



Mundesley-on-Sea Parish Council

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may well have seen the excellent communication and video sent via Doreen, from NNDC regarding the Bacton to Walcott Sandscaping scheme. If you haven't I urge you to do so. It's on NNDC website and I am sure Councillor Reynolds will be putting it on Facebook.

We were informed that the Mundesley part of an enormous Coastal Protection project should be commencing during September or possibly even a little earlier.

Councillor Payne, Doreen and myself attended a Field Day event for this impressive project and I had the good fortune of sitting next to the recently appointed Community Liaison Officer who is the PR person for the project and who kindly offered to attend one of our meetings to make a presentation. Would you like that to happen?

The MPC Neighbourhood Plan (NP) sub-committee met last week and received a presentation from Ian Withington who leads the team dealing with NP submissions at NNDC and imparted a lot of useful guidance and assistance to help us present our ideas in a way which conforms with the legal requirements of NP's. Doreen has done a lot of work compiling the data received from approx. 190 hardcopy and online questionnaires which she has published to the sub-committee in both narrative and statistical graph formats.

This has been supplemented by further questionnaires completed by the public attending the Soap Box Derby and there are further public consultations planned.

Our approach to the NP has been a holistic one and as a result we will agree the Vision for Mundesley in far more breadth and detail than will be needed for the NP. This will ensure we have a strategic marketing plan with objectives and action points in addition to those which will be incorporated in the NP.

Our approach aims to deliver a consistent strategic plan for our Village addressing all aspects to include; tourism, demographic considerations for an ageing population, facilities for the young (particularly indoor activities in the winter) job opportunities, coastal defence, agriculture, education, use of technology, green issues, transport links and infrastructure which far exceeds the narrower property considerations of the NP but feeds into it by informing us of the drivers behind future development in our community.

Moving on from the NP there was a Government directive issued recently requiring Councils, including Parish Councils, to be legally bound to be part of a team approach to tackle knife crime. We need to speak at next SNAP meeting and with P.C. Paul Gwynne, to kick-start this.

Also this month, Doreen and I attended the Society of Local Council Clerks' Summer Conference in Carrow Road where a number of interesting items arose and which require our attention. I will raise the issues at suitable points during this evenings' agenda for future actions to be agreed.

Finally, do we really need an August FCM? Not only is it likely there will be Councillors absent but also the agenda items have to be set up and published in advance thereby restricting the Clerk's opportunity to take any of her holiday entitlement.