

Minutes of the Meeting of Mundford Parish Council
Thursday 5th June, 2008.

Present: Cllr Eyles, Chairman, Cllr Goad, Joint Vice-Chairman, Cllr Fox, Joint Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Eyres, Marston, Miles, Shepherd, and 3 members of the public. Present also were Andrea Long and a colleague from Breckland Council.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman again welcomed those present and made a presentation of the award of the Mundford Pride Scheme to Councillor John Marston. Everyone agreed that it was the best deserved yet. He said that Councillor Marston does so much for the community of Mundford in such a quiet and unassuming manner and that everyone was delighted with the presentation to such a deserving man. He then introduced Andrea Long from Breckland Council who had come to inform the meeting about Site Specific matters which had an impact on Mundford. Following the presentation by the representatives of Breckland Council he said that there would be an opportunity for everyone present to ask questions.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Goodrham, District Councillor Ann Steward and Community Policewoman Caroline Whatmore.

3. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 3rd April, 2008.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. LDF site specific presentation

Please see attached presentation and map. Several questions were posed about transport. There are no specific monies available to improve transport links but it may be improved as a spillover from development elsewhere in the area. A question was asked about the protection of local businesses which made the village more viable. Again the representative stated that individual cases would be looked at if this arose but that it was the Council's wish to stop the change of use which allowed business premises to be bought and used for residential development.

6. Meeting suspended for public participation

None

6.1 Mundford Litter

The litter warden thanked the Council for her pay rise and said it was good to be appreciated. She suggested that some form of surveillance be taken to try and identify the litter bug.

It was also noted that the West Tofts Road was clearer of litter and that the village hall area was cleared by the caretaker of the Village Hall and not the litter warden. The clerk informed the meeting that the primary school was happy to take part in the litter poster competition.

6.2. Parish Office

The Council agreed to the purchase of a pay as you go mobile phone for the office and a timer plug for the heating so that the office could be heated more appropriately. The clerk is to purchase both. The matter of the use of the Office by the newsletter editor for

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the storage of equipment and use of the office for printing and duplicating the newsletter was discussed. The Council felt that a small contribution towards the cost of running the office should be requested. A sum of £20.00 per month was suggested by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr Goad. It was agreed by the whole council and the clerk is to contact the editor.

6.3. Outstanding Highway Matters

The clerk was asked to contact Highways to begin the process of requesting a footpath along Crown Road.

6.4. Village Roundabout

The Chairman thanked the working party who had recontoured the banks of the roundabout and grassed the new banks. He said he had contacted Will Smith to cut the grass every two weeks. This had been agreed in return for advertising on the roundabout. Grasses are to be planted underneath the trees and bulbs on the banks.

6.5. Lynford Road Junction

Cllr Marston had spoken with Giles Drake-Brockman who apologised for not replying to the Council's letter. He explained that finances were poor at the moment and the full development of the area of Lynford water was on hold but that the road into the car park was to be changed and the car park opened. There was some concern about safety and the fact that the junction was to be three lanes and not a roundabout. The clerk is to contact County Councillor Monson for information.

6.6. Matters arising from the Health and Safety Check

Cllrs Eyles and Eyres are to obtain quotes for the painting of the posts and staining the bench on the village green. The clerk is to obtain a restraining hook for the Council Noticeboard.

7. Correspondence

Signatures sent to Christopher Fraser MP with regard to speed limits outside the school.

E-mail received from Community Policewoman Caroline Whatmore about reporting incidents and her response to reinstatement of yellow lines outside the cricket club, charity door knocking and parking outside the school. She also stated that the Police were aware of the increase in criminal damage and nuisance behaviour in the area and had spoken to residents. She said that it was important for residents to inform the Police of incidents which they suffer. This enables the Police to direct services where there is a need and enables Caroline to back up what she is saying to her superiors about Mundford's needs.

