

**MUNDFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT MUNDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY 4th April 2013**

Present: Cllr S Eyres Chairman, Cllr J Goad Vice-Chairman, Cllr C Weight, Cllr J Marston, Cllr J Burton, Cllr T Fox, Cllr L Pratt, Cllr A Shepherd, Cllr D Goodrham, Cllr I Monson & Mrs F Brown Clerk to the Council and 12 members of the public.

1. Apologies of Absence

None.

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Mundford Annual Parish Meeting held 5th April 2012

It was proposed by Cllr Weight to accept the Minutes. This was seconded by Cllr Pratt, all were in favour. The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out a report outlining various achievements of the Parish Council in the last year and an update on current projects. He thanked many people including the Friends of the Village, The Litter Warden and Gardener, Cllr Shepherd for her dedication to the Community Car Scheme, the Council and the Clerk. The full report will be made available in the newsletter.

4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk read her report thanking the Council and the Chairman for their support over the last year. She also mentioned her Cilca qualification achieved last year and how this will benefit the Council. The full report will be made available in the newsletter.

5. Other reports inc District and County Council

County Cllr Ian Monson regretted that he had not been able to attend as many meetings in the last year, mainly due to his other commitments as Chairman of Norfolk County Council. He stated that this year had been challenging with savings having to be made again of £34million over the forthcoming year. Last year's budget has come in as expected and this has been reflected in the decision of no rise on Council Tax for the forthcoming year.

Focus has been made on apprenticeship initiatives, and with good financial incentives 400-500 apprenticeship schemes have been started in the county, and it is hopeful this will continue. There will be big investment into Broadband services by 2015 and this is a joint scheme with BT and government grants.

Cllr Monson mentioned the Parish Partnerships scheme that expires on 30th April and the community construction fund which has money available to organisations for Village Halls, Scout huts etc.

He is hopeful that the situation regarding the 30mph speed limit on the A roads in Mundford will be decided shortly.

He mentioned the dualling of the A11 and rumours of a Brandon Bypass in the future.

Suffolk County Council is discussing the concept.

Royal Mail is looking to close the Ipswich sorting office depot which will mean that every IP code will be sorted in Chelmsford. This may mean later deliveries and less efficiency and reduce the quality of the mail service in Mundford.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Monson for his report.

The clerk read out reports from Chilzone, The Village Hall and the Scouts which were well received by the Council.

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6. Open Forum

A resident stated that he had been told that a music festival has been planned for the summer on Barry Walkers land and wondered whether the Council had heard about this. The Council were unaware of this, however Cllr Shepherd mentioned that Helen Shepherd was organising an event for homeless people in Norwich. There was a short discussion over times, dates, charges for the event and whether a licence had been granted from Breckland Council. She was unsure of all the details at the present time and suggested that the clerk spoke with Helen about it.

The same resident stated that there was a lot of rubbish in the area named 'Impson Way Open Space'. It was suggested that a litter bin should be placed there. He also stated that the area of 62, Malsters Close was a dumping ground for rubbish. The Chairman explained that this is a privately owned area. He also stated that the flooding area at the back of the new Bennetts Development was full of rubbish and also a safety hazard. The Chairman explained that this is not within the remit of the Council as Bennetts own this land, and it is understood that residents will pay a management company to look after this once Bennetts have finished the site.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.27pm