LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 April 2024 at 8 pm at Dane End Memorial Hall.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Present: Tracey Harding, Chair (TH); Paul Armstrong, Vice Chair (PA); Billy Summerson (BS); Michelle Galvin (MG); Jessica Harding (JH); Aubrey Holt (AH); Ken Crofton (KC)
Derek Wheeler (Village Hall) (DW); Ant Collier (Cricket Club) (AC)
Members of the Public: Helen Barnard (HB); Karen Macguire (KM)

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APM OF 18th May 2023
Copies of the Agenda and End of Year Accounts were circulated. TH welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked all for attending.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2023 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting. The minutes were proposed by PA and seconded by JH as a true and correct account of the meeting.

3. TO DEAL WITH MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES
None

4. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEARS 23/24
A copy of this is attached to these Minutes.

5. TO RECEIVE AND IF FELT FIT TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023/24. A copy of which is attached to these Minutes

Copies of the Financial Statement had been circulated to the Parish Councillors. All Parish Councillors attending the Meeting approved the Financial Statement 23/24 which is attached to these Minutes.

6.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE PARISH

6.1 THE MEMORIAL HALL

Derek Wheeler, The Chair and Treasurer of Little Munden Memorial Hall presented the following Report:-

The Hall income is between 3500 and 4k. The bulk of this and is the same every year is from the Badminton Club, as well as occasional lettings which have come down considerably this year. A new organisation calle
DW mentioned that an organisation called Herts Fostering had come through who has spent £430 already this year and uses the Hall during the day which is good as there are few bookings during the day.

DW also went on to say that there were two election days are also coming up, first the Police Commissioners and then the General Election. There is a charge of £250 for these bookings so a healthy source of income. As interest rates have gone up small amounts of interest have made and there is £20k deposited at the Bank £10k of this has been held back for the day the roof goes.

Given the fact that £10k was awarded to the Hall during Covid, it now has a new floor, painted ceiling and new paint on the exterior to try and make it stand out more as people drive pass. He went on to say that he was also thinking of taking the fence down to make it more visible. The front door and steps have also been done, although it's not quite finished yet. Left to do was the side and top of the front although scaffolding would be needed for this and the top also needs doing, which will require scaffolding to do . A new sign will also go up, which will be something along the lines of the Centenary sign and more visible from the road.

DW also went on to say the any overheads are pretty fixed and it just depends on how much the Hall gets booked. The more it's used the more chance the books can balance.

TH reported that she had noticed that a cycle event had used the Hall lately and thought the more these type of events could use it would Hall, the better. DW said that he was actively trying to get these clubs to use the Hall which had all the facilities available that they need.

TH also pointed out that it was perfect for the Christmas lunches and that the chefs wheeled in extra ovens. All felt it was well worth promoting.

6.2. THE CRICKET CLUB

Anthony Collier (AC) presented the following:

"The Club is now 130 years old and is open anyone who wants to play from 13 years upwards. The Club relies very much on John and Peter, close neighours to the pitch who cut the grass.

The Club is current in Divisions 3 or Herts and Essex League. He went onto say that the Club is just about keeping going especially as things were tough during Covid. He felt the length of time matches took was part of the problem.

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KM offered to promote the Club on Love Dane End. She enquired about costs to join and AC did say that cost of kit was not a problem. TH pointed outhat pre-covid there was an annual match between the Pub and the Cricket Club.and all agree that this would be a good idea to organise one of these again.

PA also pointed out that the Golf Club came to the village fete and generated a lot of interest there. KM suggested doing taster session at Horses' Meadow to generate interest.

TO DEAL WITH ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Helen Barnard was asked by Jackie to present the following regarding the Newsletter:-

"Peter and Barbara currently collect Newsletter, bundling up and getting distributed – there is 170 years between them so would like to get a plan in place regarding succession – they've managed to find a couple who will take over but need to collect Newsletter and distribute them. Need a couple of people to take over collection and distribution. Jean Sylvester distributed for Dane End, Green End and Haultwick and Peter Hudson does Sacombe, Great Munden and other outlying villages. What is needed is a pair of people who will take over collection of boxes and getting bundles to distributers. As Newsletter is funded 50/50 by PC and Churches would be ideal if operation was similarly shared. KM suggested maybe getting more people to have the Newsletter electronically now.

TH said that if anyone couldn't do delivery just give a ring and the Parish Council will fill in.

6.1 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

None.

6.2 The APM was brought to a close at 8.36 pm.

Signed:_____ Date:_____
Chairman