LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
20th July 2023 AT 8 PM AT
LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Tracey Harding (TH) Chair; Paul Armstrong (PA) Vice Chair; Billy Summerson (BS); Michelle Galvin (MG); Stephanie Armstrong (SA); Jessica Harding (JH)
In Attendance: Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk; Ken Crofton (KC) County Councillor; Members of the Public 5.

1. Apologies for absence Julie Hursey (JH)

2. Declaration of Interests: None

3. To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2023 TH approved the minutes and PA seconded them.

4. PLANNING: **3/23/1371/FUL** Redevelopment of tennis court with construction of a new build eco dwelling and detached garage with an air source heat pump and new pond at Land adjacent to The Cottage, Green End, Dane End Herts SG12 0NY
Comments by 14/8/23

5. FINANCE

RECEIPTS 15/05/23- 5/06/23

Date	For	Cheque No	£
06/06/23	Stall Holder A Brimmell	BACS	15.00
08/06/23	Stall Holder D Maley	BACS	15.00
08/06/23	Thewell Housecrafts/Simpole	BACS	15.00
08/06/23	Cheque Deposit/Stall		15.00
08/06/23	Cheque Deposit/Stall		20.00
08/06/23	DaisybellesFlorist (Sibthorpe)	BACS	15.00
19/06/23	Stall Holder Aqua Aroma WadeJ	BACS	15.00
21/0623	Refreshments	Card	10.81
21/06/23	V C Wyatt/Raffle	Card	5.00
22/06/23	Barnes/Raffle	Card	10.00
22/06/23	Stall Holder/ Ruby & Moo	BACS	15.00
22/06/23	Lorna Stewart Stall Holder	BACS	15.00
22/06/23	PID310291/Refreshments	Card	19.67
23/06/23	Raffle Chandler	Card	5.00
23/06/23	23/06/23 PID310871	Card	4.92
24/06/23	Raffle Legg	Card	10.00
24/06/23	PID312058	Card	168.63
		Total:	**374.03**

Payments: 15/5/23-5/6/23

Date	**For**	**Cheque No**	**£**
14/06/23	G Ward (Clerks Fee)	BACS	308.60
14.06/23	Meerkat Marquees	BACS	1260.00
15/06/23	Herts Display/Raffle Tickets	BACS	70.32
15/06/23	Timber for Road Signs/Gateway	BACS	615.05
22/06/23	Ousekjarr Viking Display	BACS	400.00
23/06/23	G Ward/Clerk New Printer Card Reader x 1	BACs	245.97
29/06/23	The Monitors	BACs	400.00
		Total	**3299.9**

Deduct Payments from Current Account	
Online balance on Current Account 3/7/23	**9878.42**
Balance Brought forward 5/6/23	12804.33
Less Payments	3299.94
Plus Receipts	374.03
Balance as at 3/7/23	**9878.42**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

16/6/23 from HCC/ Hertford County Council Responsibilities
26/6/23 Email from Helen McCormick, re A602 road opening and Reception invitation.
29/6/23 Confirmation email sent to Operation EHDC confirming Playground Inspection request 2023.
28/6/23 Email to TH from Enquiries Unit/Environment Agency/Flooding in SG12
29/6/23 Email from TH to Clarion Housing chasing up information request to Mabel Drummy.
3/7/23 Letter from Will Quince MP, Ministry of Health & Secondary Care, National Defib Network database/forwarded to Ollie Copsey
3/7/23 Email from Hazel Benson, chasing up action on Kingsfield Road sign and Reply from Clerk
5/7/23 EHC Asset Mapping in EHC/deadline 31/7/23
7/7/23 Email from Ken Crofton re new salt bins

7. NEW COUNCILLORS DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

TH explained that the main topics are Highways, Flooding, Allotments, & Planning
It was agreed that these areas of responsibilities would be taken over by the following Councillors:-
Stephanie Harding - Allotments
Highways Tracey Harding and Paul Armstrong
Planning: Tracey Harding and Paul Armstrong
Munden Road and overgrown Trees - Tracey Harding and Paul Armstrong
Risk Asessment & Emergency Plan – Billy Summerson and Julie Hursey
Flooding - Michelle Galvin and Julie Hursey

8. TO DISCUSS FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The PC had been looking to set up a charity but after discussion with a representative of the Church who had recently formed a new Charity on behalf of the Church, it was decided not to progress this investigation. As a Parish Council funding is allowed without the added work and complications of a Charitable status. TH suggested the PC should carry on as before with fund raising and donations.

10. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS FROM PARISHIONERS

KM questioned what is the state of play within East Herts District Council in regards to leadership following the recent District Council Elections. KC pointed out that Aubrey Holt is the new District Councillor. LGS pointed out that it is no longer a Conservative Majority, the Green Party is the largest and TH pointed out that decisions made within EHDC would not necessarily impact the PC although KM disputed this. LGS commented that most executive planners were mostly Green, and that they may have an impact in that area. All agreed that Aubrey Holt had been very good so far with communicating with EHDC on our behalf. TH went on to point out that we approach Council Employees as individuals and party divisions are meaningless. She went on to say that the PC communicate with those people who are in there to do specific jobs such as Planning. KC suggested that the structure and detailed information on EHDC was on the website and shows who is responsible for which area.

There was a question from the floor regarding the Rest of Welcome who was said she was interested in getting involved in discussions concerning this . TH said it was early on and the owners had been away so little progress had been made so far. However hopefully she would soon be meeting with the owners and the architects to try and move this on.

From the floor there was a question as to what are the Parish Council's plans with the money raised from the festival? TH responded that any surplus money would be put towards Community Assets i.e. several areas need benches in place around the village and Horses' Meadow. PA pointed out that any surplus funds would also go towards future events. TH commented that the PC was also looking at doing projects for the wider community particularly with the gated village signs.

SA asked the Members of the Public present at the meeting how they thought the Festival had gone. They all agreed that they had heard positive views about it although they had heard that the parking wasn't very clearly labelled. TH commented that this was a learning curve and things should be clearer next time.

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

PA had been approached by some youngsters to set up a football team in Horses' Meadow. SA commented that there had been a post on Spotted from people suggesting meet ups to play football and said that she wouln't mind managing such an initiative. BS said the ground wasn't great for a full game of football. It's very

uneven and there had been rabbits and moles there. TH suggested doing 7 a side so would be a smaller pitch and more suitable for the ground. BS also suggested getting a roller. PA would ask workmen at the A602 if we could borrow one. TH also can get the pitch marked out.

The Clerk then raised an item that Jonathan Pool had wanted raised at the meeting. He had sent photos of a litter pick he had done on Tuesday and collected a vast array of litter. In his letter he suggested the PC paying for a Litter Picker although no one was keen on this idea. All were more interested in Group Litter Picking. JP had also raised the problem of the bin at the entrance to the Meadow. This was always full and didn't seem to be emptied on a regular basis. TH asked the Clerk to enquire about getting a black bin there, which could be emptied on a regular basis.

TH felt that the whole of the village need to get involved in keeping the village tidy. JH had previously reported on an initiative which allowed people to adopt a road to keep tidy. PA commented that this was something they were already doing in Sacombe Pound.

From the floor it was suggested the PC communicate to parents the problem with the nitrus oxide cannisters. TH suggested moving cameras around hot spots on Horses' Meadow to identify who was doing this. SA pointed out the dangers of the Nitrus Oxide, which could be put on social media. KC suggested speaking to Terry Alcock, to get him come to a meeting and possibly the shop to enhance the presence of the police as an effective deterrent.

Discussion took place as to how to develop youth activities. TH suggested that this should be Community led and wasn't something the PC could do alone.

Councillor Armstrong was keen to get involved in Youth Activities TH suggested setting up a Sub Committee with those also interested in being involved.

From the floor a suggestion was raised as to getting a mobile library. TH responded that there simply aren't the funds for this anymore. SA commented that the Boot do have a number of books there and she could speak to Gemma about expanding this. The Haultwick Phone Box was also a miniature library.

- TH awaiting more letters re the Trees from residents before sending on to Mr Duffy and EHDC. She went on to say that Aubrey Holt would help with the resin path issue, although building work had halted for the time being.

- TH had written to the Environment Agency and sent footage of the flooding in Dane End and Sacombe Pound. She went on to say that she was hoping to speak to the Flood Risk Manager, although was still awaiting a response. She went ont say that it's now getting more urgent and incidents of flooding are getting more frequent. She said that she remains optimistic in getting a resolution before the winter.

- The meeting was brought to a close at 8.45 pm

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Thursday 21st September 2023