

# **Minutes of the Mundford Parish Council Meeting 4th November at Mundford Cricket Club**

Those present: - Councillors S Eyres, J Musgrove, N Enderby, D Goodrham, S Morris, S Allen, C Pryke. County Councillor Fabian Eagles and 4 members of the public.

## **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS.**

The chairman asked those present if they were happy with the current situation at the meetings concerning covid precautions. All agreed that they were. He stated that item 7.10 would be brought forward to item 7 matters arising as members of The Circle of Friends were in attendance to discuss the Platinum Jubilee.

## **2. APOLOGIES.**

District Councillor Mike Nairn

Councillor S Booth

## **3. ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

Proposed Councillor J Musgrove and seconded Councillor D Goodrham. Approved by all present. Minutes signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

## **4. Declaration of Interests.**

Councillors S Eyres, J Musgrove and D Goodrham item 9.1 payments and Councillor S Morris for item 7.3 Allotments.

## **5. Public Participation**

4 members of the public.

## **6. Reports.**

County Councillor Fabian Eagles reported that the cost of one dropped curb at Malsters Close could be funded, half by the Parish Partnership and half by Norfolk County Council. Clerk to contact Jack Griffiths at Highways to ask for formal quote for both curbs.

## **7. Matters Arising.**

### **7.10 Platinum Jubilee.**

4 members of The Circle of Friends attended the meeting to discuss their ideas for the Platinum Jubilee. It was decided to advertise a meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022, in the next Mundford Messenger. The meeting would be to form a committee of volunteers to organise a fete or fun day to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Clerk to contact the Village Hall about the meeting. Christmas carols were discussed and a list was given to be passed on to the choir. Clerk to be notified of final choices so that song word sheets can be produced. Members of the public left at 8.00 pm.

### **7.1 Outstanding Highways Matters.**

Councillor N Enderby asked if there was any news on the ongoing drainage issues at Swaffham Road. Clerk had emailed them but is awaiting a response.

### **7.2 Village Footpaths and Verges.**

Councillor N Enderby asked if the Gardener /Handyman had cleared the pipe at the Lynford turning. Councillor Eyres said that he had. The Clerk was updated on the situation with 16 The Brecklands by Mike Nairn. The

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house is empty and the issue is being dealt with by Housing and Environmental Health. The Clerk contacted them and is awaiting a response. The tree at 133 The Lammas and the hedge at 1 Fir Close have been cut back and thank you letters have been delivered. The tree at 16 Fir Close was cut before a letter was written. Councillor D Goodrham pointed out that there are several properties in the village where gravel is spilling out onto the footpaths. Clerk to add this to the next Mundford Messenger issue. Numbers 4 and 29 Wissey View have hedges and foliage growing onto the footpaths, Clerk to contact Flagship Housing association to complain. 36 Impson way has an overgrowing prickly hedge which is obstructing the path. Clerk to write a letter.

## **7.3 Allotments.**

2 requests to be added to the waiting list. Council decided to offer plot 10 now that it isn't needed for burning the hedge cuttings. Clerk to contact first on the list. The old Horticultural Society Trophies that were donated to the council will be again offered to families of those named on the trophies. Clerk to contact them and keep a record of the names of those taking the trophies.

## **7.4 Allotment Hut.**

Purchasing a new lawnmower for cutting the Allotment shed grass was discussed and agreed by email but was confirmed at the meeting. Councillor J Musgrove proposed and seconded by Councillor Enderby, approved by all present with a show of hands. Councillor D Goodrham asked if the Mundford Pre-school could look at the Allotment Hut with a view to possibly using it in the future when part of the Pre-school will be moving premises to the school. The Council agreed. The rest of the hedging is due to arrive in the next few weeks, 50 items in total.

## **7.5 Handyman/Gardener.**

Chairman stated that Bruce has not been well. Councillor J Musgrove and his wife have removed the begonias from the beds by the War Memorial.

## **7.6 Parish Office.**

Style have confirmed the order for the new front and there is currently a 10-to-12-week lead time. The Clerk has delivered a letter to R Norton. Councillor S Eyres has filled holes in the driveway with tarmac.

