cllr Goodrham proposed the acceptance of the accounts and Cllr Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The Council discussed grants and donations . Please see information attached and in correspondence.

8. Planning Applications

- 3PL/2008/0102/O 17 Adeane Meadow granted
- 3PL/2009/0126/F 1 Adeane meadow granted
- 3PL/2009/060/F Bueno Vista Cranwich granted
- 3PL/2009/0193/F 121 The Lammas granted

9. New Highway Matters

Cllr Goodrham expressed concern about the advertising van parked near the memorial. The Police are to investigate.

Cllr Eyres reported a pot hole at the entrance to East Hall and approximately opposite 5 Malsters Close. The clerk is to contact Highways.

Cllr Eyres suggested that convex mirrors could be placed at the corner of East Hall to help improve visibility. The Council would need to contact the owners to see if they agreed with the placement on their property and Highways to see if it could be done and the costs involved.

Cllr Eyres said that there had been complaints about the increase in dandelions. The Council is to look into the possibility of using a select weed killer. Cllr Eyres was asked to obtain the cost involved.

Cllr Eyres said the verge outside Malsters Close needed dog fouling signs placed as it was being used extensively for dogs. He said he had to clean it up before cutting the grass. The clerk is to contact the Dog Warden.

Cllr Eyres said the recently seeded verge on the A134 needed cutting manually and the grass collected for this year to allow the area to become established. The clerk is to ask for quotes for the task.

Cllr Eyres also expressed concern that the village green had only been cut once since the beginning of April and the contract required it to be cut every fortnight. The clerk is to request that the contract be fulfilled.

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10. Street Lighting

The clerk is to report streetlight 9015 again. It is permanently on.

- **MRG&VHT.**

Minutes received and to be circulated

- **STANTA**

Nothing received

- **School Governors**

Nothing received

District Councillor

Nothing received

County Councillor

Nothing received

- **Members' Matters**

Concern was expressed that signs are being displayed which indicate a development at Lynford Water. The Council agreed to be watchful of any development which did not include the improvement of the junction at Lynford Hall Road with A1065.

Cllr Goodrham informed the meeting that Brown's Garage site is up for auction.

Cllr Eyles informed the meeting that there had been a request for an allotment. At the moment the Council did not have any but should 6 people request one then the Council had an obligation to try and find land for such a purpose.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk: _____ Date: _____