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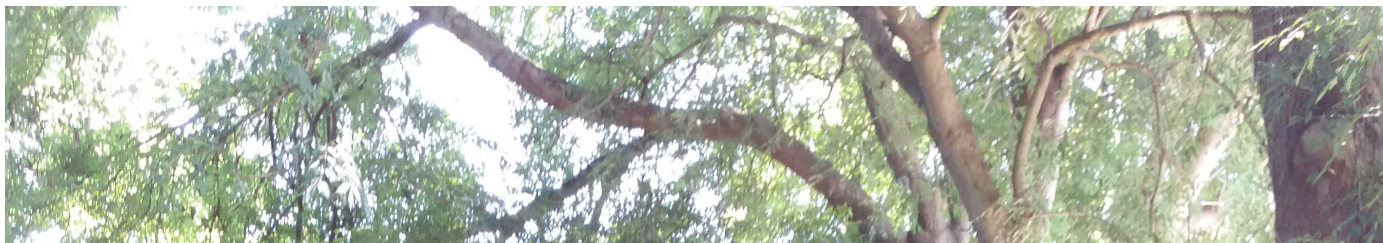
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Autumn Greetings

Welcome to our community newsletter

North Mundham Parish Council Business Plan and Strategic Action Plan.

At its meeting on 2nd May 2017 the Parish Council adopted a five year business plan which covers the period 2017-2022 a summary of this has been circulated with this newsletter. A full copy of the plan is available on the parish council website. From the Business Plan the Parish Council has adopted its strategic actions for the current Council year.

The priorities set for this year are:

- ♦ Apply for Accreditation—submit the application for Quality Award.
- ♦ Canal Mead Footpath— provide a permissive path
- ♦ Neighbourhood Plan—work towards the production of a neighbourhood plan
- ♦ Review Parish Plan—to be reviewed as path of the Neighbourhood Plan Project
- ♦ Monitor Development of the School Lane Site - Ensure Developer adheres to Planning Conditions
- ♦ Website - Review the site to ensure it meets the public needs and the site is secure
- ♦ Village Hall Marketing Project—increase usage of the hall
- ♦ Village Hall Refurbishment—replace curtains and poles in the small hall and the main hall.

We are pleased to say that we have been working on all these projects and there are further updates on some of these projects throughout this newsletter.

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Date*

Annual Meeting of Electors

5th March 2017 at North Mundham Village Centre

Please come and join us and find out what the parish council has been up to and tell us what you think we should be doing.

Canal Mead Permissive Path.

The Parish Council is very pleased to report that the contractor has been instructed to carry out the work to provide this much needed permissive path, although we do not have a start date yet. We will be contacting those directly affected as soon as we have a date. We successfully applied for grants which has covered 50% of this project.

When residents selected this site as a preferred option to provide affordable housing in the parish, the main area of concern was the residents of these lovely houses being able to integrate with the rest of the village and the issue of crossing such a busy road. We hope that this path will address both these issues and we look forward to this project being completed this winter.

We also hope that by improving this area it will reduce the fly tipping that blights the canal currently.

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Village Hall Refurbishment....

As you all know we have been working hard over the past few years on the ongoing programme of improvement within the village hall.

The most recent project completed has been the replacement of the curtains. The cost of this project has been fully funded by the income generated from the use of the hall.



I am sure that you will agree that this is a vast improvement on the old curtains.... The next project is new signage on the fascia boards. Any suggestions would be very much appreciated

BT Telephone Box Adoption....



BT have notified the Parish Council that they will be removing the telephone equipment from both telephone boxes in the parish. Therefore, at its meeting on the 5th September 2017 the Parish Council resolved to adopt the two telephone boxes (at the cost of £1.00 each).

The boxes will have no electricity supply. Email clerk@northmundham.org with your ideas on what these boxes could be used for in the future. They both need renovating and if you would like to volunteer to do this we would love to hear from you.

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North Mundham French Exchange

Exchange visits between the village of La Lucerne d'Outremer in Normandy and this parish have taken place since the early 1980s. In 2018 it is the turn of the French to visit us – arriving on Thursday 10th May and leaving on Sunday 13th May 2018. Over the years many friendships have been made between our parish and the area around La Lucerne following the exchange visits, so in May we look forward to meeting old friends and getting to know new people.



To raise money to entertain our French friends, our Exchange Committee held a Wine Tasting Evening in May and is now organising three Fine Dining evenings: on 7th October, 18th November and on 3rd February 2018. These should be enjoyable and sociable evenings out for anyone in our parish while still increasing the funds we have available to welcome and entertain our visitors. The highlight of any visit is the meal and entertainment prepared on the Saturday evening where hosts, guests and other members of the parish can get together for a lively and enjoyable evening.

Why not get involved, even take an opportunity to visit France where you may stay with a family. If you can host a guest or two please get in touch with deniaturbull@gmail.com

Marsh Lane to Runcton Farm shop shared use path.

The Parish Council continues to work towards to this provision of a path suitable for bicycles and pedestrians. We are currently investigating grants for this project, however, we need evidence of your support for this project.

Your views are very important to us please email: clerk@northmundham.org or write to 1 Charlmead, East Wittering, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 8DN

Neighbourhood Plan

At the Annual Meeting of Electors in May the Parish Council provided you with an update on the decision to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. As those of you who attended are aware the Parish Council were reconsidering the decision taken to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

The following factors have been taken into consideration by the Parish Council when reaching this difficult decision .

- The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) could be in prolonged conflict with the Local Plan. The protracted timetable for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan means that during this period the Local Plan will be reviewed and amended with a possible re-allocation of housing for the parish. In this case the emerging NP would become redundant thus requiring a re-set of the NP development period.
- The long period required for developing the NP, say 3 years, means that it cannot be used as a consultation document during this period.
- A Parish Plan could be produced far more quickly. Whilst there is no mandatory requirement for the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to refer to a Parish Plan the Parish Council feels it could be a more effective consultation on planning applications. It is hoped that with good relations and a strong plan in place then the LPA would use the Parish Plan as a material consideration in the determination of all key applications.
- There is more scope to develop a Parish Plan that responds to the particular needs of the parish. It can be a more agile document that doesn't need to pass the extreme level of external consultation and audit.
- In time the Parish Plan can be amended more readily in order to respond to changing development pressures on the parish and surrounding area.

A working party is now investigating the remit and forming the project plan to work towards the production of a Parish Plan which will driven by firm evidence from the parishioners. The Parish Plan will support the objectives in the adopted business plan.

We would like your email address

We are continuing to build 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 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.



Sussex Police

Find out what is happening in your area - witness appeals, crime updates, crime prevention advice, news and more.

'In The Know' is a service delivering alerts specific to your interests and local area from reliable sources. You're in control of how often you are contacted and who you receive information from. To sign up: <https://www.intheknow.community/>

Intelligence is vital to enable the police to carry out their job and keep us all safe. You can contact your local policing team by calling 01273 404930 or chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk you will receive a response within 72 hours.

In emergency always call 999

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.

Schedule of Meetings

Planning Meeting & Full Council	7th November 2017
Planning Meeting	5th December 2017
Planning Meeting & Full Council	2nd January 2018
Planning Meeting	6th February 2018

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.