

Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council

Thursday 2nd July, 2009.

Present:

Cllr. Eyles, Chairman, Cllr Fox, Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Shepherd, Goodrham, Marston, Miles, Weight, District Cllr Steward, a Community Police Officer 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

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 4th June, 2009.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Meeting suspended for Public participation

Mrs Goad commented on how beautiful the planters and flowers were and offered her thanks to all concerned. Laura Parrott of the Community Police spoke of the initiative which the Community Police are undertaking with Breckland Council about cold calling and said the scheme was with Breckland and awaiting agreement. Comments were made about children playing in the street and the Community Police are to look into the matter. There was also concern about people playing within the school area; again the Community Police are to investigate. There is still concern about the number of cars parked on the verges and on the footpaths which the Community Police are to investigate. There was some concern about police response time to reported incidents. Community Police Constable Parrott is to report the concerns to her superior and she gave a telephone number for non urgent incidents which is 0845 4564567

6. Matters Arising

• **Outstanding Highway Matters**

The clerk reported on her meeting with Harvey Woodyatt from NCC Highways department. The manhole cover which needs repair which they could not find is situated on the grass opposite 15 Impson Way. It is thought that the cover has been damaged by a van parking on the grass. The Community Police are to investigate the parking. She reported that all other matters were still ongoing.

Cllr Goad had visited the residents of Holly Cottage who were most distressed by the anonymous letters they had received about their hedge. He reported that they had cut back the hedge from the inside of the property.

The clerk reported that she had placed articles in the newsletter asking residents not to park on the footpaths and on the grass and to cut back the hedges to the boundaries of properties. She also informed the meeting that information had been placed in the newsletter about dogs fouling the footpaths and drugs information for parents leaflets available from the Community Police.

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- **Refurbishment of the Village**

Cllr Eyres spoke to the meeting about the co-operation of the owners of Brown's Garage in the refurbishment of the roundabout. The landscape gardener consulted by the Garage had offered advice on the refurbishment of the roundabout. After taking soil samples and investigating the roundabout she is of the opinion that it would be better to install a three dimensional sculpture. The owners of Brown's Garage had offered to donate additional monies towards the costs.

Cllr Eyles also reported upon the letter received from Breckland Council about the Pride in Breckland bid. The Council was very disappointed by the response. District Cllr Steward apologised for the tone of the letter and said that after discussion with Rob Walker, Sustainable Communities Manger, £500 had already been earmarked for the Council's work to enhance the village and that he wished to make contact with the Council to discuss things further. Cllr Eyles is to meet with him. The clerk is to arrange the meeting. It was agreed that the roundabout and the dyke adjacent to the cricket field form part of the project to be discussed with Rob Walker.

He also reiterated Mrs Goad's comments about the good feedback there had been about the planning around the benches. He did say that the soil around the bench outside Fran Brown's House was not good and the plants there would need keeping an eye on.

The Council agreed that an advert be placed in the newsletter for a part-time gardener to care for the containers and planting around the village. The clerk is to offer a salary of £65 per month for 10 hours work, which is approximately 2.5 hours per week.

It was agreed that the benches be treated before the winter but not with a water based product. Cllr Eyles is to contact the makers of the benches for information about treatment.

- **Parish office**

The clerk is to arrange a meeting to carry out the Risk Assessment and Health and Safety check and to review the back windows of the office once she has recovered from her accident.

- **Dog and Litter Bins**

The clerk is to order two litter bins and one dog bin.

- **Grants and Donations**

Cllr Eyres proposed and Cllr Shepherd seconded a donation of £300 to MRG&VHT for the refurbishment of the hall floor.

Cllr Goodrham suggested that the council awaits the outcome of the Scouts' fundraising activities before making a decision about the support for their archery equipment request. This was agreed.

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7. Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from EACH along with an invitation to see the work which they undertake.

Information had been received about a mobile cinema.

The clerk is to contact the MRG&VHT and the local home for the elderly about a proposed visit to Mundford from a deaf charity. The clerk is to contact the charity with contact information about the MRG&VHT and the home.

Information has been received about the change to the telephone number at NCC.

The request from the Forest Group of Doctors for internet provision in the village is to be referred to the MRG&VHT. The clerk is to forward contact details of the MRG&VHT to the Practice.

8. Finance

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

Cheque	Description	Total
101024	Community Car Scheme	£ 250.00
101025	S.L.Symonds Litter Warden	£ 65.00
101026	J Illsley Clerk's salary and travel exp	£ 467.92
101027	J. Hubble Litter Warden	£ 16.25
101028	Anglian Water	£ 47.51
101029	Didlington Nurseries	£ 233.00
101030	M. Eyles Travel	£ 39.06
101031	S.Eyres Grass Cutting and Planting	£ 70.00
101032	MHB Street Light Maint	£ 142.90
101033	D. Freeman Bus shelter clean	£ 60.00
101034	Donation Mother and Toddler Group	£ 250.00

The Council agreed that information and copies of the accounts are to be placed on the notice board for the parishioners because the clerk is unable, because of her accident, to attend the office for those parishioners who wish to see the accounts.

A new mandate pack has been requested.

9. Planning Applications

3PL/2009/0133/O 11 Swaffham Road. Erection of two dwellings. Refused
3PL/2009/0545/F60 Malsters Close has been circulated
3PL/2009/0538/F 58 Malsters Close has been circulated
3PL/2009/0557/F 34 St Leonard's Street has been circulated

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10. New Highway Matters

Cllr Goad was concerned about the junction of Crown Road with the Lynford Road and the need for extra white lines. The clerk is to contact Highways with a request for them to meet with Cllr Goad to discuss various road problems including the need for more signage to warn of the crossing on the Cranwich Road and to prevent cars from exceeding the 40mph speed limit.

The clerk is to seek the cost of flashing signs which show the drivers speed.

The clerk is report a water leak near 38 The Lammas.

11. Street Lighting

The clerk is to report the street light 9087 outside 84 Impson Way which is not fully on.

- **MRG&VHT.**

Minutes received and to be circulated

- **STANTA**

Nothing received

- **School Governors**

The school is to pass on to the Council copies of the newsletters sent to parents for them to be aware of what is happening in school. The clerk is to circulate them.

District Councillor

Cllr Steward reported that Capita has now taken over planning at Breckland but Phil Daines is still with them. Planning will eventually be online and there is a meeting n 13th July at 6.30pm for people to hear what is happening with planning.

LDF, the state inspectors, are with Breckland and a decision should be made very soon.

Swine Flu will remain an NHS responsibility but the outbreak is being monitored at present and processes are in place to deal with a serious outbreak.

Breckland Council put a stop to a rave last week.

No decision has yet been made about the stone curlew area.

- **Members' Matters**

Cllr Goad asked if Beware of Animals signs could be placed around the village.

Cllr Fox explained that the Swaffham bus had new contractors who had immediately taken Mundford off the route. The clerk is to contact County Cllr Monson to ask about the matter.

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Cllr Goodrham asked if information about training at STANTA could be placed in the newsletter. The clerk is to contact STANTA to ask if they can send a copy of the training schedule to the editor.

The clerk is to contact Will Smith to ask if he will cut between the two dykes.

Cllr Marston is to contact the MRG&VHT to ask them to cut back the hedges and remove the weeds adjacent to the footpath.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk: _____ Date: _____