

Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council

Thursday 6th August, 2009.

Present:

Cllr. Eyles, Chairman, Cllr Fox, Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Shepherd, Goodrham, Miles and 5 members of the public.

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

The Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Marston, Goad and Weight, County Cllr Monson and L. Parrott, Community Police Officer.

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

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Eyles, Part-time Gardner position, Paragraph 6, Section 2

5. **Meeting suspended for public participation**

Concern was expressed about the signage on the roundabout and the area around. It is still considered to obscure view for both pedestrians and motorists. The clerk was asked to pursue the matter again and to seek the support of County Cllr Monson. Mr Collinson, 5 Breckland, was willing to discuss the matter with Highways if required.

6. **Matters Arising:**

Outstanding Highway Matters

- **Refurbishment of the Village**

Cllr Eyres reported on his meeting with the officers from Breckland Council saying how impressed they are with the work undertaken by the Council and offered their continued support for future projects. £500 had been earmarked for the Village and further applications could be made for approx £250 for smaller projects. Bigger projects need match funding.

The clerk reported that no applications had been received for the post of part-time gardener and the only interest in the post had been shown from Cllr Eyles who already undertook some of the work with Cllr Eyres. The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Eyles. This was proposed by Cllr Eyres and seconded by Cllr Shepherd. Cllr Fox asked the clerk to check into the Council's responsibility regarding Income Tax and National Insurance for all employees of the Council and the clerk was asked to check the Council's Public Liability Insurance.

Cllr Eyles asked for the Council to buy a heavy duty strimmer and other equipment for use with it. The Council agreed to its purchase provided that the Council insurance covered its use and storage along with petrol. Cllr Eyres suggested that a Honda be purchased.

- **Dog and Litter Bins**

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The clerk explained there had been a delay in acquiring the litter bins which would be delivered in September. The dog bin was to be delivered during the following week.

- **Bennett Development**

The Council decided not to adopt the public land on the development and the clerk is to write to Mr Edward Parker to inform him of the decision. Following further information received from the developers with an offer of £6000 plus legal costs and after further discussion the Council has still decided not to adopt the land and Mr Parker is to be informed of the decision.

- **Manhole, Impson Way**

Work should now have been completed.

- **Vehicle Activated Signs**

An e-mail from Highways and Cllr Goad was read out. The cost of such signs could possibly be in the region of £5000-£8000. The meeting was informed that monitoring of the speed of the traffic was being carried out thanks to the intervention of Cllr Goad and the meeting was informed that Highways would be required to act on information received. It appears from the monitoring thus far that there was speeding on this road.

- **Swaffham Bus**

An e-mail from County Cllr Monson was read out and the meeting informed that according to the contractors the bus was not viable. County Cllr Monson was looking into alternatives. Cllr Fox asked the clerk to contact Cllr Monson to say that the parishioners with whom he had been in contact were willing to pay more for the bus and to ask for further information about numbers using the bus.

- **A1065 Crown Road Junction**

Following Cllr Goad's meeting with Highways not a great deal can be done because the road does not meet with the criteria which have to be met The trees on Lynford Road will be cut back and ivy obscuring the "Give Way" sign will be dealt with.

- **Storm Drain**

Anglian Water telephoned to say the matter had been dealt with.

- **Beware of animals signs**

The clerk is to prepare the signs and have them laminated.

7. Correspondence

- Articles are to be sent to the newsletter from Care Share Norfolk and information about reporting incidents of low flying to Stanta.
- Information about Breckland Council's Financial Support is to be displayed in the village.
- The clerk and the Chairman are to formulate bids for funding from Pride in Breckland
- Email re grass verge on Impson Way: the clerk replied to the e-mail saying that it was private land and the owners should be contacted. The Council stated that it was not a Parish Council matter.

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8. Finance

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

Cheque	Description	Total
101035	Community Car Scheme	£ 250.00
101036	J Hubble Litter Warden	£ 65.00
101037	J Illsley Clerk's salary and travel exp	£ 448.59
101038	S Eyres Grass cutting and planting	£ 75.00
101039	MHB Services Street Light Maint	£ 142.90
101040	LexisNexis Publication	£ 72.49
101041	MRG&VHT Donation Hall Floor	£ 300.00
101042	M Eyles Travel	£ 11.00

- The clerk informed the meeting that the Auditors had contacted her about Trust Funds which the Council does not hold and the amount held in the reserve account. She explained that some of the money was held for on going projects.

9. Planning Applications

- 3PL/2009/F Erection of 1940s Nissen Hut to serve as a museum with perimeter fencing had been granted.
- 3PI/2009/0648/F Two Hoots demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new circulating
- 3PL/2009/0555/LB Breckholm 17 Crown road on going

10. New Highway Matters

- Cllr Fox reported a pot hole opposite 6 Crown Road. The clerk is to report it to Highways.
- Cllr Goodrham asked the clerk to request that the Community Police pursue the parking on grass verges. The clerk is to inform both the Community police and Highways.
- The Community Police is to be asked also to look into the parking on footpaths.
- Cllr Eyles informed the meeting on the Anglian Water survey of Swaffham Road.
- The clerk is to report again the large puddle which forms at the entrance to Malster's Close and the flooding on the roundabout.
- The clerk is to contact Colin Gibbard to ask what is happening about Pigstye Lane Dyke now that Highways has completed its work and to check whether he intends to contact the owners of the land adjacent to the dyke to ask them to clear their area of the dyke.

11. Street Lighting

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The clerk is to report the street light 9059 which needs attention and may need replacing.

12. Reports

School Governors

The school is to be asked to pass on their newsletters to parents as they are sent out.

13. Members' Matters

- Cllr Fox asked the clerk to contact Forest Enterprises about siting a litter bin near the new lakes.
- Cllr Eyles asked the clerk to check the insurance cover for storing petrol in the Parish Office.
- A notice is to be placed in the newsletter asking for donations for Autumn bulbs. The clerk is to contact the PO to see if it is possible for donations to be left there.
- There is still great concern about the signage of the pedestrian crossing on the A134. The clerk is to contact Highways to ask that further 40mph signs be placed along the road along with further signage of an approaching crossing.
- The clerk is to contact the school to ask if the hedge could be trimmed.
- The clerk is to contact Mrs J Hawker to ask if her volunteers cover Mundford and if she could help with the maintenance of gardens for the elderly and infirm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.47 pm

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk: _____ Date: _____