



NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the whole community



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2nd and 4th June 2012

Newsletter Autumn 2012



What a wonderful weekend. A huge THANK YOU for all the volunteers who helped make the occasion such a success.
See www.northmundham.org for more photos



Open Gardens 24th June 2012.

Following on quickly from the Jubilee a number of residents of the parish kindly opened their gardens and although the sum raised was very modest this year due to the inclement weather in the weeks before the day, those people who visited the gardens really enjoyed them. The money raised has been passed to the Playing Field Management Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to open your garden next year please contact Denia Turnbull on 01243 788640 or d.turnbull@northmundham.org

The Mundham Seniors Lunch will be held on 1 December 2012



Anybody who lives in the Parish of North Mundham and who is over the age of 60 is eligible to be included in the invitation list. Anyone who wishes to be added to the invitation list or who would like to nominate someone else should contact Steve Harris on 782390. People who came last year are already on the list and will receive an invitation.

Tickets are free, but there is a collection box on the day.

Chairman's Report 2012

The past year has been dominated by the arrival of the Localism Act and the uncertainty of the publication of the local plan—two factors which may have important influences on our involvement and environment. Localism which claims to 'transform the way we secure planning permission' promises greater responsibility to parish councils, but even with some District Council help to formulate neighbourhood plans they may nevertheless still be under considerable pressure from developers. Residents with professional expertise working without monetary reward will be in demand to help and guide us through this period with our Clerk, Louise Chater, continuing to keep us up to date by studying and attending courses.

However we have had a busy year, involving:

- Financial support for North Mundham Youth Club in conjunction with Hunston Parish Council
- Financial support for the Pavilion Annexe
- Provision of Jubilee Mugs for all the children in the Parish aged from birth to year 6 in primary school
- In conjunction with residents of the parish holding a wonderful Jubilee weekend
- Open Garden Event to raise funds for the Pavilion Annexe
- Support to the residents in requesting a safer crossing at the Walnut Tree junction
- Successfully applying pressure on Southern Water to improve the service provided in School Lane and Runcton
- Progressing affordable housing in the parish
- Planting of Jubilee trees kindly donated by Brick Kiln Nursery in conjunction with the Playing Field Management Trust and the School
- Installation of bike stands at the bus shelters
- Working to increase the profile good police liaison
- Organising the annual litter pick to improve the village environment
- Monitoring pollution in Brookside and protection of the water vole habitat
- Visiting and monitoring the recycling plant to reduce odours
- Appointment of qualified footpath inspectors

Neighbourhood Policing

Whilst your local police team must seek to fulfil Policing Priorities set by the Central Government and the Sussex Police Authority, it is equally important that they address local issues which affect you. The Neighbourhood Management Panel is an informal public meeting for members of the local community to discuss which are the most important or pressing issues that concern them, help decide policing priorities, and receive feedback on the actions that the police have taken.

Our local Neighbourhood Management Panel covers the parishes of Hunston, Sidlesham and North Mundham. It meets about every two months, at times arranged so that our Neighbourhood Policing Team officer can be there. The meetings are informal and public, and the times and meeting places, along with the minutes are published on the Parish Council website. The current chairman is a local parish councillor, Tim Russell. For more information contact him or our local Neighbourhood Policing Team officer – see: <http://www.sussex.police.uk/your-neighbourhood/your-district/chichester//local-team/WC2NH16>

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Would you be interested in improving your village? If so there is a way you help!

The Parish Council is looking for a group of volunteers to work together to do jobs such as weed areas, wash signs and pick up litter. The group will decide what tasks it wishes to complete, how often they wish to meet and for how long.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact the Louise, Parish Clerk, on 671628 or clerk@northmundham.org

The Local Plan

To enable the District Council to take into account the new provisions required by the new National Planning Policy they have agreed a new timetable. The key dates are:

- **March to April 2013** Public consultation on the Preferred Options Core Strategy
- **October to November 2013** Statutory public consultation on the Pre-Submission Core Strategy

It is intended to submit the Core Strategy in **March 2014** and estimated to start to use it **October 2014**.

For further information please see: <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5101>

FLOODING IN THE PARISH

During Monday 11 June, and the nights before and after it, nearly 100mm of rain fell causing flooding in many parts of the parish. This rainfall was more than double the normal monthly average. Farm land was flooded and crops ruined, many roads were impassable for a couple of days and houses were damaged.



The Parish Council is talking with the Environment Agency about the Pagham Rife and how it plans to ensure that the flow of water out into Pagham Harbour can be improved when there is a possibility of flooding.

