



NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the whole community



MUNDHAM '90' GROUP

Under the direction of the Chairman on the Parish Council, the inaugural meeting of this group of volunteers has taken place, however, more members would be welcome.


The aim of the group is to meet for approximately 90 minutes to carry out work in the parish to improve the environment in which we live.

Some of the aims of the group are to:

- Enhance the natural environment
- Respond with care and sensitivity
- Community engagement and cooperation
- Provide skills or expertise

The members of the group will decide which tasks they are able to carry out. The Parish Council will facilitate this by carrying out the risk assessments, providing any equipment that might be required and arranging for the disposal of any waste generated.

If you are interested in joining please contact the clerk on 01243 671628 or clerk@northmundham.org or chairman: d.turnbull@northmundham.org



Pavilion Annexe

This is the first cut in the ground for the long awaited pavilion annexe. Work is continuing to be currently ahead of schedule. The Parish Council has paid the first instalment of the grant. Fund raising continues any further donations would be most welcome please contact Paul Chivers on 789990

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY! SATURDAY 2nd March

CLOCK EVENT St Stephen's Church

10 to 11.30 am



Display of local clocks
Coffee—Tea — Cake Stall
Flower Display

To raise money for the
church clock repair

If you would be willing to exhibit a clock,
please contact Angela Matthew
(abmatthews@waitrose.com or 539901)

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Flooding in Parish

This was one of the wettest winters since records began.

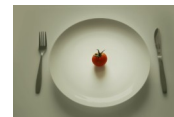


Unfortunately some residents in the parish have experienced flooding. To ensure that properties are not flooded in the future residents need to advise the Parish Council that they have experienced problems so the Council can work with the other authorities to try and find a remedy to the situation.

This year was the first time since construction that the River Lavant Flood Alleviation Scheme was activated. This highlighted that the Parish Council had no way of warning residents. If you would like to receive notification in future please send an email to the clerk with the title "flood alleviation" to clerk@northmundham.org

Additionally, the Parish Council would like to set up a database of residents who would like to be contacted in the event of adverse weather conditions being predicted which would enable the Council to forward any advice received from other bodies. If you would be interest in receiving this information please send an email with the title "adverse weather" to the clerk at clerk@northmundham.org

Your information will not be shared with any other organisation.



By popular demand THE MUNDHAM DINING EXPERIENCE has returned this time to raise funds for the Village Hall New Kitchen project. Sue and Andy Forsyth will cooking on Saturday 9th March. The cost is £16 per head and you are welcome to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy with your meal. To book please contact Frances Neave on 782391

Date for your diary

The Annual Meeting of Parish Electorates is due to take place on 14th May 2013 commencing at 7pm.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing what you want your Parish Council to achieve for **YOU** in the next year.

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Affordable Housing in the Parish

As you are all aware the Affordable Housing Working Group has been liaising with the District Council and The Hyde Group for some considerable time now to try and provide new affordable accommodation for local people. The planning application has now been submitted by Hyde and can be viewed at <http://pawam.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=MFE28DEROY000>



Upcoming Events Open Gardens XX June 2013

Watch out for further information in the May issue of Your Parish Council Newsletter

Safer Crossing Walnut Tree

Sometimes it is very frustrating being involved with the local council and this is one of those items that is causing great frustration!

The Parish Council and County Councillor Andrew Smith continue to work to find a solution at this location that officers at the County Council find acceptable.



The Mundham and District Gala is due to take place on 13 July 2013

PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX REFORM

The Local Government Finance Act has introduced some technical changes to council tax. This change has had a direct affect on how your council tax is calculated and the way the Parish Council sets it precept (the money the parish council request the District Council collects on its behalf via your council tax bill).

The District Council sets the taxbase on which the Parish Council calculate their requirements this year the taxbase has reduced which has a direct affect on the amount your council tax costs. If the Parish Council had made no increase in the budget the band D rate would have increased to £54.20.

The District Council has resolved to provide a grant to the Parish Council to ease the changes for the first year. However, it is not known if this grant will be forthcoming in future years and to add to the uncertainty Central Government are considering setting a cap on parish council precept requests at 2% increase for all parish and town councils which will have a devastating affect on small parish councils like North Mundham. If the Parish Council wants to exceed the 2% the Council will have to call for a referendum which is likely to cost £2500 to hold!

With this in mind the Parish Council took the difficult decision to increase the precept this year rather than use its reserves to meet the costs as it has in previous years.

Therefore this year the Parish Council tax charge for band D will be £58.01 compared to £48.93. This is equivalent to £1.12 per week.

The Local Plan

The District Council is hoping to be in the position to have the new Local Plan adopted in October 2014. Therefore your opportunity to have your say on the emerging local plan is coming soon. Further information will be available on the Parish Council website as soon as it is received.

Public consultation on Preferred Options Core Strategy (4 weeks) - is currently scheduled to commence March to April 2013

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7 May, 4 June, 2nd July, 3 September, 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December and 7th January 2014

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!