

**MUNDFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT MUNDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY 6TH MAY, 2010**

Present: Cllr M Eyles, Chairman, Cllr Fox, Vice-Chairman, Cllr S Eyres, Cllr C Weight, Cllr J Goad, Cllr J Miles, Cllr J Marston, Cllr A Shepherd, Cllr D Goodrham, Cllr A Steward District Councillor, Mrs F Brown Clerk to the Council and 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies of Absence

There were no apologies

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Mundford Annual Parish Meeting held 2nd April 2009

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman firstly thanked the past and current Clerk's as well as District and County Councillors who have attended meetings throughout the year. He mentioned the training that the Clerk and Chairman had attended and stressed the importance of training for the whole Council in the forthcoming year. He stated that the committee had continued its policy of zero tolerance with regard to litter and thanked Jo, the litter warden for doing a 'good job'. He went on to highlight this year's achievements including the Cricket Club Dyke clearance, bulb planting, flower tubs, the Council's newly set up 'Friends of the Village' volunteers list and the general policy of trying to make the village into more of a garden.

The Chairman mentioned the Council's application for £31,500 for the annual precept again this year which has meant the Council can grant money to village organisations and cover maintenance costs. The Council remain on course and are committed to ongoing support of all village organisations and individual parishioners where applicable.

4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk made a short report to the Council firstly thanking them for making her transition into the role a happy one, and stating that she found the position challenging but also rewarding. The year-end accounts have just been produced and the Clerk was happy that the Council ran a responsible budget. She stated that since her return to the role, it was nice to see that the community spirit of Mundford had remained unchanged and she regularly receives positive comments from residents about the Council's work in the community. She was hopeful that in the next year the Council can work together to continue to be a proactive Council and those Councillors feel that they can contact her at anytime to ensure this will continue.

5. Other reports inc District and County Council

Cllr Steward announced a list of achievements. On the 17th May there will be an open evening at the Carnegie Rooms in Thetford to show plans for moving Thetford forward and hoped someone from the Council will attend. She mentioned the developments on the LDF plan including the site specific plans that commence on 24th May. These do show changes for Mundford and a copy will be sent to the Parish Council.

She advised that she had been in discussion with the Breckland Pride Scheme and was hopeful that there will be money available to the school to help them with the fence. She will contact the Clerk about this shortly.

She advised that Trevor Holden the Chief Executive of Breckland will be leaving his position soon and agreed that he had been an asset to the District. Breckland will be working closely with South Norfolk District Council. She expressed that there will be big changes and big funding cuts after the Election.

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The Chairman asked if her new responsibilities at Norfolk County Council have meant that she cannot spend as much time at District level. She advised that her role has remained unchanged and is actively involved at District level and encourages people to call her with issues that she will happily try and resolve.

Cllr Steward was keen to promote 'Moving Thetford Forward' and also mentioned the possibility of a new Bus Station at Minstergate.

6. Open Forum

A resident from Swaffham Road stated that she was aware that a new water main was to be placed down her road but the problems are mainly with the sewer not the water main. As the sewer needs attending to, she asked whether this could be dealt with at the same time. The Chairman stated that the Council can make representations to Anglian Water but if it is not on their work schedule then it is unlikely going to happen. He asked if she had complained to them which she has done, and it was suggested that she also contact her neighbours to call too which would add weight to the case, however the Council do support her views.

The same resident went on to discuss the speeding problem along Swaffham Road. She explained that she wanted to walk in safety and felt that this was no longer possible. The Chairman mentioned that this matter was ongoing and the matter of statistics was a big issue. Cllr Goad explained the monitoring system for speeding and advised that a speed survey was undertaken about 7 weeks ago. This survey concluded that the average amount of vehicles were within the acceptable limits.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.28pm