Flooding of roads, and blocked or inadequate gullies and culverts, are the responsibility of West Sussex County Council and we are also working with them to ensure that the road drains in the Parish are cleared regularly.

Watercourses (ditches), other than main rivers, are the responsibility of riparian owners. You are a riparian owner if your property or land is on, or very near, a watercourse. Riparian owners have a duty to keep the watercourse clear of any obstruction to flow and the County Council will be writing to all riparian owners to remind them of their responsibilities.



Home from Hospital Service

The Home from Hospital Service of the British Red Cross is a free service offering support to people who are caring for loved ones who have recently been discharged from hospital. It also offers support to individuals who have recently been discharged and may have little, if any support from family and friends. We offer help with shopping, light housework, providing company and a range of other practical activities.

Our service is delivered by a team of dedicated volunteers and we are always actively seeking new recruits to help us. We would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone who has a couple of hours a week to spare and enjoys meeting and helping people. As the demand on our service grows, so too does the need for volunteers!

If you would like some more information or know of anyone who could give up a few hours a week, please contact the Health and Social Care Coordinator on 01243 774858.

SAFER CROSSING AT THE WALNUT TREE

As you will be aware a member of the public made a very convincing case for improvements at this corner arising from the concern for the children getting to school.

West Sussex County Council have recently reviewed the decision to carry out work and have considered too much work would have to be done to alleviate the problem and the Parish Council would welcome any practical solutions recommendations or anybody that can advise us on traffic management if the parish council can come up with a solution West Sussex County Council may review this matter again.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PARISH

Once again the Affordable Housing Working Party and the Parish Council held an exhibition to obtain residents' views, this time on the potential site layout for 15 affordable units on the chosen site on the land south of B2166, which was one of the sites offered for comment at the exhibition held in 2011.

This was a very successful afternoon and the comments received were very positive. They have been fed into the work being carried out on the planning application, including a review of the mix of properties as requested by several people during the afternoon.

Once the properties are nearing completion an event will be held when those people who have registered on housing register and are interested in a property on the site will be required to provide evidence of their local connection to the Parish of North Mundham to entitle them to be considered for a property. For further information on applying to join the housing register see <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=13448>

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LINK COLLEGE AT FLETCHER PLACE

Residents have approached the Parish Council expressing concern with regard to the behaviour of some of the children attending the Link College at Fletcher Place. The Council have contacted the Head of the Centre, Mrs Sally Covill, who has requested that if residents are in any way concerned about the behaviour of the children who attend the school could they please contact the school immediately on 01243 642872 to discuss your concerns and enable them to deal with the children's behaviour.

Summary of Council Accounts 2011/12

	Expenditure 2010/2011	Expenditure 2011/12
General Administration	5547.71	8129.56
Parish Clerk	7905.77	8580.76
Chairman's Allowance	74.16	50.35
Section 137 Grants	0.00	.00
Grants and Other Powers	7429.76	6959.68
Bus Shelter Maintenance & Repairs	1008.00	313.20
Waste & Dog Bin Clearance	110.24	5.44
Village Hall Running Costs	7988.75	9243.08
Caretaker	4640.00	4821.37
New Equipment for Village Hall	48.50	19.20
Return Deposit	1000.00	84.00
Total Expenditure	35752.89	40356.64



District Councillor Paul Jarvis

It has been some time since I put pen to paper, it being just before I was elected as the local district councillor in May 2011. As many of you will know I had a serious road traffic accident just prior to my election. Following a long stay in hospital and an even longer recuperation at home I am now resuming my duties on the Chichester District Council (CDC). I have been active at the district council meetings and also the meetings of the North Mundham and Oving Parishes that comprise my ward.

I have also been elected to the Area Development Control Committee (South) which reviews planning applications which come before it. The vast majority of planning applications are dealt with by the district council officers and do not come before the Area Development Control Committee. These are interesting times with the Localism Act coming into force. District Councils (and County Councils) are being given more responsibility and power to look after their interests, but of course there are always restrictions on what they can and cannot do! I can be contacted on 01243 532066 or paul2.jarvis@btopenworld.com

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

2nd October 2012, 6th November 2012, 4th December 2012, 8th January 2013, 5th February 2013 and 5th March 2013

All meetings will commence at 7.15pm at North Mundham Village Hall unless advertised to the contrary. Planning application papers are available for inspection in the Village Hall from 7pm.

The first ten minutes of the meeting is available to the public to make representations to the Parish Council—Please come and make the Parish Council aware of your concerns or appreciation!