LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
18th January 2024
AT
8.00 pm in
LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL

Present Cllrs: Tracey Harding (TH, Chair); Julie Hursey (JH); Billy Summerson (BS);; Jessica Harding (JH); Stephanie Armstrong (SA)
In attendance: Geraldine Ward(GW) Clerk; 5 Members of the Public; Drew Betts (DB)

1, APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Paul Armstrong (PA); Michelle Galvin(MG); Ken Crofton (KC); Aubrey Holt (AH)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:
a) Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None
b) Written requests for dispensations for declarable interests
None
c) Requests for dispensation as appropriate
None

3. MINUTES
To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2023, The Minutes were approved as a true record, proposed by BS and seconded by SA Unanimously agreed.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Liz Gregg Smith presented a short letter of thanks to the Parish Council for all the work they had carried out in the last year. TH thanked her for these kind words. A copy of this is attached to these Minutes.

A resident pointed out that the Major Incident Plan on the website was out of date. Action: GW. He also queried how the prizes for "The Christmas Decorate your Home Competition" were worked out. TH responded by explaining that the PC decided to split the prize money between all those taking part. This was mainly because of the cost of Christmas tree decorations and the prizes being possibly going to those who could afford to pay for these. All participants were happy with this arrangement.

Brian Penn also reported that AP Solutions had made £1300 for the Christmas Tree Recycling collections in aid of the Air Ambulance.

Road Sweeping
From the floor there was a query as to why the Road Sweepers hadn't turned up and DP also commented that not everyone had got the message with the time and date when the road would be done. DB (EHDC) explained that unfortunately the road sweeper was unable to work due to ill health. He went on to say that an alternative date would soon be arranged.

Potholes and The State of the Roads
From the floor a resident pointed out that Potters Wood have a brand new salt bin to accommodate an area which is flat! LGS commented that she would be officially putting in a complaint due to recent damage to her car and would be claiming on her insurance. Another resident felt that the state of the roads and potholes was a dereliction of duty on Highways part.

TH and GW were planning on logging all dangerous potholes around Whitehills on What 3 words to make it easier for people to claim for damage to cars.

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5. PLANNING:
As per Planning Report, an Appendix to these Minutes.

6 FINANCE
As per Finance Report, an Appendix to these Minutes

7. PARISH MATTERS
Flooding
TH reported that she had attended an Emergency Flood Meeting and commented that Highways didn't appear to have the answers to address this matter. LGS suggested that these shortfalls should be addressed across local media and commented that Sacombe Pound was particularly bad, although DB thought that some ditches there would be done over the weekend.

TH also reported that there was to be a meeting between Land Agents/Farmers Land Owners, The Environment Agency, Woodall Estate, EHDC and Highways on 19th February 24. It was hoped that this would bring agreement for all parties. BS suggested also inviting a representative from Affinity Water.

TH also commented that there is a new grant for farmers to enable them to divert water and store flood water, for when the weather is dry. This grant should become available again soon. She also pointed out that the tributary had not been cleared out for years and the bank was coming down in some places along the roadside.

Tree Planting
TH reported that the Woodland Trust would be happy to come out and visit the sapling planting site where some of the whips had failed. They would be willing to give advice and help for successful planting.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
None.

9. CORRESPENDENCE
As per January Correspondence, an Appendix to these Minutes

10. KEY DATES/EVENTS COMING UP:-
The following upcoming events were discussed:

6th June 24: International Tribute Day. TH would discuss with Russell Parkins a suitable site for the Beacon Lighting.
8th June 24: 40s Dance Night. SA would be trying to get a singer and some vintage trucks and bikes. Fish and Chips would also be served. The Barn at the Christmas Tree Farm would hopefully be the location.

23rd June 2024: Open Gardens Scheme. This would be run in conjunction with The Church and The Village Hall which would be celebrating it's 100th anniversary. TH suggested having a Photo Exhibition featuring old photos of the Parish over the years. The PC to contact residents who had been posting old photos on the Love Dane End Site to try and get copies.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: -
The Meeting was brought to a close at 8.20 pm. The next meeting will be held on 18th January 2024.

Signed…….. Dated…….