

**MUNDFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT MUNDFORD CRICKET CLUB
THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2016**

Present: Councillors J. Burton Chairman, S.Eyres Vice Chairman, T. Fox, A. Shepherd, D. Goodrham, J. Marston, K. Weight, D. Frost, C Angus, District Cllr Mike Nairn and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council and 20 members of the Public.

Apologies of Absence

County Cllr Ian Monson.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Mundford Annual Parish Meeting held 2nd April 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Eyres to accept the minutes and seconded by Cllr Fox all agreed. 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

In the last 12 months we have continued to support the following village activities:

- Subsidising the bus service to Swaffham
- Improving the village floral displays
- Supporting organisations and charities in the village and donating to outside charities that assist Mundford residents
- Continued with our programme of replacing obsolete street lamps with new LED lights which will proceed over the next 12 months together with renewing lampposts where appropriate
- Again this year we erected a Christmas tree on the village green and for the first time Mundford Village Choir sang carols on the lighting up evening. We extend our grateful thanks to Kinga Molnar and the choir for helping to make it a memorable evening and also thanks to Barry and Jane of The Crown for arranging their lights to be switched on at the same time and providing mince pies and mulled wine after the event.

The Community Car Scheme has run well over the last 12 months and many thanks to Ann Shepherd and her team of volunteers for doing such an excellent job.

I would also like to thank the Friends of the Village for litter picking throughout the year and bulb planting in October.

A big thank you to Pauline our Parish Clerk for her hard work during the year and many thanks to Bruce McIsaac, our Parish gardener and handyman.

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

Finally, my grateful thanks to Vice-Chairman Stefan Eyres and my fellow councillors for their contribution to the Parish over the last 12 months.

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3. Clerk's Report

The following was read out by the Clerk

The past year has been another challenging and interesting year for me and it seems every month there is always something new to learn about my job.

2015 was an election year that meant that all Cllrs had to step down and those that wanted to had to re-apply to Breckland Council to be a Parish Councillor.

In May 2015 Cllr Eyres stepped down as Chairman and Cllr Burton took on this challenging role, Cllrs C Weight, Pratt and Goad all resigned and were replaced by Cllrs C. Angus, K. Weight and D. Frost, even though these changes have occurred all Cllrs have ensured that things continue to run smoothly in the Parish.

I am currently working on obtaining a defibrillator for the Village, and I would like to thank the following for their donations towards this project, Mark and Lorraine from the Newsagents who raised a total of £500 selling second hand books, Mr B Dains and family who donated £50.00 and £500.00 from a Mundford resident who would like to remain anonymous., this leaves around a total of approximately £1,000 to be found, I have applied to Breckland Council see if they will donate £500.00 towards the balance and the Parish Council will match that donation.

I often get asked when and where are the Parish Council meetings held so I would like to confirm the following regarding the dates, and procedures for the agendas and minutes for the Parish Council meetings:-

- The dates of the meetings for the year are always on the notice board (beside Mace) and are also on the Parish website www.mundfordparishcouncil.co.uk the meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated.
- The meetings are held in the Cricket Club starting at 7.30pm.
- Agendas for these meeting are posted on the notice board and website 5 working days before the meeting and all Cllrs are summoned to attend and Public and Press are also welcome to come along.
- The minutes are taken by myself using a recording app on my phone I also make notes on the laptop, once the minutes are typed up they are then sent to all the Cllrs a week before the next meeting, upon approval of the previous months minutes at that meeting they are then signed by the Chairman, once approved they are then published on the Web Site and Noticeboard.
- The Parish Office is manned 15 hours a week Monday through to Thursday AM.

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4. Open Forum

A member of the public thanked the Cllrs for the Saturday bus service to Swaffham that is subsidised by the Parish Council, she said that she wished that more people would use the service however the residents that do use it are very grateful. She also asked if it was possible to have the same sort of service into Brandon, the Chair said that the Council will take this request on board and discuss it at the next meeting. A member of the public mentioned the dog fouling around the village, the Chair said that this is a constant problem in Mundford and unless you can catch the dog owners that are leaving their dog mess on the pavements it is very difficult to do anything about it. Another member of the public also asked if it was possible for a bus service to be provided to Brandon, the Chair said that although this will be discussed later by the Council the only way that a service to Brandon can be provided is to alternate it with the service to Swaffham, this was not acceptable to the people that were at this meeting that use the Swaffham service. Cllr Eyres pointed out that the Council spend approximately £1,000 a year to subsidise the bus to Swaffham. Cllr Shepherd said that she runs the Community Car Scheme which is available on Saturdays as well other days of the week and it costs £2.25 to get to Brandon. A member of the public said that he and his wife are new to the village and that the daffodils and floral displays look absolutely lovely, Cllr Eyres said that the bulb planting takes place in October and it is carried out by volunteers and the Parish Council are always looking for more people to join them.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed _____

Date _____