

**MUNDFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD AT MUNDFORD CRICKET CLUB  
THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

**Present:** Councillors J. Musgrove (Chairman) S. Eyres, D. Goodrham, J. Marston, D. Frost, K Weight, N Enderby and Mrs S. King (Clerk to the Council). There were 10 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs B. Ellis and T. Fox

**2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Mundford Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th April 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr K. Weight to accept the minutes this was seconded by Cllr J. Marston and all agreed. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**3. Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman read out his annual report:

Welcome to this Annual Parish Meeting which marks the end of my first year as Chairman. This is also Samantha King our Clerks first Annual Parish Meeting having started as Clerk in November last year.

As some of you will know May 2019 is the end of the four year cycle for the Parish Council. This Council will therefore be up for re-election on the 2nd May. All being well we will all still be on the Council apart from those Councillors who have decided not to apply for re-election.

So any items brought up by members of the public at this Annual Parish Meeting will be dealt with by the new Councillors at the first meeting on the 9th May.

We have continued to support village organisations during the past year with donations to the Cricket Club, the Bowls Club, the Church and the Village Hall. Unfortunately we did stop supporting the fortnightly Saturday bus to Swaffham as it was no longer cost effective. We do still support the Community Car Scheme and would like to thank Ann Shepherd and her team for their continued efforts.

Our Christmas Tree switch on continues to be a success and we will hope to continue this year with more stalls etc. Many thanks to the supporters for their efforts and donations to various charities.

We tried as a Parish Council to invigorate the Connect Magazine but in the end sponsored the new Mundford Messenger which we believe was the right way to go and has been much appreciated by everyone in the village. I would like to thank the team behind the production and delivery of the new magazine for doing a great job.

The Mundford Book has been a great success selling so far 150 copies. This is a non-profit making venture which has proven very worthwhile.

Once again our village looks a picture with all its floral displays only possible through the hard work of Bruce McIsaacs our handyman and the Friends of the Village who turn out every year to plant more bulbs.

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We have now planted the 100th anniversary memorial tree and will be arranging for a commemorative plaque for it in due course. We will also be installing the flag pole and new litter bin near the memorial to finish enhancing the area.

The new village signs on the roads entering the village were also completed during this year and really look good as you approach the village.

The allotment storage shed has had lots of work done on it and water tanks added to collect rainwater. I would like to thank Bruce McIsaac and Cllr Eyres for their time and effort in installing the new roof and water tanks.

I would also like to thank our band of litter pickers who meet every six weeks. I am sure if we did not collect the 15 to 20 bags of rubbish every time the village would be knee deep in rubbish especially on the four main roads approaching the roundabout.

The main project for this coming year is the extension of the pavement on the Swaffham Road to allow pedestrians to cross 45 metres further towards Swaffham rather than at the zig zag opposite Lynford Road/Crown Road. We have received a grant of 50% of the £9000 cost from the Norfolk Parish Partnership Scheme. We also have two new Pedestrian Crossing signs either side of the zig zag in that location provided through our Councillor Fabian Eagles. Which we much appreciated. We would also like to thank the owners of 2 Malsters for removing the hedge on the corner of Crown Road giving more visibility when turning onto the Swaffham Road.

Just a quick note about finances. We as a Parish Council try to be fair in all our support for local organisations and meet all the required criteria from the authorities in maintaining a minimum of 50% of our precept in a savings account currently around £15,800. Our monthly finances are displayed on the Parish Notice board outside the shop every month following the Parish Meetings.

On another note we are proposing an outdoor evening Cinema event on the 28th August at the Village Hall. This is a joint venture with the Cricket Club and the Village Hall Trust. Please look out for more details and support this event if at all possible.

I would just like to make a few thank yous:

- to my Councillors for their support during the year
- to Samantha our Clerk who is now very much part of the team
- to Councillors Mike Nairn and Fabian Eagle for their continued support and attending our Parish Meetings on a regular basis.
- to everyone in the village who helps however small it is much appreciated.

May our village continue to prosper and be the envy of others.

Thanks you all for coming tonight.

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**4. Open Forum**

Residents who have moved to Swaffham Road in November 2018 only signed their completion papers on the condition that the land at Lynford Road, which is currently occupied by a mobile home and numerous other large items, is not developed on. Their understanding was the current owner should be vacating the land in April but continues to run their generator day and night disturbing sleep and the wildlife.

The Parish Council recommended that the residents contact Environmental Health and Breckland Council for assistance.

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_