LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Held on 20 April at 8pm
AT LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL

1. **PRESENT:** Paul Armstrong (PA) Chairman; Billy Summerson (BS); Jessica Harding (JH) Michelle Galvin (MG) Stephanie Armstrong (SA)
   Apologies: Tracey Harding (TH); Julie Hursey (JH)
   In Attendance: Geraldine Ward, Clerk; (GW); Andrew Huggins, District; Aubrey Holt (AH), Conservative Candidate for The Mundens, local elections.
   Members of the Public: Karen Maguire (KM); Elizabeth Gregg Smith (EGS)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None**
3. **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd March 2023, proposed by SA and seconded by MG**

4. **PLANNING**

4.2 Decisions

APPLICATION: 3/23/0287/HH PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing side extension. Erection of part single, part two storey side extension. AT: 6 Easington Road Dane End Ware Hertfordshire SG12 0LT FOR: Mrs Lucy Hudson. This matter was considered by the Council on the 13th April 2023 and it was decided to Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions.

5. **FINANCE**

RECEIPTS 10/1/23-10/23

Date	For	Cheque No	£
27/3/23	Mundens PCC Nlettr donation 22	BACS	879.60
5/4/23	Astco Clothing Bank Alford	BACs	24.00
12/4/23	DB & Co NL Advertising	BACS	120.00
12/4/23	McGill S & E	BACS	2000.00
14/4/23	G S Pickett NL Advertising	BACS	120.00
14.4.23	JP Boilers	BACS	120.00
17/4/23	Cheque Deposit		120.00
17/4/23	Cheque Deposit		240.00
		Total Receipts	**3503.36**

Payments:

Date	For	Cheque No	£
20/03/23	Meerkat Marquees/Deposit	BACS	1260.00
21/3/23	Herts Display/Panto Tickets	BACS	12.00
21/3/23	Herts Display/Feb/Mar NL	BACS	216.00
1/4/23	G S Pickett Butchers/Jubilee22	BACS	400.00
7/4/23	G Ward/Clerks Fee	BACS	299.74
14/4/23	HMRC/PAYE	1285	55.00
		TOTAL	**2242.74**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 17/04/23	7156.87
Balance Brought forward 14/03/23	5656.01
Less Payments	2242.74
Plus Receipts	3743.60
Balance as at 17/04/23	**7156.87**

6. Correspondence

April 23 Zurich Insurance Policy Renewal documents

15/3/23 Email from Lady Carter re Lordship Farm Prize at Summer Festival to donate money and the Committee decide which event this could be tagged to.
29/3/23 Email from Lucy Leeson re Nomination deadline
31/3/23 Email from Graeme Cowie re Flooding near 2 Sacombe Pound

2/4/23 Chairman's Garden Party Confirmation of attendees. Road closure going through. Would need to hold meeting to discuss logistics of party.

13/4/23 Flooding Mill Lane, from Dan Kennoy

5/4/23 Email and documents from Lucy Leeson re Notice of Uncontested Election

11/4/23 Email from Jenny Simmons re Road Closure Kingsfield Road on 6th May 23.
Email from Michele Aves, Democratic Services EHDC. Parish & Town DPI Form and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Guidance Notes.
18/4/23 Allotment Rules and Regulations sent to all Allotment holders
18/4/23 Allotment Invoices for April 2023-April 2024 sent to all allotment holders
6/4/23 Email from Graeme Cowie: re flooding at Sacombe Pound. PA commented that this was a problem with the tributary, and reported that he had walked whole length of it the other day and it is blocked in various places the whole way down. He had got in touch with DoE but are saying it's not their responsibility. There is also a problem at Mill Lane – a dead tree has fallen over and blocked the bridge which goes over the road. TH has spoken to somebody regarding this from DOE and they are saying that it's not their responsibility. PA had spoken to the farmer who is saying it's not down to him either. Although some does go through farmland. Going to dig out blocked bits with mini digger. SA commented that it's also the drains that are blocked. PA on the road there is no where for water to go. PA there's only one cut away in the bank that goes into one field on left towards Dane End, where it is lower is where it floods. PA thinking of speaking to Borlaise, Will or Bridget to go onto field and dig another cut away. Cut away would be sited in bush. To be done over next few weeks hopefully.

7. TO DISCUSS ZURICH INSURANCE RENEWAL DOCUMENTS AND RESOLVE TO RENEW FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2023-2024. All agreed to this and the Resolution was passed.

8. TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND MAY APM

JH reported on behalf of TH that she had met with Becca from the Viking Re-enactment Group to set out for the timings for the Summer Festival and activities for the Summer Festival.

PA noted that a meeting would have to be held shortly regarding all the Events planned and suggested holding a meeting one evening in the Boot. SA reported that she had already got some prizes donated by various businesses. The Clerk noted that we hadn't heard from Great Munden regarding the Dog Show, and would contact soon. PA suggested holding Thursday 27th suggested as date for meeting at 5 pm at The Boot.

9. TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF LMPC CHARITY AND DISCUSS STATUS OF CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES
To be carried over to next month.

10. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS FROM PARISHIONERS
KM asked whether there was a flood drainage plan in place, following the bad floods a couple of weeks ago. PA commented that as it is difficult to get anyone to rectify the situation whether Highways or Landowners are responsible he has now ordered a mini digger which will be used to clear Mill Lane ditches and outside the Village Hall. He went on to say that alot of the water comes from Mill Lane and floods further down Munden Road as it can then not get back into the tributary. PA was planning to modify this and make the ditch a lot deeper as the situation now is quite dangerous. He went on to say that the PC is just going to take responsibility for this and get it done. He went on to explain how several cars were wrecked in the recent flooding. PA commented that hopefully by the end of the month something should be sorted.

KM had a complaint regarding the speeding along Munden Road, PA commented that he had recently spoken to the Police and the Parish Council would be getting a speed gun for the Sacombe end of Munden Road. He went onto say that the Police are currently doing Stapleford and would then come to Dane End. KM noted that some of the ingress areas have kerbs which could damage cars.

KM also commented on the state of Bank opposite the Cascades entrance. She felt Highways need to look at the trees, as there are a lot of diseased trees and a TPO on one of these trees, which the phone lines are getting interfered with. MG reported that BT won't no longer cut back trees because the lines will be obsolete. Everyone will then be on cable. All copper lines would be going shortly, analogue phones will be obsolete.

KM also commented on the "Acquired Land"in Whiteley Close which is still being chipped away at and ask why EHDC has not taken action. GW went on to explain that the PC had managed to get a TPO on the tree at the start of the vandalization, but EHDC cannot act unless a witness comes forward with evidence. KM did comment that photo evidence could be sought by Google maps.

She was also concerned that there was an unpermitted business. An extension had been put on his garage and should be reported to enforcement. PA to investigate further.

11. TO CONSIDER MATTERS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND TO DEAL WITH THOSE MATTERS IF APPROPRIATE.

- JH reported that TH had spoken to EHDC and to the TPO Officer, and there is no reason why "no right to light" is admissible as an excuse to reduce the trees. However, PA stressed that at the moment the trees on the bank are leaning and at risk of falling into the waterway, some being tall enough to reach the houses. However as yet no reply to the PC's correspondence had been received from the owner of the property. PA suggested that the PC should go down the Health and Safety route, as a number of the trees are posing a danger where the water is wearing the bank away. PA also mentioned the fencing along Munden Road is in a poor state, although Highways are aware of this.

- Aubrey Holt thanked the PC for having him there and said it was good to hear all the local issues, especially concerning the flooding. He also asked the location of the tall trees along Munden Road.

  He also asked to hear a bit more regarding the Munden Road, proposed resin path and commented that it was his understanding that it wasn't needed. PA went on to say that it was a waste of money, other Councillors concurred. EGS commented that it was a health and safety nightmare, with 26 new houses, 65 car parking spaces, traffic movement from this alone would significantly increase traffic. As part of the Planning this Highways initiative became part of the Planning but with increased traffic people will think they're safer on this which they won't be. She went on to say that ultimately there will be an accident. MG confirmed there was no lighting along the road. PA commented that the builders are not in favour of it and have admitted that they had been asked to put kerbs in as well which they declined to do so. PA was pretty confident that this wouldn't happen and went on to say that even if they do put in the resin path, there is no restriction on parking and would consequenly make houses without parking along there difficult to sell. SA questioned the point of it anyway if residents were allowed to park on it. GW also commented on the crossings they were intending to put on the bottom of Kingsfield Road. PA felt confident this would not happen.

- BS brought up the Old Boundary backing onto field. JH was going to try and contact one of the owners of the houses, to see if there was a Covenant on the Deeds about maintaining the wall. BS also commented on the demolished wall at Home Farm and whether this was part of the listed wall. Keith to look into this and had said he thought not, but it it was part of the flint wall it would be reinstated.

BS also enquired about the status of the Bridge on A602. PA reported that the first five beams were put in 2.5 weeks ago and were inspected by an Engineer who said he wasn't happy. There was a second inspection and is now being finished off and should be finished end July, beginning of August. PA reported that he was still not clear whether the old road will be left or not.

PA to rearrange the Car Boot Sale in July.

12. EVENTS

A meeting was to be held to discuss the Summer Festival on 24th June. It was also agreed that it would be good to hold another outdoor Cinema.

PA to get admin details from Claire for SA manage the Facebook Page.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Meeting was brought to a close at 9.05 pm and the next meeting will be held on Thursday 18TH May 2023