

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY JUNE 20TH 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE NEW VICTORY HALL, MUNDON.

Those present – Cllrs S. Livermore, G. Rowsell, B. Hollis, L. Clark, I. McDonald, District Cllrs Boyce and Acevedo, the clerk and five members of the public.

1. There were no apologies.
2. The minutes of the 2016 Assembly were agreed.
3. Clerks Report – copy attached.
4. Chairman's Report – copy attached.
5. Financial Report – copy attached
6. District Councillors Report – D. Cllr Bob Boyce reported that the Local Plan was still with the Secretary of State. The District Council had looked at forty plus modifications (not all substantial). The General election had held things up for 6/7 weeks. The new waste system was going well and there were less complaints. Changes at MDC had included a new Chairman and Vice Chairman and a new Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader. District Cllr Boyce was on the Community Services and Leisure Committee and others.

D. Cllr Beverley Acevedo reported that staffing supplies had been short for some time but were now increased within Planning and hopefully things will be dealt with more speedily. She was still on her normal committees and also on the Highway Panel. Hopefully quicker results could be achieved by Emma Foy, Director of Services.

Cllr Rowsell asked about Highways issues. There were serious problems with communication and no direct contacts could be made on critical matters. D. Cllr Boyce agreed that it was an issue but he doubted that this would change. D. Cllr Acevedo had been to her first meeting and mentioned that Jon Simmons would be the person to liaise with.

Cllr Rowsell reported that New Hall Lane was due to be repaired and outlined the schedule. He was concerned that as this was virtually a one lane road it would prove difficult for residents.

A discussion took place on the years of negotiations with Highways and the fact that it seemed impossible to put in any remedies that would make the roads safer in Mundon. An accident between a bus and motorbike had occurred in the village only two weeks ago. Cllr Clark asked if we might just give up but D. Cllr Acevedo stated categorically that we should not. She will put our concerns to Highways.

7. Other Reports.

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr McDonald reported that one resident had a motor home stolen, but generally things were quiet.

Transport – Cllr Clark said that he attended regular meetings and generally there were no problems with the 31X. There had been damage caused by children to the bus shelter by the Village Hall and they had also been seen on the roof throwing things at cars. A letter will be sent to residents.

Village Information/maintenance – Cllr Clark was thanked for making repairs to the notice board and checking that the benches were okay.

Superfast Broadband – Cllr Hollis reported that there was slow progress at the moment but may hear something shortly.

Airports – Cllr Rowsell said that there is another Consultation on flight paths imminent and this could make a difference to the flight paths in the Mundon area. The council will work on the consultation.

Planning – no report

Website – Cllr Rowsell reported that there was not much activity with regard to the website

Sea Defences and ditches – Cllr Rowsell said that work at Mundon has shown up some small areas that may be raised and this area will be well defended.

Highways – discussed earlier.

Mundon Furze – the Wood Wardens have kept the wood in good order and cleaned signs. Lots of people use the wood.

Plume Educational Trust - Vivien Clark, our representative, attends meetings and was pleased to report that Scholarships to the sum of £11,750 were awarded during the year. Twenty nine students benefited from this. The Charity derives all its income from invested assets and it would appear that no other such Charity exists in a State school environment.

8. Parishioners Questions and Comments. The meeting ended with an opportunity to speak with District and Parish Councillors.