

Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council

Thursday 3rd September, 2009.

Present:

Cllr. Eyles, Chairman, Cllr Fox, Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Shepherd, Goodrham, Marston, Miles, Weight, County Councillor Monson, District Councillor Steward and 10 members of the public.

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

The Chairman welcomed those present and stated it was good to see new faces. He then declared the meeting open.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

None

3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 6th August, 2009.**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Eyres declared an interest in the contract for clearing cricket club verge and dyke.

5. **Meeting suspended for public participation**

There was concern about the planned Bennett Homes development. The clerk is to check what is being done about the street lighting and who is to adopt them and will they be on timers? The transformer, what is to be done about it? The footpath and the ancient hedge adjacent to the site are also a concern for residents. District Cllr Steward is to look into the matters and inform the council. Cllr Marston is to look into the ancient hedge. There was also concern about the lack of planning application notices. District Cllr Steward is to look into the matter also.

There was a request that when further planning applications are received would the council ensure that it takes account of trees shrubs on adjacent properties and their management.

Following a visit from Highways the signage on the roundabout is to be raised.

6. **Matters Arising:**

Outstanding Highway Matters

- **Refurbishment of the Village**

The Chairman informed the meeting that a grant of £500 had been received from The Pride in Breckland Scheme. The Chairman asked that the council agree a small budget for petrol, bulbs and plants which may be needed during the course of a month to obviate the need to call extra meetings. The Council agreed a sum of £50.

- **Dog and Litter Bins**

The bin on the memorial site is on schedule. The litter bins have still not arrived.

- **Bennett Development**

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At present the site is being scraped to remove high levels of zinc. Bennett Homes are to form a management company to collect monies from householders to maintain the public areas.

- **Swaffham Bus**
The Swaffham bus will not be reintroduced but alternative solutions to the problem of transport were being sought. It was suggested that a flexibus might be one solution.
- **1065 Crown Road Junction**
Nothing can be done at the junction because it does not meet criteria. Highways are to look at pruning the trees to increase visibility.
- **Pot Hole Crown Road**
This has been repaired.
- **Speeding**
A survey has been carried out monitoring the speed in both directions on A134 and A1065. On the Swaffham Road there was a low rate of offence only 5% of drivers exceed 70mph. At present there are no figures from SAM but motorists are slowing down when they seen the sign. Highways will be made aware of the figures. The chairman asked if there were any other cost available for illuminated signs.
- **Parking**
There is still a problem with people parking on the grass verges and footpaths. This is a particular problem on Swaffham Road. The Police are to be asked to look into the matter again.
- **Flooding**
There is no longer any flooding at the entrance to Malsters, the drains had been jetted out.
- **Pigstye Lane Dyke**
The clerk had contacted Colin Gibbard of Breckland District Council to see what was happening about contacting the owners of the land adjacent to the dyke with a view to getting them to fulfil their obligations to maintain their part of the dyke. The clerk was informed that Colin Gibbard had retired but the Council would look into the matter and contact Highways to discuss the matter with them.
No further information had been received. District Cllr Steward is to look into the matter.
- **Brown's Garage**
The chairman informed the meeting that he had contacted Sue Arnold at Breckland to find out what the situation is regarding the sale of food at the site and the use of tables and chairs in the building. He received information similar to that given to clerk. Sue Arnold did, however, say that as the owner was now placing signs on the roadside it could deemed he was selling to the general public and not just his customers and therefore he had asked to complete further applications which he still had not returned. Cllr Fox stated that there were people living in the caravan and that clarification of planning permission was needed. He also asked that because of the

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confusion that copies of conversations be kept to prevent further misunderstandings. District Cllr Steward is to look into the matter.

7. Correspondence

The correspondence was read out. An article was to be included in the Chairman's report for the newsletter stating that the council does not condone anonymous letters being sent purporting to come from the council. The clerk is to contact Christopher Fraser MP and ask him to support the bill giving more powers to Parish and Town councils. The clerk is to report back to the Trading Standards Agency about cold calling in Mundford when the councillors have had time to note any incident of which they are aware.

