

Draft Minutes Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday April 4th 2025 at Mundford Cricket Club (subject to confirmation)

Those Present: Cllrs S Eyres (Chairman), J Musgrove, S Morris and A McLean, District Cllr S Hussey and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Stubbley and Locke and County Cllr F Eagle

2. Chairman's Report:

It's been a challenging year for the Council, but we have continued to be proactive and support residents' needs wherever possible. One of our biggest issues has been the cracking concrete at the top of the war memorial column. This is going to cost a substantial amount of money, but we are hopeful of getting a grant for some of the work.

The Council continues to support organisations within the village: a £2000 grant towards the new play area fencing was awarded, also £996.50 of ring-fenced money was donated. This was previously ring-fenced for outdoor sports and play.

In September, we did a village-based quiz "The Mundford Meander" for the first time. A massive thank you to Barry Gray and Sarah Allen for doing most of the organising. A thank you also goes to the businesses that sponsored the event.

November 30th was the Christmas lights switch-on, which was very well attended once again. Thank you to the sponsors and the businesses that supported it.

Thank you to Ann Shepherd and her drivers for doing an excellent, valuable job with the Community Car Scheme.

A thank you also goes to Bruce, our Parish Council Gardener and Handyman.

And many, many thanks to the volunteers who regularly take part in litter-picks and bulb planting. I think you'll all agree that the village is looking wonderful at the moment. The village green, in particular, has a wonderful scent of hyacinths.

Thank you to our County Councillor, Fabian Eagle, for all his help and advice during the past year. And we must not forget the Mundford Parish Councillors: thank you for voluntarily giving up your own time to help improve our village.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to Louise, our Clerk, for all her hard work and dedication to the council. Thank you.

3. Open Forum:

One resident wished to thank the Parish Council for the new bus stop that is currently being created on the Cranwich Road, near Bracken Rise. She said that it will be welcomed by the elderly, ensuring that they no longer have to carry heavy bags up the hill from the other bus stop. She also asked if the Parish Council could look into having the 40mph speed limit sign by the entrance to Bracken Rise moved to further up the road, in the hope that vehicles will be travelling at slower speed rather than still slowing when driving past the estate. The Clerk will look into this.

A second resident thanked the Parish Council for all that it does for the village, both on behalf of herself and the Friends of Mundford School (FOMS). The third resident asked about another streetlight being put in St Leonards to stop the dark spot. The Clerk is preparing letters for properties in the street to ask about this. The resident also suggested the possibility of residents contributing to the funding for the War Memorial works- this to be added to the next agenda.

The meeting Closed at 7.30 pm