

Minutes Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday April 9th 2026 at Mundford Cricket Club

Those Present: Cllrs S Eyres (Chairman), M Locke (Vice-Chair), J Musgrove, J Clifford, G Mitchell and D Goodrham, District Cllr S Hussey, and 21 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr S Morris and Mrs L Morris (Clerk)

2. To approve the minutes:

The previously signed minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Thursday 3rd of April 2025. This was proposed by Cllr Musgrove, seconded by Cllr Locke and approved by 3 Cllrs.

3. Chairman's Report:

After several years we have finally got the repairs to the War Memorial completed. The total cost was £8776.16 (£3610 of which will be paid by the War Memorial Trust grant).

The Christmas Light Switch On was a great success again last year, being really well attended and hundreds of pounds being raised for various charities as well as the Friends of Mundford School (FOMS). A massive thank you needs to go to all sponsors, businesses and helpers as well as the Pop Club Choir, who took part for the first time.

A thank you goes to Ann Shepherd and her team, for doing an excellent job with the Community Car Scheme and to all of the volunteers who regularly take part in litter picks and bulb planting sessions.

Thank you to Fabian Eagle, our Norfolk County Councillor, for all his help and advice during the past 12 months: also, to Scott Hussey, our District Councillor, for keeping us informed on Breckland District Council matters.

Thank you to the Mundford Parish Councillors, who voluntarily give up an awful lot of time during the year to attend meetings and help improve the village.

Lastly, a massive thank you to our Clerk, Louise, for doing a tremendous job. The War Memorial, in particular took up a huge amount of her time, and this is on top of her doing 101 other things that keep our Parish Council ticking over.

4. Open Forum:

A resident asked why the Parish Council has a large amount of reserve funds and why the council tax for the village has been increased again this year. Another resident asked if surplus funds would be offered to village groups or the community. Finally, a resident advised all present that the Parish Council accounts could be seen by residents as part of the external audit process.

The Chairman said that Parish Councils are advised to maintain general reserves equivalent to three to twelve months' net expenditure to cover contingencies and cash flow issues. He explained that the precept was increased to assist with this as well as the repairs to the War Memorial and future works to the Village Green, War Memorial area and possible streetlighting additions.

The meeting Closed at 7.18pm