A request for a donation towards the cost of the replacement of the Church Notice board and the improvement and maintenance of the church was received from Mr B Griggs of Mundford PCC. The council are to consider the request at the next meeting when further information had been received from the PCC about their present levels of finance for the projects.

8. Finance

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

Cheque	Description	Total
101043	Lawnboy Strimmer	£431.50
101044	Community Car Scheme	£250.00
101045	Litter Warden	£ 65.00
101046	Clerk's salary, Travel and sundries	£465.91
101047	Grass cutting and sundries	£ 54.75
101048	MHB Services Street Light Maint	£142.90
101049	Gardener, travel and sundries	£109.62
101050	Glasdon Services Dog Bin	£270.15
101051	Eon UK Plc P O elec supply	£112.50

- A new mandate pack has again been requested.

9. Planning Applications

- 3PI/2009/0648/F Two Hoots Swaffham Road on going
- 3PL/2009/0691/F Land off St Leonard's Mead on going
- 3PL/2009/0700/F The Old Exchange Crown Road on going
- 3PL/2009/0645 17 Adeane meadow on going
- 3PL/2009/Breckhom 17 Crown Road on going

10. New Highway Matters

- The manhole in Impson Way has been replaced.
- The flower tub which is obscuring views is to be moved by Cllr Eyles and Eyres.
- The clerk is to report the storm drain outside 6 Swaffham Road which is breaking up.

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11. Street Lighting

- Cllr Eyres and Cllr Eyles are to check the lamp post outside 119 The Lammas.

12. Reports

• **The School**

The school has been requested to send the newsletters which are sent to parents to the Council.

• **MRG&VHT**

The minutes and agenda from MRG&VHT are to be circulated.

• **District Cllr**

District Cllr Steward stated that the Pride in Breckland group had ideas about the roundabout in Mundford and would report back to the council at the end of September.

Cllr Steward asked that if there were any planning issues to contact her. She stated that a new on line system for planning was being trialled and asked that a councillor from Mundford Parish Council volunteer to test the system before it goes on line.

She apologised for the telephone lines not working at Breckland Council. She extended the invitation to councillors to attend the Open Forum meeting on 29th October, 2009.

• **County Cllr**

County Cllr Monson informed the meeting that discussions were taking place about next year's budget and that it was necessary to make savings of £125,000,000 over the next three years. This represented a quarter of the budget. It is hoped to minimise the impact on frontline services which were under increasing pressure because of the recession.

The waste facility being built at Costessy is to be dropped because the cost is too high.

King's Lynn Recycling site is to be used for the disposal of residual waste until 2015.

A consortium is trying to revive the Brandon Bypass. Nothing will be done until A11 is duelled.

Roads maintenance budget is under attack. Everything will be done to ensure that urgent matters are dealt with.

Some parts of A134 are still poor and hopefully some work may be done next year.

The Chestnut Tree near the traffic lights had been cut back to stop it obscuring the lights.

Country Cllr Monson is to look into the signs which are down near the Lynford Stag., the white lines on the roundabout are poor and the new road surface signs which are still in position after two years.

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13. Members' Matters

- Cllr Eyles is to ask a plumber to look at the leaking tap in the Parish Office.
- The tree in Crown Road has been felled at last.
- Bulb planting is to take place on Saturday, 17th October, 2009 at 10.00a.m. People are to meet at the top of Impson Way. The clerk is place a notice in the newsletter. Cllr Eyres is to designate the areas for planting and it was agreed to plant crocus around the benches on the A134. It was also agreed to spend £100 on bulbs and include some crocus.
- Cllr Eyres asked if any thought had been given to the sculpture proposed for the roundabout. All decisions are to be deferred until Pride in Breckland Scheme come back at the end of September.

Cllr Eyres also pointed out that stickers have been placed over the traffic lights. The Community Police are to be informed.

Cllr Eyles is to obtain quotations for the clearing of the verge and dyke from the junction of St Leonard's Street to the garage.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk: _____ Date: _____