

MUNDESLEY-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY 2016 IN THE CORONATION HALL MUNDESLEY

PRESENT

Cllrs C West (Chairman), Mrs June White (Clerk)

Council Members: Cllrs L Stango, C Payne, D Smith, J Parke, D Revell

Members of the Public: 8

Assistant Clerk: Mrs D Joy

01 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor West welcomed everybody to the meeting and explained that the Annual Parish Meeting is for the benefit of the Parishioners, and no business is conducted at this meeting.

02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Although Members do not have to attend this meeting, Cllrs P Gray and P Keddell sent their apologies.

03 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 April 2015

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

04 ANY MATTERS ARISING THEREOF

There were no matters arising.

05 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported as follows:

- The Responsible Finance Officer duties are to be merged into the Clerk's duties.
- The Christmas Fayre in December 2015 was a great success and the Chairman thanked all those involved who helped make this annual event so successful.
- Celebrations were held in April 2016 to celebrate HM Queen's 90th birthday with a beacon lighting ceremony followed by tea and cake in the Coronation Hall. Entertainment was provided by a story teller, who entranced the children, singer Sharon who also sang at the Christmas Fayre, Nigel Holmes and Pat Nearney and the Chairman expressed his thanks on behalf of the Council. The event was an outstanding success.
- The Council has a large number of assets which need looking after, including 107 street lights. The lanterns on the street lights are gradually being replaced with low wattage LED lights in order to save on the electricity bill, which runs at £4,300 alone.
- The Council also has the children's playground, MUGA, skate-park and outside gym, all of which are widely used.
- The Council had the opportunity to purchase the iconic red telephone box outside Gold Park for the princely sum of £1.00 and would welcome suggestions for its use.

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- The Museum was bequeathed £2,500 from the estate of the late Charles Loades, and it is proposed to put this money towards publishing a book entitled “Muleslai to Mundesley” written by Peter Brice who lives in Mundesley and was a past principal of Paston College, North Walsham.
- Two years ago the Council revamped the planters in the village and these are sponsored by Jupe, the Chemist shop and the Visitors’ Centre and the Council would like to thank them for their sponsorship.
- The Parish should have 13 Councillors and only has 8 at the moment. The Chairman announced that the Council is looking for more Members and if anyone would like to become a Councillor, details could be obtained from the Clerk.
- Gold Park is a registered Charity, and the money that is raised from the car boot sales is given to local charities.

06 SPEAKER – PASTOR JOHN LEAF FROM MUNDESLEY COMMUNITY CARE

The Chairman introduced Pastor John Leaf who gave a talk on Mundesley Community Care as follows:

- Pastor Leaf thank the Council for the invitation to speak
- The Luncheon Club was set up 19 years ago and was originally set up for disabled persons and anyone over 60 years old.
- It provides more than food and is a big benefit for the community providing a lifeline for people living on their own or who have been widowed.
- Many friendships are formed and relationships expanded into the community.
- It is run by volunteers, including the cook.
- Last year they faced a problem where following an inspection, the gas cooker was deemed to have some H&S issues. Mundesley Community Care had some funds but to purchase a new cooker would use up all the funds. In order to reduce the cost a price was acquired for an electric cooker to be installed by a local company. The cost to purchase was over £2,500. They applied to MPC for help and received a generous donation which enabled them to have some funds left in reserve.
- Local suppliers are used for the purchase of the meat and vegetables and a 2 course meal is provided followed by tea and coffee. They have had to increase the cost of the meal, the first one in 7 years, from £4.50 to £5.00.
- The vision is for Mundesley Community Care to run for many years to come.

The Chairman thanked Pastor Leaf on a very interesting talk.

07 BREAK FOR TEA & COFFEE

The Chairman announced a break for tea, coffee and cake and invited all those at the meeting to partake in the refreshments.

08 SPEAKER – MUNDESLEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Chairman introduced Robert Overden and Derek Sidaway who gave a talk on the Royal British Legion as follows:

- The significance of the poppy as a lasting memorial symbol to the fallen was first realised by the Canadian surgeon Lt Col John McCrae in his poem “In Flanders Fields”. The poppy came to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by his comrades and quickly became a lasting memorial to those who died in World War I.
- An American War Secretary, Moina Michael, bought poppies to sell to her friends to raise money for Servicemen in need after the First World War. It was adopted by the Royal British Legion in 1921 as a symbol for the Poppy Appeal in aid of those serving

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in the British Armed Forces. The symbol of the poppy today represents Remembrance of the past and hope for the future.

- In 2014/15 the National Income was 82.3 million pounds. This money was spent on helping servicemen and ex-servicemen who were in need.
- The British Legion was able to fund Recovery Centres around the county to help those badly injured to regain their health, with £18 million.
- Their 6 residential homes and the four welfare break centres received £8 million.
- Every week in 2014 the Royal British Legion was able to channel £1.7 million into its welfare activities for ex-servicemen.
- At present for 2015/16 Norfolk has raised £673,582.90. Mundesley and District which includes Gimingham, Knapton, Paston and Trunch has contributed £4,565.87.

The Chairman thanked Mr Overden and Mr Sidaway on a very informative talk.

06 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

The Chairman opened the floor for questions:

- It was suggested that the Art Group may like to sponsor a planter.
- A query was raised as to whether NNDC are going to paint the railings on the sea front this year.
- The poor condition of the chicanes into Gold Park was raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN

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