

# North Mundham Parish Council

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## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Summer holiday passed quickly but the A27 developments remained firmly in the eye for this parish council. Several workshops attended by representatives of the council drew some consolation from A27 meetings, sessions which eventually gave a paper demonstrating the very reasonable, considered approach, the methodology for viewing the whole question which had become two distinct camps of power points rather than a community based attitude looking at the Best for Chichester. This Pledge can be seen on the web site and parish notice board. Most significant for North Mundham are the sentences ---'any decision will take a long term view '---' with the best interests of the local community'----'no options are off the table' so the Parish's stance on rejection of Option 2 and preference for a northern route remains on the agenda. The County Councillor Jamie Fitzpatrick gave a further update explaining Gillian Keegan, the new MP, is going to meet with Chris Grayling , minister of transport, to delay the point of decision September 15<sup>th</sup>, to at least allow an independent assessor time for his/her report on the A27 road.

Such machinations lie outside our input unlike the discussion to prepare a village plan. The Neighbourhood Plan although publicly support at the AGM has been seen to offer little benefit or protection from further housing in this environment whereas a Village Plan detailing the composition of our life here, the people, work, businesses, facilities etc will record both the state and the solid evidence of what progress and aspirations the present inhabitants consider important. Evidence not dominated by conformity to the Local Plan. Volunteers will be most welcome to help in this long term task.

The Village Hall continues its updating with new curtains on more robust poles. Three weddings have recently commented on the attractiveness of the hall with its easy kitchen arrangements and external features of car parking plus the children's area. Similarly the Playing Field Trust have installed a new toilet to offer Sunbeams ( in particular) a clean manageable area .Although Hamlet Homes have given March 2018 as their completion date for the Stoney Meadow site work is progressing well in the dry weather thus homes maybe ready earlier, please look out for the CDC housing publicity if you are considering upsizing or downsizing to this place. Those with local connection are considered first.

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