

# North Mundham Parish Council

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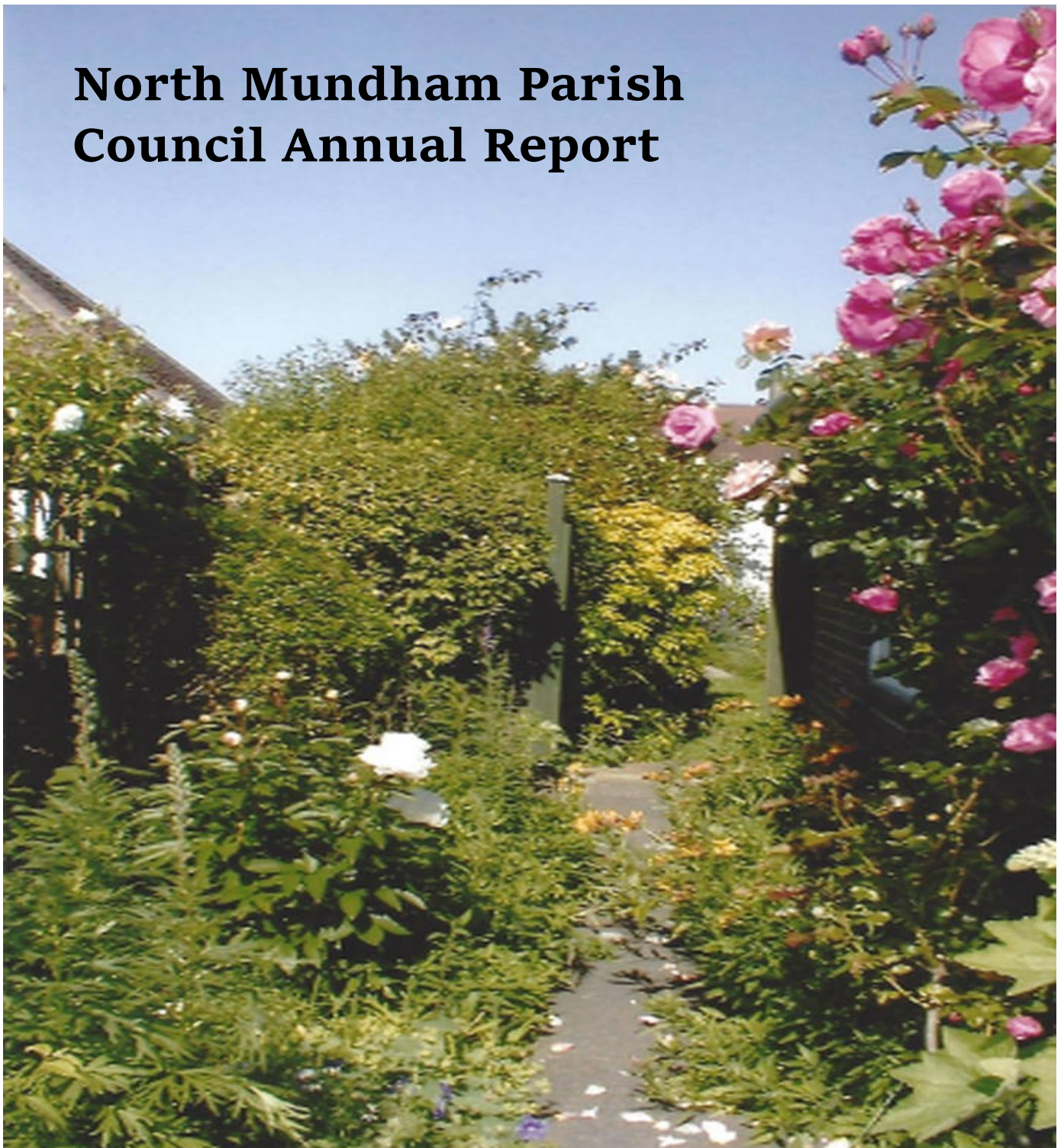
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## North Mundham Parish Council Annual Report







# Summer Greetings

## Welcome to our community newsletter

Dear Parishioner,

This review covers the period from May 2016 to May 2017. As might be expected it has both negatives and positive points, ranging from the intrusion of planning to the active voice of your councillors asserting their rights and opinions on your behalf in the wider field. For planning, we have instigated a dedicated Planning Committee meeting monthly which remains fully open to the public while the Full Council meetings now takes place bi-monthly. I do emphasize we welcome the public to help keep us informed of any developments.