In response to his e-mail about 106 monies and the naming of roads the clerk is to contact Phil Daines chief planning officer at Breckland District Council to arrange a meeting to discuss items relating to planning applications.

There had been several suggestions for the naming of the roads on the new development and the clerk is to keep a record of them for future reference.

8. Finance

8.1 Allocation to Charities

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The amounts listed in the payments were agreed by the whole Council for their donations to charity 2008/9 on behalf on Mundford Village.

Cllr Shepherd said that due to the rapid and great increase in the price of fuel she was seeking permission from the Council to increase the cost of journeys for people who live outside the village. She wished to charge for an extra two miles. She said at present the cost of travelling to the next village to collect people had not been charged for but felt that it was only fair to now make a charge for this. The Council agreed to the extra charge.

8.2 Payments

The following payments were authorised and signed by Cllr Eyles and Eyres. Included is a payment for £190.75 to Eon Energy.

Cheque	Description	Total
100907	Community Car Scheme	£200.00
100908	J. Marston MPS	£ 50.00
100909	S Symonds Litter warden	£ 65.00
100910	J Illsley Clerk, Post, Travel	£456.01
100911	Anglian Water Rates	£ 89.11
100912	Viking Direct Stationery	£ 91.24
100913	Eon Energy Office account	£ 91.68
100914	NCAPTC Books and Training	£295.00
100915	S Eyres Vests and grass seed	£ 52.96
100916	Macmillan Cancer Relief	£150.00
100917	Brandon and Mildenhall CAB	£150.00
100918	Diss, Thetford & District CAB	£150.00
100919	Eat Anglian Air Ambulance	£200.00
100920	Norfolk Accident rescue	£100.00
100921	South Norfolk Victim Support	£150.00
100922	Doug Rolph Top Soil	£244.17
100923	MRG&VHT	£2500.00

8.3 Major Spending Projects for 2008/9

The Council agreed to defer this discussion to the next meeting.

8.4. Audit

The accounts and Audit were accepted and signed and can now be sent to Frances Brown the internal auditor.

8.5. Post Office Account

Cllr Fox proposed and Cllr Marston seconded the closer of the Post Office Account and the transfer of monies to the Premium Account at Barclays Bank.

9. Planning Applications

3PL/2008/0242/F Silver Birches, The Grove.

3PI/2008/0737/F 14 Crown Road

3PL/2008/F 16 Crown Road

3PL/2008/0782/O 24 Fir Close

10. New Highway Matters

The clerk is to report pt hole in Crown Road outside West Hall

2 vehicles outside 7 Wissey Viwe with no tax

Motorbikes using the spare ground at the bottom of Impson way

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11. Reports

STANTA

The clerk is to contact Col Powell and invite him to the next meeting to talk about the work and function of Stanta and its relationship with Mundford.

MRG&VHT

Minutes received and to be circulated.

Chairman's Report

The chairman reported that Ickburgh Village had held its first public meeting for 5 years. Tina Grinsall had been elected the new leader and the village did have funds in the bank. A Public meeting is to be held once a year and the Chairman offered support on behalf of Mundford Parish Council. Breckland Council who were also represented at the meeting also pledged their support

12. Members' Matters

12.1 Naming of the roads on the new development

The matter is in abeyance.

12.2 Training

Further training is to be deferred to the Autumn.

12.3 Parish Office

The chairman requested a working party to clear the overgrown weeds and hedge in the entrance to the parish office. It was also decided to clear the rose bed on the village green. The barrels situated adjacent to Malsters Close are to be planted up too. A quote for replacing the fence between to 2 Swaffham Road and the Parish Office is to be sought.

12.4 Handyman

It was decided to defer the appointment of a village handyman for the moment but to consider placing an advert in the newsletter to see if anyone was interested in doing odd jobs for the Council.

12.5 Mundford Common

The clerk is to make enquiries about the ownership of Mundford Common when the grid references for the site have been identified.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Chairman: _____ Clerk: _____

Date: _____