LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on 18 May at 7.30 pm At
LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL

1. **Present:** Tracey Harding (TH), Chair; Paul Armstrong (PA), Vice Chair; Billy Summerson (BS); Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin (MG); Jessica Harding (JH); Stephanie Armstrong (SA
2. **Apologies for absence:** Ken Crofton; Aubrey Holt

3. **Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
Councillor Harding asked for nominations for the election of Chairman. Cllr Armstrong nominated Cllr Harding and Billy Summerson seconded the motion and all present were in favour. Cllr Harding was duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. **Election of Vice Chairman.** Paul Armstrong (PA) was duly elected Vice Chairman for another year and duly signed The Declaration of Acceptance of Office/All Parish Councillors did the same.

5. **Declaration of Interests**
Pecuniary interest forms for all Councillors were duly completed by all Councillors in relation to other interests and duly signed.

6. **To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April 2023,** The Minutes were approved by BS and seconded by PA

6. **PLANNING**
3/23/0798: Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump @ 18 Whiteley Close, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NB
Comments by 19/5/23

7. FINANCE

RECEIPTS 11/04/23-15/05/23

Date	For	Cheque No	£
17/04/23	Mark Davis Allotment Fee	BACS	30.00
17/04/23	A P Sanders Allotment Fee	BACS	30.00
18/04/23	A Worthington Allotment Feex2	BACS	60.00
19/04/23	Ishana Holness Allotment Fee	BACS	15.00
24/04/23	Udku Kettas Allotment Fee	BACS	30.00
24/4/23	Alan Mallett	BACS	30.00
24/4/23	DOE & Sons N/L Advert	BACS	120.00
27/4/23	EHDC Precept x 6 months	BACS	5715.00
30/4/23	Lordship Farm Donation	BACS	100.00
2/5/23	Collier/Allotment Fee	BACS	30.00
3/5/23	Astco Clothing Recycle	BACS	24.00
5/5/23	Eliot Mondey Allotment Fee	BACS	15.00
10/5/23	HMRC VAT	BACS	1724.06

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15/5/23	G Ward/Clerks Fee	BACS	284.00
		TOTAL	**8207.06**

Payments:

Date	**For**	**Cheque No**	**£**
21/04/23	Zurich Insurance Renewal 23/24	BACS	817.72
21/04/23	Herts Display April N/L	BACS	115.92
15/5/23	G Ward/Clerks Fee/ May	BACS	284.00
		TOTAL	**1217.64**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 15/05/23	13967.29
Balance Brought forward 17/4/23	7156.87
Less Payments	1217.64
Plus Receipts	8028.06
Balance as at 15/05/23	**13967.29**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

21/4/23 Email from Woodland Trust re Tree Pack Info. GW reported that the trees would be ready for delivery in November.
24/4/23 Copy of email from Aubrey Holt to Ken Crofton, requesting more salt @Sacombe Green.
25/4/23 Email from Tim Lee Surrendering Allotment 10
27/4/23-12/5/23 Emails from KC to TH and replies from TH, including emails from Thomas Abel Smith and replies re blocked drains, contact details of Crispin Vaughn. Also regarding set up of a meeting with relevant farmers to act as collective to try and resolve severe flooding issues.
6/5/23 Email from Mark Davis re people nosing about plot and in Polytunnel, All agreed to keep an eye out for these people, or similar activity around the allotments.
12/5/23 Email from TH to Ken Crofton re resolution of Flood issues around Sacombe
26/4/23 Email from TH to Clarion Housing re Complaint of Excessive Vermin
15/5/23 Email re Invitations to APM/Apologies from Chris Jones (Cricket) and Aubrey Holt (EHD Councillor)

8. NEW COUNCILLORS' DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES
To be addressed at next meeting.

10. TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF LMPC CHARITY AND DISCUSS STATUS OF CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES

All agreed that this would be a good and useful tool for the Parish Council to set up a Charity Account. This would enable an easier route to accepting donations from Companies. The fund in turn could be used to repair things around the village, such as play equipment and acquire items which could benefit the Community.

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11. JUNE FESTIVAL

TH explained that she had been in conversation with Jez at Standon Calling who would be donating a very generous raffle price, the winner to receive a Family Ticket for Standon Calling. They would also be sending two ambassadors to the Festival.

PA reported that the Generator and Trophies for the event had been ordered and BS added that 2 ice cream vans would be attending the event.

12. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS FROM PARISHIONERS

12.1 SAFETY ISSUES REGARDING TREES ALONG MUNDEN ROAD

A resident in attendance at the meeting agreed to organise a community letter addressed to Mr Duffy at Dane End House illustrating how close the trees on the bank were to opposite houses and the potential impact they would have if they fell towards the properties. PA commented how dangerous the situation was as the trees were wearing the Bank away in addition to the fact that they were significantly block daylight out of the properties. It was agreed to move forward on this matter over the summer.

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

- Re Correspondence above KC would be happy to come to the meeting with the farmers and at least one person from the Parish Council would need to attend. PA and SA reported that during the latest flooding Sacombe Pound was extremely badly affected and the back of the houses were flooded. JH commented that the flooding went all the way back to Waterford. This time the backs of the houses were affected and some houses were now being flooded from the back. Unfortunately no one would take responsibility for this, particularly Ringway. TH reported that hopefully with the help of Ken a collective could be formed with the Council, Ringway and the farmers to find a solution to this matter.
  PA added that he was in discussions with Borlaise family to try and get into the back of the houses to dig banks similar to those further down the road. JH commented that the other day roads in Braughing were closed where farmers were digging out ditches along the roads to avert flooding. This was in marked contrast to fields around Dane End.

- TH reported on the status of the A602 Roadworks and commented that it would be finally open this summer. She also went on to say that the old road would be dug up on completion of the new section and the riverway would be dug out under the new bridge to join up with the tributary. PA commented that there was a possibility that the old road may not actually be dug up but covered with soil, levelled and planted with trees. He added that the Whempstead turning was all to be dug up as well.

- TH reported that she was trying to get hold of Clarion to intervene over the bird feeding that was going on outside the flats. People were picking up the

waste bread from the shop and feeding the birds including magpies and rooks which were scaring away smaller birds and making it difficult for them to find food. All agreed how unhealthy this was for any birds and would also encourage rats and foxes. She has asked AB to try and make contact with Clarion or at least source a contact the PC could use so this and other issues could be addressed.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Thursday June 2023

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