During the year there was the completion of Canal Mead which gave us 15 more affordable dwellings, with Oak Dene close by another 8, now Stoney Meadow will add 25 homes, the siting of 34 static caravans at Lakeside has been permitted. The pressure is rising on all services, the school, the roads, parking spaces, drainage and the already stressed sewage system. Lakeside is subject to a condition to monitor and adjust the flow of their sewage discharge, but Winter will be the test of the efficiency of the system. Unfortunately, we cannot assume this is the limit of our quota for housing, since Chichester District must find an extra 70 homes per annum on top of their prescribed number in their Local Plan. Our Neighbourhood Plan is still in its infancy, will be examined for housing sites as this is the main factor demanded in the document. External Planning developments are equally unpredictable because, as many of you may have read, Arun District Council has applications for the Pagham and Sefter Road sites for more than 1000 houses plus applicable services which will add significant traffic to the Lagness Road/B2166 passing through the Parish by the School. However, we have used our liaison with Pagham Parish Council to register our concerns emphasising the significant changes from agricultural land to urban settlements

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### North Mundham Village Hall..

The popularity of the hall continues to increase following the recent improvements to the hall. We have hosted several weddings which we hope you will agree; the hall looked fantastic .



If you would like to book the hall please contact Terry Reed on 07801798302 or [bookings.nmvh@outlook.com](mailto:bookings.nmvh@outlook.com)

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which will bring increasing traffic to clog our Parish, often one of the most expressed concerns to the Council is about the increasing volume of vehicles, especially large lorries through the village.

This type of liaison is becoming increasingly pressing as the voice of Localism decreases although it appeared to work when, with the help of Graeme Barrett District Councillor for West Wittering, the Parish Council were able to co-ordinate our objection to the particular option 2 in the A27 proposals which would have driven a new road from Donnington across the canal to the Hunston roundabout to bring additional traffic onto the B2166 then along the narrow Lagness Road. The co-operation of the Manhood Peninsula Parishes gave a strong voice to the dangers of such a proposal citing both economic and environmental damning evidence which would have affected the whole area. There are plans to continue this cooperation in preparation for the next round of ideas on the development of the A27.

In our more immediate environment, the Parish Council is pushing forward the Canal Mead Permissive footpath and has been working on grant funding and the various permissions for this project. The bus shelter has been fixed with special Hammergeglass reputed to deter vandals. The village hall improvement plans continue with new entrance hall doors, the foyer, ladies' toilets redecorated and new flooring installed in the hall and ladies toilets. The Parish Council continues to work closely with the Playing Field Trust to maximise the use of both facilities. The Open Gardens event was once again well supported as was the village litter clean-up day. Social well-being projects will potentially become an important factor in the future when fewer services are provided by the District and County Council.

It is thanks to the commitment of volunteers that the Parish Council is able to function, and I thank them on your behalf while saluting their tenacity and their independence.

