

Minutes of the Mundford Parish Council Virtual Meeting by Zoom on 3rd December 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Musgrove (Chairman) Cllrs D. Goodrham, K. Weight, S. Eyres, N. Enderby S, Welsh, S. Booth and District Cllr M. Nairn. There were no members of the public.

1. THE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Welcome to our Zoom meeting. I hope everyone is keeping well. The SAM 2 speeding sign has been in position on the A134 entering the village for four weeks. The total number of vehicles (excluding those travelling within 3 seconds of another vehicle) was 100,500. The average speed of the 100,500 vehicles was 44.25 mph. The general daily maximum speed was between 65 and 75 with one vehicle passing through at 100mph. There was a total of 11,000 vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllr B. Ellis.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting in November were accepted as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Cllr D. Goodrham and seconded by Cllr N. Enderby. All agreed.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Outstanding Highway Matters

- There is a blocked drain outside 21 Fir Close which needs reporting to Highways.
- There is an uneven gully opposite Costcutters which needs looking at by Highways.
- Tarmac needs replacing down the Cul de Sac in Malsters Close as this was missed during the resurfacing recently. This needs reporting to Highways.
- The Swaffham Road new footpath has two large puddles where pedestrians cross every time it rains. Highways needs chasing to add drainage.
- The manhole cover outside 6 Swaffham Road rattles every time vehicles pass over it and needs reporting to Highways.
- Cllr N. Enderby would like the SAM2 sign to be positioned down Swaffham Road between the crossing and Ickburgh bridge as this is where the majority of the speeding occurs. Chairman J. Musgrove will ask Highways if one of the positions of the SAM2 sign can be changed to end of Green Lane from opposite the Parish Council office.

6.2 Village Footpaths and Verges

- Footpath sign in Pig Sty Lane has been broken off. Highways will replace this in due course. Chairman J. Musgrove will try and repair the old sign until the new sign can be fitted.
- Cllr K. Weight would like the public footpath FP1 to be rerouted to be in line with current footpath. Chairman J. Musgrove will investigate.

6.3 Allotments

Two large and two small allotments are marked out and are ready to install the steel posts. Chairman J. Musgrove will approach those on the waiting list in order of applying to offer the allotments. The advert has been withdrawn from Messenger until the spring. Residents on the waiting list from Ickborough/Cranwich will be offered allotments. The advert will be modified accordingly when it is necessary.

6.4 Handyman/Gardener

The handyman has been busy around the village. The plaque has now been fitted to the bench opposite the office.

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6.5 Allotment Hut

- Cllr S. Eyres has obtained two pieces of metal fencing which can be used to close off the left-hand section of ground down the side of the hut. Cllr S. Eyres has suggested we purchase and plant 4 or 5 Nordmann fir trees in this section for future use on the village green at Christmas. Cllr S. Eyres will investigate pricing.
- Chairman J. Musgrove suggests we plant some native trees on the left-hand section leading up to the hut. This would be environmentally friendly and tidy up an area that currently gets overgrown with nettles etc. The Woodland Trust sometime offers free trees for planting.

6.6 Yellow Lines Crown Road

It was agreed by the Councillors that the yellow lines are no longer necessary down Crown Road. Once the building work is complete there shouldn't be any further need for vehicles to be parked on the bend.

6.7 Standing Orders

All Councillors agreed to update the Standing Orders. The Clerk will add the updated copy to the website. The next review will be November 2021.

6.8 Parish Council Vacancy

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council.

6.9 Christmas Tree

The tree which was kindly donated by Margaret Godfrey will be removed tomorrow and repositioned to the village green. This will then be decorated. Many thanks to Cllr S. Eyres for arranging and cutting down the tree.

6.10 Phone Box/Planter

BT have removed the phone box from the village in St. Leonards Street. Chairman J. Musgrove suggested adding a new planter in the recess where the box stood and will look at costs.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- The school grant has now been paid.
- There has been one skip filled so far for 16 Brecklands. District Cllr M. Nairn will look into when more skips will be delivered.

