

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- We didn't hold a full Council meeting in August, so we have been effectively prorogued for seven to eight weeks without any of the fuss or drama experienced by those prorogued in London!
During this time I have been privileged to attend a number of events in and near to our village.
- Firstly, it was a great pleasure to introduce the Open air Cinema night on Gold Park, which was a great success raising over £1300 for local charitable organisations which adds to the £16500 already donated by Mundesley Parish Council in grants this year. The feedback from those who attended was very complimentary and the positive effect of these events on tourism have been welcomed by some of our local businesses.
Mundesley Parish Council Events sub-committee arranged the event. Their Chair Person, Bev Reynolds, together with Vice Chair Di Spray and the entire volunteer team from the village deserve fulsome praise for their sterling efforts, as does our Parish Clerk Doreen.
- The subsequent Dog show event they arranged also received very positive feedback and generated a substantial donation to an animal charity. Once again, Congratulations to Bev, Di and their team of "doers."
- I also spoke at a much more poignant event in gratitude for the boat donated to the parish by a local resident in memory of her late husband and son. The person concerned did not want any publicity for their kind act and even if they did, I am prevented, in my opinion amazingly, from mentioning names by the data protection act.
The boat was transported and filled with shingle and earth, free of charge, by Councillor Chris' Payne to its location on Cromer Road close to Crayford & Abbs. It was then planted up by the volunteer group Mundesley Gardeners (the brainchild of Doreen) and secured with wooden surround by Andrew Rivett. A true community effort.
- Next, another happy event was the one to mark the completion of the Bacton-Walcott Sandscaping project. A great project completed on time and under budget. I have left a message for the project PR consultant Judie Harris to forward a pdf of the leaflet, "Bacton to Walcott Sandscaping Scheme Summer 2019," to our Parish Clerk who will circulate to all Councillors. I am sure members of the public could secure copies from NNDC if required. One of the key points made in that leaflet is that, "beaches will still change during storm events, but with more sediment available locally they will be more able to respond and to recover under the right conditions." I mention this because I know concerns have been expressed on Facebook and elsewhere that the level of the new sand has already fallen after the first storm. This was predicted and is not anticipated to be permanent.

Steve Blatch (Corporate Director and Head of Paid Service NNDC) spoke well on the beach without a script and Project Manager, Rob Goodliffe confirmed Mundesley is next in line for its part of the coastal protection scheme which, as we know, involves different solutions to Bacton & Walcott.

The meeting also provided me with an unexpected opportunity to speak to some senior Police Officers who were in attendance, about the recent vandalism in Gold Park and some earlier vandalism in our village. I was given some interesting contacts and ideas to tackle this blight on our Parish.