Denia Turnbull Chairman North Mundham Parish Council

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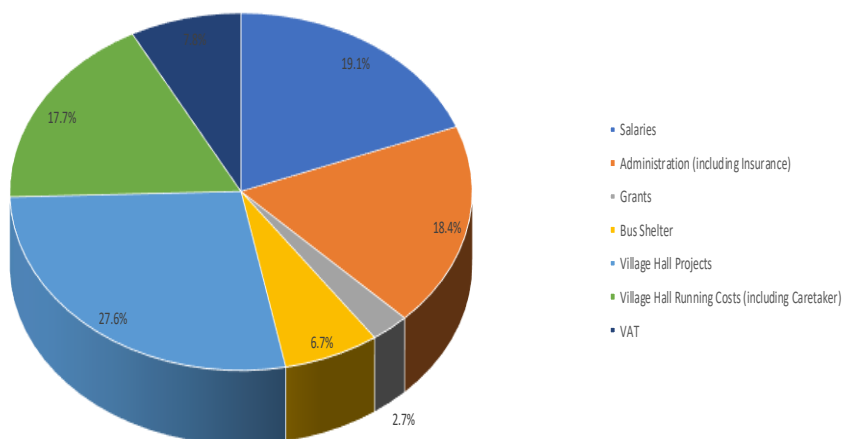
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### Finance year ended 31 March 2017

This has been another successful year for the Council's budgets. The Council has also maintained a healthy level of reserves which allows us to budget for any significant maintenance. The Parish Council was able to access New Homes Bonus which assisted with the various projects carried out. The accounts are currently with the external auditor and all information is available on the parish council website [www.northmundham.org](http://www.northmundham.org)

Year Ended 31 March 2017



## Your New County and District Councillors



County Councillor Jamie Fitzjohn has worked in Financial Services for over 30 years starting at IBM on the Youth Training Scheme and progressing to becoming a Retail Banking Manager, a Financial Compliance Officer and now a self-employed Financial Advisor. Jamie was an FA qualified coach for children's and adults' football teams and a semi-professional

ice hockey coach. Helping young teenagers develop as players and individuals was extremely enjoyable and rewarding as many came from disadvantaged backgrounds. As a Parish Councillor for Fishbourne Parish Council he has served the community since 2015, championing local issues. His main interests are walking his dog around beautiful Sussex countryside, watching football and tracing his family history.

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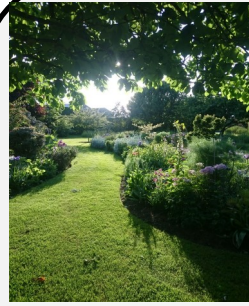


District Councillor Chris Page spent 37 years in the Royal Navy. The early part of his career was spent as a Mechanical Engineer. Latterly, he held a senior command posts, job as Liaison Officer between the Royal Navy and universities, and served in the EU on the staff of NATO.

He is a published author, and a Fellow of the Royal

Historical Society. Since retiring, he has served on the local Residents Association for North Mundham, and is currently the Chairman.

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**The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Open Gardens Day in Mundham and Runcton saw 12 very different gardens open for your viewing pleasure, including new**

**gardens to could be seen all over the parish. We are very grateful to all the residents who participated in this event and we are pleased to announce that £698.42 was raised which will be put towards the provision of the permissive footpath from Canal Mead to the B2166 to provide access to the pedestrian crossing.**

## Love West Sussex



Love West Sussex is a mobile and cloud based service. You can report environmental issues such as graffiti, fly-tipping or potholes through your mobile phone or online to West Sussex County Council.

You may log an incident anonymously, however if you choose to remain anonymous the County Council will be unable to come back to you if there is any additional information required to action your report.

## We would like your email address .....

We are gradually building up a list of residents who would like to receive occasional information from the Parish Council —would you be interested in joining this list?

If so please email the clerk at [clerk@northmundham.org](mailto:clerk@northmundham.org) with Residents update in the subject line.

Your contact details will not be passed on to any other party. We promise we will not bombard you with emails and you can unsubscribe at anytime.

## Schedule of Meetings

Planning Meeting & Full Council	5th September 2017
Planning Meeting	3rd October 2017
Planning Meeting & Full Council	7th November 2017
Planning Meeting	5th December 2017

All Planning Meetings will commence at 18.45 and Full Council will commence at 19.15 or immediately following the Planning Committee Meeting at North Mundham Village Hall unless advertised to the contrary. There is no meeting in August.