8. FINANCE

8.1 Payments and Cheques for the November invoices

The following payments were authorised on Thursday 3rd December. This was proposed by Cllr S. Eyres and seconded by Cllr K. Weight. All agreed. BT provided a quote of £126.72 for the repositioning of the phone cable to allow for the insulation to be added to the parish office wall. This was agreed by everyone. Cllr D. Goodrham presented an invoice for the wood for the solidier silhouette for the amount of £82.80. This was agreed by everyone.

Description	Amount
Balance for November 2020 (minus the following direct debits)	£19,629.31
Opus Energy Parish Office Electric	£0.00
E-On Street Lights	£122.92
Everflow Water Rates	£8.64
XLN Telephone/Wifi Parish Office	£49.14
Opus Energy (Allotment Hut Invoice)	£374.71
HM Land Registry	£6.00
HM Land Registry	£15.00
Total Direct Debits	£576.41
Receipts	Amount
Opus Energy – Refund for Allotment Hut	£349.51
Total Income	£349.51
Balance	Amount
After Direct Debits and Income	£19,402.41

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Cheques	Description	Total
BACS	Westcotec Street Light Maintenance	£59.23
102324	Void	£0.00
BACS	Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath – S137	£50.00
102325	Sid Sayer – Allotment Work	£160.00
BACS	TTSR Limited – Grounds Maintenance	£1,888.39
BACS	Mr B McIsaac – Plaque for Bench	£51.80
BACS	Mundford Primary School – Grant Payment – S137	£1,500.00
BACS	CBR Business Solutions – DBS Checks	£144.00
BACS	Mr D Goodrham – Stoke Ferry Wood for Silhouette	£82.80
BACS	Mrs S King & Mr B McIsaac – Wages	£787.89
BACS	Mr J Musgrove – Office Wall Cladding	£252.66
BACS	BT – Modification for Phone Line to Office	£126.72
Total Paid		£5,103.49

Balance in Community Account	Total
December 2020	£14,298.92
Balance in Savings Account	Total
December 2020	£25,880.92
Balance for Miscellaneous Items	Total
Chilzone	£1592.96
Outdoor Sports and Play	£996.50

8.2 Web report for November

- There were 189 visitors in November.

8.3 Budget/Precept 2021/22

The budget was agreed for 2021/22. The precept will remain at £33,000. This was proposed by Chairman J. Musgrove and seconded by Cllr D. Goodrham. All agreed. The Clerk will complete Form B and email this to Breckland Council.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference Number:	Address:	Date:	Description:	Outcome/ Update:
3PL/2020/0943/F	2 The Lammas, Mundford	08/09/2020	Proposed dwelling house with integral garage	Approved
3PL/2020/0425/VAR	Land Off Crown Road, Mundford	06/05/2020	Variation of Conditions 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 on 3PL/2017/0059/F Please refer to Variation of Condition Report submitted with this application.	Approved

10. STREET LIGHTING

We are still awaiting costs for items needed around the village. (All quotes have now been received ready for January meeting).

11. REPORTS

11.1 District Cllr Mike Nairn

I attend the Overview & Scrutiny Panel. The Breckland Council 5-year land supply falls within the requirements of the Local Plan. Breckland Sustainability Policy is determined on reducing carbon footprint and will provide grants to companies and groups to help reduce their carbon footprints. COVID grants have been provided to help small businesses during the past few months and there is still money available. Regular briefings are sent out by Breckland and 95% of the work force are still working from home and will continue to do for the foreseeable future. The Banham Poultry Farm investigation is still ongoing. The Cranwich Foods spike is now under control. Breckland have one of the lowest numbers of COVID cases in East Anglia.

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11.2 County Cllr Fabian Eagle

None.

12. MEMBERS' MATTERS

- Chairman J. Musgrove has looked at similar plaques provided to residents for the Mundford Pride award in the past and managed to locate a copy of the certificate. Chairman J. Musgrove would like to propose instead of a plaque a £50.00 garden voucher and certificate for David and Patsy Allen who have spent a lot of time and effort planting down Pig Sty Lane. This was seconded by Cllr S. Eyres and all agreed.
- A divert sign has been recovered and is situated outside the Parish office ready for collection by Highways.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 21.48pm.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____