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

Present Cllrs: Tracey Harding (TH, Chair); Paul Armstrong (PA, Vice Chairman); Billy Summerson (BS); Jessica Harding (JH); Michelle Galvin (MG)
In attendance: Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk; Aubrey Holt, EHDC (AH)
Members of the Public: 4

1, **APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:**
Julie Hursey (JH); Stephanie Armstrong (SA) 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 21st March 2024. The Minutes were approved as a true record, proposed by PA and seconded by BS. Unanimously agreed.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
To be included in the following Annual Parish Meeting

5. PLANNING:
None

6. FINANCE
To receive an update on receipts and payments and authorise payments.

RECEIPTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	**CH NO**	**£**
13/03/24	Ernest DOE	Newslttr Advert	BACS	120.00
14/03/24	Howe Engineering	Newslttr Advert	BACS	120.00
18/03/24	Astco Clothing Bank	Clothe Recycle	BACS	15.00
28/03/24	Peter Morris	Newslttr Advert	BACS	120.00
07/04/24	PayPal	Test for ticketing	BACS	0.01
			TOTAL	**375.01**

PAYMENTS

12/03/24	Simon Andrews	Umbrella Big Band Deposit	150.00
12/3/24	LMMH	Saturday Meeting (2hrs)	14.00

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13/03/24	Paul Armstrong	Move PortoKabin	280.00
14/03/24	East Herts Signs	Sacombe signs (to be reimbursed)	582.00
17/03/24	G Ward	Dog Fouling signs	20.97
G Ward	G Ward	Herts Display/copying Plans	25.19
26/03/24	Comm Heartbeat	Defibrillator Training	210.00
27/03/24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	55.00
05/04/24	Herts Display	Flyers for D Day Event	166.80
05/04/24	G Ward	Clerks Fee/April	298.93
		Total	**1802.89**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 09/04/24	11015.20
Balance Brought forward 10.03.24 `	12443.08
Less Payments	1802.89
Plus Receipts	375.01
Balance as at 09/04/24	**11015.20**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:……Duly Signed…….

DATE:……18/04/23……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

7. CORRESPONDENCE
To receive an update on correspondence received

22/3/24 Email from KC re footpath redirection with contact details
Th explained that she had been in communication with Lord and Lady Carter and EHDC. Lady Carter was happy for TH to work with East Herts to get the path redirected and approved TH's suggestion for the path to go along the side of the school along Church Lane, around the front of school and then pick up ChurchYard again.

23/3/24 Email from Vicky Thomson re Van, and EHDC reference number.

23/3/24 Anthony Collier re APM attending on behalf of The Cricket Club

24/3/24 Draft email from TH with draft letter to Mr Duffy (re Trees along Munden Road)

26/3/24 JP Re Open Garden/Standon Contact. The Clerk advised that this was coming along well now, after a shaky start and would be producing a booklet, listing all the gardens with the help of Claire Monk.

28/3/24 Email from TH to Hope Merriman re state of the roads in context of A602 works. TH reported that she was still waiting for a response having been promised road repairs from damage caused by A602 roadworks diversion. The Parish Council had been promised at the

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time that Whempstead Lane would be repaired. It was noted that at the Open Meeting regarding the road this promise had been made by Helen McCormick who had chaired the meeting. TH would to ask for a meeting with her.

With regarding to soil dumping at Toad Hall, enforcement team had gone up there today to look at lorry movement and had concluded that Pat Taylor couldn't do anymore lorry movements until there was a proper waste transfer notes in place. TH want on to report that the owners of the land were saying that this is all a result of building up level of soil quality is so bad. If they swept roads and kept clean then residents wouldn't have such a problem. TH remarked that this matter was still ongoing. AH had been a great help on this.
1/4/24 Email from Ben Golding re questions for next meeting on Play equipment and grass verges and reply from TH. He also enquired about putting trees on the outside of his house (The Old Shop). It was agreed that the path would be compromised.
TH concluded that he would have to maintain the trees and would also have to get permission from the District Council and that Highways would not approve it due to already being high costs for maintaining trees.
TH confirmed that it was the intention of the Parish Council to move the Play Equipment to the bottom of the field. TH also said that some pathways would be put in to improve access for people who needed it.
3/4/24 Email from Sally Roberts/Clerk GMPC/Re Open Gardens
5/4/24 Karen Broad/Crime Report for March / for website. There was only one burglary reported on the report but there had obviously been more that hadn't made the report. BS also mentioned a couple of other burglaries.

8. TO APPROVE ANNUAL INSURANCE FEE FROM ZURICH INSURANCE 21/4/24-20/4/25 £885.83 AND HAPTC SUBSCRIPTION 24/25 £538.86-

Both payments were approved and all agreed that both companies were extremely helpful and give excellent service.

9. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNT FOR THE 23/24 FINANCIAL YEAR FOR PRESENTATION AT THE APM

TH commented that Newsletter payments had gone up but there had been more advertising over the last year. TH also commented that Castle Water had not

gone up and that the Parish Council had been advised to get the credited amount reimbursed. All agreed.

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

- TH said she had met with The Umbrella Big Band" at the Christmas Tree Farm to confirm 8th June. Would be confirming details with Russell Parkins at a separate meeting.

- TH thanked BS for the signs for Sacombe which only leaves Haultwick and Green End. She went onto say that these don't necessarily need to be gated so just one bar across like an H. TH agreed to have a look with PA at the verges where the were to be installed.

- With regard to soil dumping at Toad Hall, TH commented that the Enforcement team had gone up there today to look at lorry movements and had concluded that Pat

Taylor couldn't do anymore lorry movements until there was a proper waste transfer note in place. TH went on to report that the owners of the land were saying that this is all a result of building up levels as soil quality is so bad. TH commented that if they swept roads and kept them clean then residents wouldn't have such a problem. TH remarked that this matter was still ongoing. She went on to say that AH had been a great help on this.

11. HORSES MEADOW

TH explained that she had been negotiating with Bevan Trundle to buy the freehold of Horses's Meadow. He had had someone who approached him who said he had two sons who were surveyors and were interested in buying the land for their

Great Grandchildren. This had set alarm bells rings and although it was a good lease, developers could run rough-shod over it. TH went back to Bevan Trundle who has agreed that the Parish Council will purchase it. The PC were to raise

funds for a purchase price of £5,000 plus Solicitor fees. Mr Trundle was also was happy to wait whilst the Parish Council raise funds for it. All agreed that this was a very fair price. This way the land would be protected over the years ahead.

She reported that negotiations are underway, and Solicitors have been appointed on both sides. TH did mention that as the Meadow is on the Village Plan as infill there is a possibility that on that basis it could be built on and if it was at the end

of the Lease, Mr Trundle would acquire a proportion of the sale money. HAPTC have a match funding for projects such as this which TH said she would go through. This could possibly be used for new play equipment etc.

Defib Training all thought was very good. Some people have keys. TH agreed to look into it more – from the floor someone mentioned it was restricted with lack of phone signal. TH felt there should be first responders in the village. AS it is

the Parish Council do not no who they are. Felt that training should be done annually.

There was no Public Participation at the meeting due to the meeting being followed by the Annual Parish Meeting but KM did want to point out the increase in Anti-Social behaviour and suggested getting local police along to meeting to help

reassure people. The Clerk pointed out that they did have all the dates of the meeting and TH suggested issuing a formal invitation.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

23rd May 2024 @ 8.00 PM. The Meeting was brought to a close at 8.00 pm and was followed by the APM.

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