LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd May 2024 IN LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL, DANE END

Present Councillors: Tracey Harding (TH Chair); Paul Armstrong (PA, Vice Chairman); Bill Summerson (BS); Jessica Harding (JH); Michaelle Galvin (MG); In attendance: Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk;
Members of the Public Liz Gregg Smith(LGS); Vicky Tomson (VT); Mike Treffry (MT); K Maguire (KM)

1. APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE; SA; JH

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda: None
b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests – None
c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2024.
Proposed by JH and seconded by PA.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow Parishioner and Public Comments.
From the floor LGS commented again about potholes at Whitehills. Massive craters had appeared and it was difficult taking photos. TH commented that she had hoped when they closed the road that they would do a proper investigation but nothing had been done.
PA .commented that the the road through Sacombe had been suddenly closed and potholes had been filled in on one side of the road but left all the ones on the other side of the road.
From the floor a Parishioner commented on the state of Whempstead Lane. Gravel was all over the road and PA went on to say commented how dangerous it was for bikes.

VT commented on the state of the fencing along Munden Road. TH suggested having a word with Aubrey about it. VT also commented on the illegally parked van in Founceley Avenue and despite it being reported a number of times, was still there.
The District Council had said they can't do anything about it as its insured however it isn't taxed so therefore should be removed. The Council had also rung the owner of the van who had reported to them that it wasn't abandoned, which was good enough for them..
A 7 day notice had been placed on it but ignored.

5. PLANNING:

Decision

3/23/2347/HH PROPOSAL: Insertion of doors to orangery and extension of external step. AT: Munden Parva Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0PD. This matter was considered by the Council on the 16th May 2024. Permission granted.

6. FINANCE

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

RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	CH NO	£
10/04/24	Astco	Recyling Bin	BACS	15.00
26/04/24	EHDC	Precept	BACS	5715.00
2/05/24	A Collier	Allotment Fee 24/25	BACS	30.00
02/05/24	J Hembrough	Allotment Fee 24/25	BACS	30.00
02/05/24	Udku Kettas	Allotment Fee 24/25	BACS	30.00
04/05/24	M Christianson	Allotment Fee 24/25	BACS	15.00
06/05/24	Addison Joy	Allotment Fee 24/25	BACS	30.00
08/05/24	A D Donoghue	Allotment Fee 24/25	BACS	30.00
14/05/24	M Davis	Allotment Fee 24/25	BACS	15.00
		Total		**5910.00**

PAYMENTS

21/4/24	Zurich Insurance	Annual Premium Renewal 24/25	885.83
22/4/24	HAPTC	Annual Subscription 24/25	538.86
24/04/24	Derrick Bridges	Sols Fees on Account Freehold Purchase	1440.00
4/05/24	Herts Display	April Newsletter	191.60
09/05/35	Tracey Harding	Reimbursement/Teas/Coffees etc Flood Mtng	38.00
09/05/24	G Ward	Clerks Fee May 24	275.00
14/05/24	EHDC	Dog Bin Empty x 3	576.30
14/05/24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	55.00
15/05/24	G Ward	Copier Paper and Printer Ink	36.38
		Total	**4036.97**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 16/05/24	12888.23
Balance Brought forward 09.04.24 `	11015.20
Less Payments	4036.97
Plus Receipts	5910.00
Balance as at 16/05/24	**12888.23**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive an update on correspondence received

18/4/24 A Collier Re Village Greens: TH notes would have informal meeting with him in due course.

20/4/24 Ken Crofton: Herts Lynx North & East Update. TH commented that it doesn't go to Hertford – only Stevenage/North Herts.

20/4/24 Lucy Agland Footpath and Tree/going to ask Chris Presland to strim it. Need to determine where exactly it is.

22/4/24 Email from S Ward/Solicitors' Re: Solicitors Fees on Account re Purchase of Freehold Horses' Meadow

22/4/24 Email from S Ward Solicitor Fees Derrick Bridges £960 plus c £50.00 Land Registry. From the floor is any amount of donation okay – all confirmed that any amount was welcome. TH confirmed that donations were either on Just Giving Page, or directly to LMPC Bank account.

24/4/24 Email from Alice Lawrence Re Braughing Traveller Site adjacent to Riversmeet, Station Road. TH commented this wasn't a traveller site at all. A family live there and daughter is trying to move delux temporary home. They actually own a house in Braughing so are not travellers but are doing it as a way to get round Planning Permission. LGS commented that it was similar to Keepers Cottage recent application and that if a home is already on the site they can't put a temporary residence on there.

