LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:
Present Councillors: Cllrs Tracey Harding; Paul Armstrong; Billy Summerson; JulieHursey; Michelle Galvin; Stephanie Armstrong; Jessica Harding (JH)

1. **APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Billy Summerson (BS); Stephanie Armstrong (SA);**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
   a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
   b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests
   c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

3. **APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2024**

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
   To allow Parishioner and Public Comments
   - VT commented that the trees behind the houses that back onto Munden Road from Whiteley are now encroaching on the road. This was the responsibility of East Herts and TH to action over the summer.

   - TH also commented that she was planning on visiting the owner of Dane End House to talk about the yew trees over the school summer holidays. SC whose house is opposite the yew trees said she was concerned that the roots of some were now exposed which could cause the trees to come down in high winds.

7. PLANNING:
There was some concern over prospective building on The Playground, Whiteley Close although TH had in the past contacted the Council who confirmed that it was a designated play area which was part of the Planning when the original Estate was built. VT also commented that she noted this when buying a house in 1986. TH noted that it was important to look to the future and Trundle had said that he would be looking to wind the business up over the next few years. VT commented that 23/25 at the end – ransom strips in various locations including path running along back of houses on Whiteley bordering Munden Road. After some discussion, TH commented that we need to find out where all the various bits of land are that Trundle owned as ransom strips and ask the Trundle family to acknowledge what ransom strips are held. VT also commented on strip of land from Whiteley to Kingsfield Road, and TH was sure that this was still owned by Trundles. TH suggested we write to remaining Director and find out where all of these are. TH also commented on how long the period was before sheds were allowed to stay after trespass on land not owned by individual. All thought it was 12 years.

8. FINANCE

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

RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	CH NO	£
17/06/24	Stripe Payment (less fee)	D Day Tickets	BACS	38.32
24/06/24	Sumup Payment	Door Takings OG	BACS	117.98
26/06/24	Peter Morris	Advertising	BACS	120.00
02;/07/24	Resident	HM Donation	Cheque	100.00
02/07/24	Resident	HM Donation	Cheque	50.00
02.07.24	Sacombe Meeting	Sacombe Signs	Cheque	787.01
02.07.24	D Day Dance	Door Takings	BACS	377.00
02.07.24	Identical Productions	Hire of HM/Film Co	BACS	750.00
		Total		**2340.31**

PAYMENTS

18/06/24	Herts Display	OG Flyers	BACS	131.60
18/06/24	Herts Display	DDay Flyers	BACS	208.00
18/06/24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	BACS	55.00
20/06/24	FOLM redirect payment	BHicksStall	BACS	40.00
25/06/24	G Ward Open Grdns	Refreshments	BACS	79.39
02/07/24	LMPCC	online door takings	BACS	117.98
			Total	**631.9**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 03/07/24	**19401.65**
Balance Brought forward 15/06/24 `	17693.31
Less Payments	631.97
Plus Receipts	2340.31
Balance as at 03/07/24	**19401.65**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

The Parish Councillors approved the above payments and the Chairman duly signed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

20/6/24: Email from Jamaica Radcliffe Re "Undertow" Terms & Conditions

21/6/24: Email from Zurich Insurance Re Public Liability for Open Gardens/ PC not covered for accidents on private Land, even if running the event.

21/6/24 Email from Sue Christmas/overgrown branches on Paget Cottages Service Road TH had informed Clarion about this. MG said she would put in another Highways request but unfortunately, they would not touch it. Apparently it is just one house in question so really she should address her neighbour or cut back yourself. MG said she had the address. VT

noted that the golden plum tree had been cut but had dumped the fruit and hadn't cleared the mess. VT suggested that it could have become more of a nuisance as parking had become more restrictive on that part of Kingsfield Road.
1/7/24 Email from Sue Capon re fallen branch in Tributary.
2/7/24 Email from Dan Kennoy re Under 7s Football over summer holidays (Ware Lions) on Horses' Meadow. TH noted that it would be a good idea to ask for confirmation so the pitch could be marked up.
2/7/24 Email from Jamaica Radcliffe re Payment for Car Park/Undertow. Money in.

10. DISCUSS ANY UPDATES ON THE PURCHASE OF THE FREEHOLD OF HORSES' MEADOW AND DISCUSS BUDGET. No progress, awaiting Trundles Solicitors.

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

TH asked for an update on the Sacombe signs – PA commented that the Sacombe Green ones were being done next. TH asked that Haultwick and Green End signs should be done first as these as in the Parish. PA Sacombe Green one is being done at the moment – have cleared space for them to go in although where one has gone in the road has been destroyed with the lorries. The road now is now getting high in the middle – 34 tonne lorries are going in . TH reported that one of the residents is getting legal advice about it he is so upset about it. TH asked that BS and PA visit Haultwick and Green End and decide whats to go in there and get them in place sooner rather than later.

PA has made enquiries on fireworks for 5th November. Had obtained prices according to whether you wanted loud or pretty. They are between £300-£400. The general consensus was to get quiet pretty ones rather than loud. Food etc would be discussed at a later date.

Panto: TH commented that the Hall was booked and Abbie Harding had been working on the script and would finanlise shortly. Auditions date would be going in Newsletter soon etc There had already been expressions of interest amongst the Parishioners.

TH mentioned that Russell was considering doing a Halloween event at the Christmas Farm. TH suggested doing the Fireworks on 5th November and then Halloween as a weekend event on the 2nd). All agreed that the D Dance had been a great success up there.

PA commented that there would be another Biker event at the beginning of September but would be at the Christimas Tree Farm rather than Horses' Meadow and was not a Parish Council event. JM commented that there had been comments re the catering situation at the last Bike Meet that there wasn't much choice. PA mentioned that unfortunately a few caterers had let down the organisers.

TH had been speaking to Highways re Lorry movements at Sacombe Green and Whitehills. TH mentioned she knew where the Whitehills water was coming from which was a house which had a well in the garden so when the water gets to a certain level it overflows onto the road. The pipe need sto be connected to the clean water drainage system so it wont run on the surface of the road but were it's supposed to go into. Highways should do this properly in one go.

PA mentioned that the drainage company were there and discovered that the drains were too blocked to get their equipment down there. TH suggest PA contact them and see if they could look at the drains outside the Memorial Hall. TH texplained that there is a pipe running under garden of the house opposite to the tributary and the pipe had collapsed. The flood team were supposed to contact owner to put in a new pipe, but had failed to do so. PA commented that the digging out of the ditch opposite had made it better but needs doing regularly. TH went on to say that the ditch by the Telephone Exchange also needed doing which would require hiring a mini digger as this was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

TH commented that another flooding meeting was required. Apparently, there was still work being done on the Flood Plan although this was taking a long time.

PA commented that Bridget Borlaise had confirmed that she would be putting in the furrow although hadn't confirmed in writing. It would be done as soon as the harvest was complete.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 @ 7.00 PM

Discussion took place as to the day of the week and time of meetings. The Parish Councillors agreed that the meetings be changed to a Tuesday @ 7.00 pm. All had agreed that in the winter 8 pm was too late.

The meeting was brought to a close @ 8.50 pm