## **7.7 Litter bin/ Dog Bin.**

Both have arrived.

## **7.8 Clerk.**

New phone number has been handed to Councillors. Clerk has completed 3 of the 4 parts of the Role of the Clerk Course and is finding it interesting and very helpful.

## **7.9 Councillor Vacancy.**

No interest as yet. This will be put in the next issue of the Mundford Messenger.

## **7.11 Remembrance Day.**

Councillor D Goodrham confirmed the details for the church service and suggested contacting D Smith to ask him to speak at the War memorial. Council agreed and Councillor Goodrham to do so. Councillor C Pryke suggested the Parish Council provide an itinerary; Council agreed. Clerk to liaise with D Smith and Councillor D Goodrham to create the itinerary. Councillor D Goodrham to contact West Tofts to see if they intend to be present at the event. Councillors J Musgrove and S Morris to carry out flagpole maintenance this weekend. Councillor S Allen offered to staple the poppies onto the camo net. Grass cutting and sweeping around the

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memorial to be carried out next weekend as well as installing Tommy and the ceramic poppies. Councillor D Goodrham suggested that Council members wearing high viz tops should be in place to assist with crossing the road on the day.

## **7.12 Christmas Tree Lights On.**

Final arrangements discussed, Councillors to meet on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am to collect the tree then at 10.00am to decorate it. Councillor S Eyres to contact the Fish Bar, Yallops and St Leonards Court to ask about stalls. Also, to ask Harvey Walters about road warning signs. Councillor J Musgrove to check lights and decorations and to purchase an advent calendar for the child that wins the draw as well as 2 tins of sweets for Father Christmas to hand out. Tables needed from cricket club or scout hut for the stalls. Councillor S Allen offered for Father Christmas to depart from her house. Councillor D Goodrham to contact Father Christmas to confirm use of his trailer for the event. Timeline set for the day and email reminder will be sent nearer the date. Audio system has been purchased. The Village Voices Choir has agreed to sing and will confirm the carols chosen, Clerk to print off song sheets once this is done.

## **7.13 Bulb planting.**

Poor turn out for the bulb planting this year but all bulbs were planted in two sessions. The drills and augers were very successful. Councillor S Eyres proposed to buy 2 more drills and 2 more augers for next year. Seconded by Councillor D Goodrham and approved by all with a show of hands.

## **8. Correspondence.**

Martyn Eyles informed the Clerk that the display board on the Village Green had appeared with no requests to place it there, he thinks it may have been Highways or Norfolk County Council. The Council decided that as it is damaged it should be removed and stored in the Allotment Hut until it can be mended. Once that has been done it will be placed by the concrete pad on the Village Green. After 15 years of cutting the grass in front of the Allotment Hut, the Hayden family are no longer able to continue. New lawnmower has been purchased by the Parish Council for this purpose. A complaint has been received from a resident of Impson Way whose property backs onto the Pocket Park, the trees there are growing very tall. The Clerk has passed on the issue to Breckland Council. A resident has bought a copy of the Lynford Hall book by Barry Ellis this month and he currently has no copies of his books available.

## **9.0 Payments.**

Councillor J Musgrove told the Council that he had been unable to get his money refunded from Zoom. Payments proposed by Councillor S Allen and Seconded by Councillor N Enderby. All present except Councillors S Eyres, D Goodrham and J Musgrove approved the payments.



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## 12.0 Members Matters.

Next meeting, we will de-brief on the Remembrance Day and Christmas Light Switch On events. Councillor J Musgrove suggested keeping the precept the same next year and also that the budget be kept the same as last year. Councillors were given a copy of the last budget to look at and this will be discussed at the next meeting. Also to discuss Pride of Mundford Award at the December meeting. Councillor S Eyres asked the Clerk to enquire when the road sweeper will next be in the village and to request that the whole village be swept as it hasn't been done in the last visits.

Next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. At 7.30 PM at Mundford Cricket Club.

Meeting closed at 10.10 PM

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_