25/4/24 Email from Lois Dewhurst re Fault Report

29/4/24 Email from Anthony Collier Cricket Club: TH had spoken to the Boot regarding hosting a friendly between The Boot and the Cricket Club.

3/5/24 EHDC Review of District Plan.

6/5/24 Email from TH to Oliver Heald, re Redirection of Footpath. Had been of no help regarding the footpath. TH aid she would hold East Herts responsible if there was any incidents up there as a result of the footpath going through the school and would also be writing to the new Commissioner to say this is a safe guarding issue.

9/5/24 Email from David Uncle re Flood Meeting Actions. Flood meeting with Woodhall Park and Bridget Borlaise said that she could not give up any of the land due to the type of Lease they are on, but also can't dig a ditch. Instead will do a plough furrow across the back of the gardens which would only be 6-12 inches deep. TH urged this to be put in writing he and also that it would be her insurance which would cover a flood. PA also commented that there would be no chance of getting access to the back of houses like the Woodhall Estate ones. TH instructed PA to send her an email confirming what was said. Want in writing of what was confirmed in the meeting. PA reported that when putting up village signs it was noted that the ditch was full. PA also commented that East Herts are coming out to do a camera in the drains to see where they go and that that Highways will do something with the drains at Sacombe Pound to get them to run into the Tributary. TH asked if he could chase up on this.

12/5/24 Email from Tom Raw Re Offer of Loan of Vintage Postcards and Pencil Drawing of Dane End House for Village Hall Centenary. -

7. TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS TO MAKE SURE EVERYTING IS COVERED

- **Bonfire:** PA commented that would have to decide where to put it. TH said have to clear the grass and build it centrally.. She would also ask The Boot to do a barbeque down there.
- **D Day Dance** – decorations to be done, some discussion about bunting then took place. The Clerk thought it had all gone in the cupboard.
- **Open Gardens Event** coming along well.
- **Panto dates** would need to be booked.
- **A Harvest Supper** had also been suggested by JH, for September with vegetable and plant competition.

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

MG had emailed the PCSO to see if they would attend tonight but declined, She also mentioned to him the increased crime rate in Dane End. He responded he wasn't aware of this. LGS commented that there had also been a break-in at Marshalls Farm. VT commented that if she
was made aware of anti-social activity she maybe able to make suitable channels aware and do something about it.

TH said she had been speaking to David Uncle from the Flood Defence Team and is going to put something together. TH said must do as much of this as possible in combating flooding before Autumn. Also commented that the Environment Agency had been up to Toad Hall this week if building up level up there will increase flooding is it moves in the event of heavy rain and flooding. TH asked the lorries to clean the roads although the Environment Agency who thought this was unfair on the land owners. PA thought that they were being paid for the soil to be tipped there, not the other way around although they did have a transfer notice for one of the tipping companies but not the other company. TH commented that no one would know what contaminants are in there. LGS said she had reported this back in October. TH said she would talk to Aubrey about it and she if he could help.

Mike Treffry commented that he hoped that plans from Bridget Borlaise would work, although there Woodhall Estate has no responsibility for local flooding, however what we can do is to investigate the problem and see what can be done. He thought the PC had done really well to get everyone together to discuss this issue. PA remarked that flooding had eased since work had been done. TH suggested getting everybody together again. PA commented on the field in Sacombe that had flooded where all the sweetcorn that had been planted in there had washed down to one corner. WP also mentioned bad flooding in Watton at Stone due to blocked drains so the problems were'nt contained to this area. The verges there had grown over the drains in part.and went on to suggest that if everyone does there little bit progress can be made. Whitehill was also discussed, MG to ask grass keeper to look into. TH would arrange a meeting with Andrew when he is back.

9. DISCUSS ANY UPDATES ON THE PURCHASE OF THE FREEHOLD OF HORSES MEADOW

TH announced that Bevan Trundle had died suddenly three weeks ago and had spoken to his wife who knew about the purchase. She felt the PC should now crack on with raising the money and completing the purchase.

TH mentioned that there were other areas of land owned by the company. The Whiteley Close Play area was discussed, VT was adamant that this was a fact but TH had spoken to the Council recently who declined any knowledge of this. VT also mentioned that they do still mow it.

The Meeting closed at 8.58 pm

10. **Date of the next meeting: 20TH June 2024 @ 8.00 PM**