

**MUNDFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD AT MUNDFORD CRICKET CLUB  
THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2015**

**Present:** Councillors S. Eyres Chairman, , T. Fox, A. Shepherd, D. Goodrham, J. Burton, J. Marston, C. Weight, and P. Angus Clerk to the Council and 13 members of the Public.

**Apologies of Absence**

None

**1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Mundford Annual Parish Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014**

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

**2. Chairman's Report**

**The following report was read out by the Chair**

Tonight will be the last Parish Council meeting for this committee as it stands. We know at least a third of us will not be parish councillors after May 7<sup>th</sup>.

It has been a privilege to work with you all during the last four years since I first became Chairman, and for those who will not be on the council in May, many thanks for all you have done.

Being a parish councillor is not just about turning up once a month for a couple of hours. We often hear how village organisations save themselves lots of money by doing certain jobs in-house. What many of you may not know is this council, and a few dedicated residents, also save the council hundreds of pounds a year. This is because we regularly have work-parties to do litter picks, small tree work, shrub-trimming, general tidy-ups, bulb planting, Christmas tree erection, as well as having individuals maintaining certain areas. The list goes on. So, many thanks to all who contribute both inside and out of our meetings.

Thanks go to Pauline, our clerk, for her hard work and dedication throughout the last year; also, many thanks to Bruce McIsaac, our parish council gardener and handyman.

A big 'thank you' to Cllr Ann Shepherd for doing a fantastic job in running the community car scheme, not forgetting all of the drivers; this team give many hours a month of their time free to help others.

Thank you to our County Councillor, Ian Monson, for attending meetings and helping us throughout the year.

Lastly, good luck to the next parish council committee, remembering you are there to represent the interests of all of our community.

Thank you.

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**3. Clerk's Report**

**The following was read out by the Clerk**

Since becoming your Parish Clerk in January 2014 it has been a very busy and challenging time for me but also very enjoyable and interesting and sometimes a little scary, however there has always been someone on the end of the phone to help me with the many queries/questions that I have had whilst learning this busy role.

I really appreciate it when residents stop and chat to me in the street not only to report any problems such as a street light that is not working but also I am often asked how I am getting on and have I settled in and also to thank me for just doing my job.

There are many people that I would like to say a huge thank you to for their help, support, advice and patience during my first year they include:-

- The Chairman Stefan Eyres for his help and patience and for putting up with the many phone calls during my early days. He never once complained whatever time I called and was always able to help with my many queries and questions.
- Mrs Rosemary Godfrey the Parish Council Website Manager for her patience when showing me how to upload the Minutes and the Agenda's onto the web site – it took three training sessions before I finally got the idea.
- Mrs Fran Brown my predecessor who has always been at the end of the phone or e-mail when I needed help and advice.
- The Cllrs for their help, patience and support.
- The Friends of the Village who at a drop of a hat will meet for litter picking and bulb planting duties.
- Mr Bruce McIsaac our handyman and gardener who not only works very hard but is always smiling and cheerful as he carries out his tasks.
- Finally I would also like to say a special thank you to the many residents of Mundford for making me feel so very welcome when I took on this role.

**4. Other reports inc District and County Council**

No other reports.

The District and County Councillors were not present.

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**5. Open Forum**

A member of the public explained that she was part of a new fund raising group called the Circle of Friends, she explained that there would be an Open Garden event this year and part of that event would include a Scarecrow Competition and she asked that the Council support this new group and also perhaps that the Chair or a member of the Council would judge the Scarecrows on the day of the event. The Chair confirmed that this would be discussed in the main meeting.

A member of the Chilzone committee confirmed that £1527.96 has now been returned to the Council since the closure of the club last year and she asked that the Council confirm that this money will be ring fenced for any future youth clubs in Mundford, it was confirmed by the Council that this will be the case. She thanked the Council for their support in the past.

A member of the public asked if the Council received income from the companies that are putting up advertising notices around the village. The Chair confirmed that the Council receive absolutely nothing from these companies. The Football Club signs are nothing to do with the Council, Cllr Marston said that these signs are on private property, however they are in the process of obtaining retrospective planning permission from Brecklands. The Chair explained that there is also retrospective planning permission being applied for by the owners of the car wash signs, the clerk confirmed that planning for the car wash signs has not been approved as yet. The Chair also explained that the large sign for the car wash on the side of the roundabout was on private property however he believes that the planning department are also investigating this.

A member of the public who was a friend of the late Maryann Turner confirmed that a head stone had now been placed on her grave in the church yard.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm