

# Minutes of the Mundford Annual Parish Meeting held at Mundford Cricket Club on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Present:** Councillors S Eyres (Chairman), J Musgrove (Vice- Chair), N Enderby, S Booth, S Allen and District Councillor M Nairn.

## 1. Apologies for Absence-

Councillors S Morris, C Pryke and County Councillor F Eagle.

## 2. To confirm and sign the minutes of Mundford Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

It was proposed by Councillor S Booth to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Councillor N Enderby. This was approved by 4 Councillors with a show of hands (Councillor S Allen was not a Councillor at the time)

## 3. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman read his annual report:

This has been a challenging year for Mundford Parish Council. On 3<sup>rd</sup> June, I was again in the Chair, with James Musgrove as Vice Chair. For most of the first four months, we did not have an active clerk, but with all councillors doing their bit, we got through it until the appointment of our new clerk, Louise Morris, in September 2021.

We had the sad news of the passing of Cllr Kim Weight in June. Kim had been a serving councillor from May 2015 and is greatly missed.

We also had two new councillors join us: Sarah Allen (May 2021) and Charlotte Pryke (August 2021), both of whom are valuable members of the Council.

The office had an inspection last May, which it passed, but a few things needed an upgrade. We took this opportunity to have new windows and a disabled-access door fitted, as well as new signage, insulated walls and new heating.

The allotment area has continued to be improved, with a new hedge, guttering on the east side of the hut, and cladding down that side. The building has also had a couple of coats of treatment all around. The laurel hedge was severely cut back from Pig Sty Lane. All of this work has been done by your councillors, volunteering many, many hours of their time, which saves the council many hundreds of pounds, so a massive thank you to everyone who helped.

Another big "thank you" goes to our litter-picking team of volunteers. Unfortunately, we will never totally beat the problem, but we can certainly try to keep on top of it.

We were able to invite residents to our Christmas tree switch-on in November, for the first time since 2019. It was a very wet and cold day, however approximately 100 residents still braved it, and a good night was had by all. I would like to thank all the businesses that supported the event and, again, all of the volunteers for their time on the day, not forgetting Father Christmas and the choir.

To finish, a few more thank yous:

Louise Morris, our Parish Clerk. Louise, since taking the role, has totally absorbed herself in the job with enthusiasm. She has already proved to be a great asset to the council, and is a valuable and important member of our council.

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Vice Chairman, James Musgrove. James has been of incredible support these last twelve months, to both Louise and me. He took on the clerk's role from May through to September, for which I would like to wholeheartedly thank him.

Bruce McIsaac, our gardener and handyman. I would like to thank Bruce for his hard work during 2021, during which he continued to keep the flowerbeds looking lovely, and other areas of the village neat and tidy.

All of the Councillors, for their dedication and hard work during the past twelve months. Also, County Councillor Fabian Eagle and District Councillor Mike Nairn for their help and advice during the year.

Lastly, Ann Shepherd, who has run the community car scheme for many years, aided by her excellent team of volunteer drivers.

Thank you,

Stefan Eyres

#### 4. Open Forum

N/A

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm

**Signed:** ----- **Date:** -----