LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
21st March 2024
AT
8.00 pm in
LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL

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

1, APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:
Stephance Armstrong (SA); Jessica Harding (JH)

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. To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2024
The Minutes were proposed by MG and seconded by JH

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
To allow Parishioner and Public, Comments
Discussion took place regarding the state of the roads and TH reported on further complaints to Highways regarding potholes. She commented that there were constant excuses for the temporary fixes which are obviously unsafe.

TH also commented that Enforcement are involved regarding The Toad Hall, soil movements and that they that they had already been up there. From the floor a resident commented that the fence was now bowing out and went on to comment that Pat Taylor were dumping lots of lorry loads continuously.

From the floor has been a lot of mention of the Portacabin on Horses' Meadow, through Social Media. PA explained that it was only in the car park temporarily and would be moved to a less conspicuous position, painted and decorated. He explained that it was to be used for storage for events. TH said it was all in hand and will keep everyone updated.

DB thanked the Parish Council for the meeting with HCC with regards to drainage. TH commented what a huge relief it was to see the water drain away as a result of the recent drainage works.. PA also commented that since the meeting a Highways person had been down with a view to put a pipe under the road and across into the tributary. He went on to say that on 10th April he has a meeting with Woodhall Estate, DB to attend meeting as well. TH had also chased up the representative from the flooding team at Highways and would chase up as he was putting together a plan for the future.

TH also went into further details regarding the meeting which was in February Half term with landowners, Environment Agency, Highways, representatives from the Woodhall Estae. She commented that although Highways had come out last August it's important to address other areas which flood and went on to say that overall it had been a productive meeting and had got things off to a good start. She had also spoken to Whitehills to include Andrew Smith at the next meeting.

There was a suggestion from the floor to publicise more of the what the Parish Council were doing such as work on pot holes and flooding and also have clear instructions regarding how to report issues.

5. PLANNING:

AH commented that Keepers Cottage Application had been denied which was the outcome which was expected. He commented that it was denied principally on location. All agreed that this was a relief as approving the retrospective permission would open the floodgates.

5.1. NEW APPLICATIONS
3/24/0438/HH Re Cladding of existing extension, insertion of roof lights, removal of internal wall and internal refurbishment.
The Bell, The Street, Haultwick, Hertfordshire SG11 1JQ. Comments by 27th March 2024

5.2 DECISIONS
3/24/0011/HH
Erection of a detached garden room
3 Potters Wood Close, Potters Green, Dane End, Herts SG12 0LH
Planning permission granted subject to conditions.

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

RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	CH NO	£
16/02/24	Astco	Clothing Recycle	BACS	39.00
29/02/24	Andrew Dexter	Newsletter Advertising	BACS	120.00
01/03/24	JP Boilers	Newsletter Advertising	BACS	120.00
06/03/24	Derrick Bridges&Co	Newsletter Advertising	BACS	120.00
08/03/24	Top Pots	Newsletter Advertising	BACS	120.00
10/03/24	G S Pickett Butcher	Newsletters Advertising	BACS	120.00
			TOTAL	**639.00**

PAYMENTS

17/02/24	Mundens PCC	Donation/Graveyrd/clock	BACS	200.00
27/02/24	G Ward Reimbrs	Microsoft365 Annual Fee	BACS	59.99
01/03/24	Herts Display	Feb 24 Newsletter	BACS	93.00
01/03/24	Community HBeat	Village Emergency Tel	BACS	120.00
05/03/24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	1296	55.00

07/03/24	G Ward	Clerks Fee & Expenses	BACS	294.95
		Total		**822.94**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 12/3/24	**12443.08**
Balance Brought forward 13.02.24	12627.02
Less Payments	822.94
Plus Receipts	639.00
Balance as at 12/03/24	**12443.08**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….
DATE:……

TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR

13. RECEIVE NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND TO DEAL WITH THOSE MATTERS IF APPROPRIATE

TH reported that she had spoken to Helen McComick re lack of lights on the junctions on the A602 and explained how difficult it was at night to see where the junction is precisely. KC had also backed this up. They had already carried out a survey but are now carrying out a more in depth one and asked the Parish to Council to wait for the outcome of that.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive an update on correspondence received

27/2/24 Email from Helen McCormick re Lack of Light on the A602 Junction @ Sacombe Pound

3/3/24 Email from Karen Broad Re Crime Reports. TH commented that the area seemed safe at the moment**.**

4/3/24 Email from Lois Dewhurst re Movement of Soil @ Toad Hall, forwarded to Ben Randall/Ringway

6/3/24 Email from Ken Crofton re Lack of Light/A602 Junction

9/3/24 Email from Deborah Ovens Re Vintage Photos

9/3/24 Email from Deborah Ovens re Open Garden/Church Tower Tours

11/3/24 Email from Ken Crofton re Levelling Up Payments/TH working on trying to get money to fund new play equipment on Horses' Meadow, to get it moved to the bottom of the meadow and also get some paths put in suitable for wheelchair access. AH was hoping there would might be some grant money available and would up date if and when available.

11/3/24 Email from Ken Crofton re Hertfordshire/Movie Making Capital

11/3 24 Email from Aubrey Holt Re Play Equipment

11/3/24 Email from Lois Dewhurst to Ken Crofton re substandard road repairs at Whitehills and photos.

13/3/24 Brian Penn forwards Copy of email from TPO Officer EHDC Re replacement Sapling 46 Whiteley Close and follow up to say it's been planted. GW noted that the tree had now been planted and reported that it was a reasonable size. JH queried whether we could put a TPO on the new tree.

14/3/24 Copy of email from to Ken Crofton re road Closure at Whitehills – 15-26 March 24 from Andrew Crosby
Network Officer – East Herts | Network Management | Environment & Transport

8. APM: 18th April 24/Agenda/Invitees

Derek Wheeler (Chairman of Hall Committee); Anthony Collier (Cricket Club) and Brian Jackson (Badminton had all been invited to give a report.

9. TO APPROVE THE PRECEPT AMOUNT FOR 2024/25 AND DULY SIGN.

The form was duly signed to request a Precept amount of £11,430.00 so no increase was made.

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10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

AH had spoken to Planning about the demolished old flint wall at the back of a house on Kingsfield Road. Unfortunately, they hadn't found any information that the wall was listed. He went on to say that he didn't know what else to suggest although TH said she would check with Beven Trundle to see if anything was written on the Deeds of the houses at the time of the development.

11. KEY DATES/EVENTS COMING UP:-

TH commented that the **Deibrillator Training would be on 15th April** and the Clerk commented that all names of those taking part were to be listed for the trainers. TH commented that once the training has been completed it was important to make sure everyone was confident in using it and that it may be useful to have clear instructions written on the door. JH explained that there was the Emergency Telephone number which would alert the team of up to 10 volunteers who would be able to assist. TH thought 10 people was not really that many and could possibly all be unavailable. It was suggested that volunteers could be sort at the pub or the shop as there is always likely to be someone on hand at these locations.

6/6/24 International Tribute for D Day;
TH commented that a pyre would be lit after the ceremony and explained that she had a large instruction manual for the event.

8/6/24 40s Dance Night for D Day
The Big Umbrella Band had now been booked and would be performing at the event.

23/6/24 - Dane End Memorial Hall 100 Years Birthday
TH commented that have a photo gallery on display in the Memorial Hall

23/6/24 Open Gardens for Church Roof Funds

- Participants were still being accepted onto the scheme.

- PA said that Sacombe signs would be up next week, followed by work getting underway on the remaining places in the Parish, (Green End and Haultwick).

12. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on **THURSDAY 18TH APRIL** @ 7.30 PM followed by the APM @ 8 PM.

The Meeting was brought to a close at 8.27 pm.

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CHAIR **DATE**