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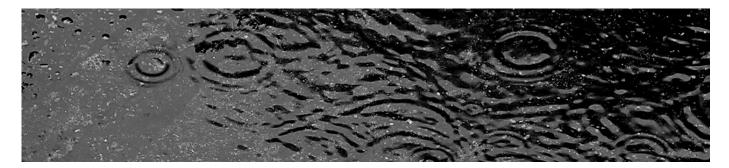
# Great British Spring Clean 4th March 2018 15.00 at North Mundham Village Hall



We would be very grateful if you could join us for the Great British Spring Clean. We will spend approximately an hour picking up litter. Afterwards we will all enjoy some refreshments as a reward for all your help.

Come on—be a litter hero!





# Winter Greetings Welcome to our community newsletter

You are invited to the
2018 Annual Meeting
of the
Parish Electors of North Mundham
To be held in
North Mundham Village Hall
on Monday 5th March at 7pm

Displays, presentations and updates on issues that affect all of us in North Mundham, Runcton & South Mundham

- A representative of from the Woodhorn Group will give a presentation on the Walnut Tree Farm Composting facilities in Runcton
- Parish Plan
- Grants—Come along and guide the Parish Council on which worthwhile organisations should receive funding
- District Cllr. Page will provide an update on the A27
- A Chance to air your views

We seek **your** views and ideas for the coming year in **your** parish

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#### **Precept and Village Hall Expenditure**

The Parish Council set up a working party to review the Parish Council and the Village Hall budgets for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The working party made several recommendations to the Parish Council which included the review of the reserves and the target figures required for each reserve and the target for achieving this figure. This resulted in the working party recommending a reduction in the annual provision for the following reserves: War Memorial Maintenance, Village Hall Rebuilding Reserve & Village Hall Car Park Reserves.

Some of the areas of discussion and recommendations included: an increase for bus shelter maintenance following the recent vandalism of the bus shelter outside the school, an increase in the Chairman's Allowance in anticipation of the French exchange in May, and a new budget code was provided for the proposed Runcton Lane to Marsh Lane shared use path .

The working party also advised the Parish Council that they needed to give consideration to the cost implications of the General Data Protection Regulations that are currently going through Parliament .

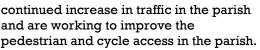
All the recommendations were accepted by the Parish Council and the Parish Council resolved to set the Precept at £36,550.11 which we calculate is an increase of 2.99% for a Band D property. For the past few years the Parish Council has received a grant from the District Council to off set the changes to the way the council tax is calculated. This figure has reduced annually and this is the final year that the Parish Council will receive this grant which this year was in the sum of £1113.23. This is of course going to make it even more difficult when setting the precept for 2019/20.

The Village Hall's budget was reviewed and the working party agreed with the Village Hall Management Committee's recommendation that no increase in the hall letting fees was required. Earlier in the financial year the Parish Council had reviewed the reserves held in the Village Hall Accounts and had resolved to set up four new reserves to ensure the Village Hall Committee are able to provide for the future, these reserves included: Kitchen Equipment Reserve, Audio Visual Reserve, Village Hall Replacement Reserve, Village Hall Maintenance Reserve. During the discussion on new projects for the coming year it was agreed to set up a further reserve to prepare for the replacement of the fire exit doors.

Once again the recommendations of the working party were accepted and so the Village Hall expenditure budget was set at £15,561.00

Cycle paths, Foot paths, permissive paths and shared use paths

North Mundham Parish Council is very aware of the



As you probably image this is a slow process, as we have to obtain landowners permission, apply for funding and various licences even before work can commence to build the path.

We have recently been successful with the provision of the Canal Mead Permissive Path, with some grant provision the Parish Council have paid for the installation of this path and the County Council have agreed to maintain it.

We are currently working on the provision of a shared use path from Marsh Lane to Runcton Farm Shop The Parish Council needs to show that they have support from the residents and businesses within the Parish to assist with the grant funding for this project. Therefore if you could take the time to write or email the Clerk it would be very supportive.

In conjunction with County Cllr. Fitzjohn we are also looking at the narrow footpath on the B2166 from Church Road to Hunston. We are currently investigating an alternative route. This is in the very early stages; of carrying out land registry searches, contacting land owners, etc., but we will keep you updated. Once again we will need evidence of residents support for this project and we look forward to hearing from you.

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The EU General Data Protection Regulation

The Data Protection Act has been in place since 1998 and the information held on computers and smart phones etc has changed significantly since this Act came into place.

GDPR will come into force on 25th May 2018 but to make it more difficult for the Parish Council and any other organisation to prepare for it, Parliament has yet to decide the details.

The one thing that we can be assured of is that this is going to be an area that is going to cost the Parish Council both in time and finance.

As previously advised the Parish Council will not sell or pass on your details to any other organisation. However, the new Regulations will mean that in due course anyone that has provided the Parish Council with your contact details for circulation of information will be contacted. You will be asked to give positive confirmation of your consent that the Parish Council can hold your details and for how long we can hold these details.

If you run a club or group please be aware that these regulations will affect you and the fines related to this Act are up to 4% of annual global turnover or €20 Million (whichever is greater)! It also will not disappear with Brexit. So please do not ignore it.

The Parish Council is providing training for all the councillors on 26th March at 5.30pm. The Parish Council would like to make this available to other groups or organisations. If you would be interested in attending please contact the clerk at clerk@northmundham.org to register your interest. Places will be limited and the training will cost £16 per person.

#### Parish Caretaker.....

Are you handy with your hands, Enjoying working outside and want to make a difference to where you live?



The Parish Council is looking to engage a Village Handy Person who can help make a difference to where we live.

The sort of tasks to be completed could be: litter picking, sweeping up leaves, cleaning and treating the noticeboards, small repair jobs, sign washing and gully clearing.

For more information please contact the Parish Clerk

#### **Love West Sussex**

Love West Sussex is a mobile and cloud based service. You can report environmental crime 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.

Light Pollution continues to be an issue in the Parish and following on from the presentation by John Hall at the Annual Meeting of Electors



we have requested a further meeting to discuss this continuing problem.

## Schedule of Meetings

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.

| 6th March | Planning Committee & Full |
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Council

27th March Planning Committee &

**Employment Committee** 

1st May Planning Committee & Annual

General Meeting

5th June Planning Committee

3rd July Planning Committee & Full

Council

4th September Planning Committee & Full

Council

2nd October Planning Meeting

8th October @ Village Hall Management

Committee

6th November Planning Committee & Full

Council

4th December Planning Committee

8th January Planning Committee & Full

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19.00