

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council
Wednesday 3rd December, 2008.**

Present:

Cllr. Eyles, Chairman, Cllrs Fox Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Goodrham, Marston, Miles, Weight. District Cllr Steward, County Cllr Monson and 4 members of the public.

1. The Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Shepherd

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 2nd October, 2008.

Cllr Weight pointed out that his co-option onto the council was missing from the minutes. The clerk is to amend them and they will be signed at the next meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Eyres declared an interest in item 6 Benches.

5. Meeting suspended for Public participation

The clerk is to report dogs fouling the pavement between 2/38 Brecklands. She is to ask for Dog fouling notices to be placed in the area. Information about the situation is to be placed in the newsletter. A dog bin is to be placed near the memorial bus stop. Cllrs Eyles and Marston are to erect it.

6. Matters Arising

- **Outstanding Highway Matters**
- **Pigstye Lane Dyke**

A letter was read out from Mark Stokes of Breckland Council outlining the Council's obligations re: water on the highway. Breckland has no obligation to solve the problem of the flooding of the road. Cllr Fox suggested we send all information to NCAPTC for further advice. County Cllr Monson suggested that he should discuss the matter with Highways to see if they can resolve the situation. Cllr Goodrham suggested that Breckland Council write to the landowners informing them of their responsibilities to carry out the work to clear the dyke and oversee that the work is carried out. The meeting resolved to give Cllr Monson time to discuss the matter with Highways.

- **Mundford Common**

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The subject of ownership is to be pursued.

- **Benches**

3 quotes had been received for the installation of the benches. Cllr Fox proposed and Cllr Goodrham seconded that the council should accept the quote from S. Eyres. It was agreed by all the council. Cllr Eyres is to purchase hammerite to treat the steel work. Cllr Eyles asked that the council agree the purchase of a small gift for Mr R. Grimwood who had made all the steelwork free of charge. The council agreed to the purchase. Cllr Eyles is to check the plaque on the bench on the memorial site and ensure that it is placed on the new bench.

- **Footpath Crown Road**

No further information is available at present.

- **Vacancies on the Council**

Information is to be placed in the newsletter about the vacancy which exists.

- **The Traffic Lights and Speeding on A134**

Cllr Monson said he had spoken to the engineer and the lights had been adjusted. He asked that information be placed in the newsletter reminding pedestrians to look at the little green man for the safe time to cross and not the lights which are for vehicles.

- **The tree at the junction of Crown Road and the Grove**

The tree is on the agenda to be dealt with but no time fixed for the work to be carried out.

- **Litter Competition**

No date has been fixed.

- **School Library**

A letter of thanks has been received from the school.

- **Scout Group**

The Council agreed to pay the full amount of the costs of the new lease. The clerk is to contact the leader.

- **Grass Cutting**

The clerk is to contact Mr Smith to remind him to cut the area between the dykes near the memorial site and the council authorised an extra cut of all the grassed areas. The clerk to inform.

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- **Brown's garage**

Cllr Eyles met with the owner who informed him that he had applied to Breckland for permission to construct a patio in front of the garage on which to serve teas. Catering would be carried out from a wheeled vehicle and so does not require planning permission. He emphasized that parking would be on the forecourt and not the highway. District Cllr Steward informed the meeting that should they have any concerns then to contact her directly.

Correspondence

- A letter had been received about the dead tree in Impson Way. The clerk had replied.

A letter about the outcome of the petition carried out for Christopher Fraser, MP had been received and was read out at the meeting.
- A letter of thanks for the donation for the defibrillator was received from the school.
- A letter had been received about gritting routes. There have been no changes to the routes and the school bus route cannot be included because an alternative safe route is available. County Cllr Monson informed the meeting that a third of all routes in the county are gritted.
- A letter of thanks was received from E. Goad.
- A letter of thanks which had already been read out was received from Mundford School. County Cllr Monson, who is a member of the governing body, said how delighted they had been with the donation.
- A letter had been received from David Spencer, Principal Planning Officer about site specific information.
- Information had been received about changes and the adoption of a new policy for the Freedom of Information. The Council agreed in principal to accept the new policy and to adopt it at the next meeting.

7. Finance

- The following payments were authorised by the Parish Council and cheques signed by Cllr Eyles and Eyres.

Cheque	Description	Total
100961	Community car Scheme	£250.00
100962	S.L.Symonds Litter Warden	£ 65.00
100963	J Illsley Clerk, post, travel and expenses	£ 483.15
100964	Mundford Primary School	£1500.00
100965	Eon Energy Parish Office	£ 230.34
100966	M. Eyles expenses	£ 20.00

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100967

Mundford Scout Group lease fees

£ 458.25

8. Planning Applications

- 3PL/2008/0782/O 24 Fir Close Appeal lodged

Bennetts revised application was accepted.

9. New Highway Matters

The clerk is report the pot hole outside the cricket club entrance.

10. Street Lighting

- The clerk is to report street light outside 67 The Lammas. The streetlight outside 137 the Lammas has already been reported.

11. Reports

- **MRG&VHT.**

None.

- **STANTA**

Cllr Fox reported that communication had been established with Stanta. He had attended a meeting and informed the council that the construction of the Middle Eastern type villages for training will be completed by February and the Council will be invited to view them. Information about Stanta activities is to be placed on the noticeboard and in the newsletter.

- **School Governors**

County Cllr Monson informed the meeting that the governors were pleased to receive the donation form the council.

- **District Councillor**

- **LGR**

Cllr Steward corrected the newspaper report in the EDP about Breckland's legal challenge to the Government's consultation periods in connection with proposed boundary changes. Please see attached letter.

- **Youth Council**

Cllr Steward informed the meeting of the development of the Youth Council.

- **Pest Control**

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This has now been outsourced but is still available through the call centre.

- Cllr Steward also informed the meeting that Breckland Council was still waiting to know whether it would receive any money back in connection with the failed Icelandic Banks.
- Cllr Steward also informed the meeting of Breckland's plans to help small businesses during the recession.

County Councillor

County Cllr Monson spoke of Norfolk County Council's Inspection and said that it had been found to be performing well and that children's services were good. A copy of the report will be available from January.

- **Park and Ride Changes**

From January the park and ride charges will change. Instead of paying £3.30 per car a charge of £2.00 for the 1st person, £1.60 for the second and £1.40 per person thereafter will be made. Cllr Eyres stated that this was not cost effective for families or cars which were full and would make it more expensive than parking in the city. He also asked if reduced rates were still to apply. Cllr Monson is to check.

- **Healthy Walks in Norfolk**

In conjunction with the Health Service, Norfolk County Council has introduced easy walks to encourage people to adopt a healthier lifestyle. Towns have been prioritised and the first walks have been introduced into Aylsham and Thetford. Others are to follow and a booklet of walks for each area is being compiled.

- **National Speed Awareness Course**

In June NCC had its application to run a course accepted and speeding drivers were offered a speed awareness course at a cost of £70 instead of 3 points on their licence and £60 fine. It is hoped that the initiative will improve safety on Norfolk roads.

- **Dualling of the A11**

This is to go ahead and the public will be able to view the plans in Mildenhall, Thetford and Elevation.

- **Members' Matters**

Cllr Eyres informed the meeting that the Connect magazine should be delivered soon. He explained that there was a shortage of people to help run the magazine and deliver it.

In response to an article seen in the EDP, Cllr Steward is to report further on the information about developments at Lynford Water.

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Cllr Eyres reported that the defibrillator is now on site.

The roots on the area of land adjacent to A134 still need attention.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

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Clerk: _____ Date: _____