LITTLE MUNDEN ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:
Minutes of Meeting
Held on 17th September 2024
At Little Munden Memorial Hall

Present Councillors: Tracey Harding (TH); Billy Summerson; Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin (MG); Jessica Harding (JH)

1. APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Paul Armstrong (PA)

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. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th July 2024. JH approved the Minutes and BS seconded them.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow Parishioner and Public Comments. None, TH invited them to comment on any items on the Agenda of interest instead.

5. PLANNING:

- APPLICATION: 3/24/1667/ Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to 3/22/1037/VAR for "Part conversion and part demolition of existing buildings. Provision of mixed-use development for B1 Use (business) and retention of existing agricultural buildings. Erection of 26 dwellings, 10 to be affordable housing. Works to include access, landscaping, engineering and associated works. Provision of car parking spaces and cycle spaces. Variation of condition 12 (off-site highway works to improve pedestrian accessibility) of planning permission: 3/19/2211/FUL": To allow for larger bedroom areas for future occupiers and to improve thermal comfort. Home Farm Munden Road Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0LL Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 2nd October 2024

- APPLICATION: 3/24/1177/HH PROPOSAL: AT: CONSULTATION Replacement windows. 5 Potters Wood Close Potters Green Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0L

- APPLICATION: 3/23/0487/FUL PROPOSAL: AT: FOR: Proposed stable building and barn, including the laying of hardstanding Wheelwrights Farm Rowney Lane Dane End **Ware** Hertfordshire SG12 0JY Mr James Cash Further to my earlier consultation regarding above, it was decided to grant permission.

- APPLICATION: 3/24/1260/HH PROPOSAL: AT: FOR: Removal of conservatory. Proposed two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, first floor side extension including pitched roof dormer to front. Insert 1 new first floor side window and 1 new front rooflight window. South Lodge Farm Potters Green Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0JZ Mrs Jacqui Healey Further to my earlier consultation

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regarding this proposal, I write to inform you that this matter was considered by the Council on the 2nd September 2024 and it was decided to Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions.

- APPLICATION 3/24/0918/FUL. Change of use and redevelopment of agricultural building, 1 self-build residential dwelling incorporating air source heat pump and parking. At Land off Mill Lane, Levens Green, Old Hall Green.

- BS felt that this may set a precedent although TH did not think this would be the case and the fact that there had been an agricultural building would make it it more likely to get planning permission. Access would already be in place from when it was used as an agricultural building..

6. FINANCE

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

RECEIPTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	**CH NO**	**£**
05/07/24	Astcoclothing	Clothing Bank	BACS	12.00
26/07/24	Hertford MS		Cheque	3000.00
05/07/24	Astcoclothing	Clothing Bank	BACS	20.00
05/08/24	LMPCC Reimbursement	Open Gardens	BACS	10.00
12/08/24	Herts CC Grant (KC)	Panto	BACS	500.00
12/08/24	Mundens PCC Reimburse	Expenses OpenG	BACS	242.15
16/08/24	HMRC VAT	Reimburse	BACS	1269.81
23/0824	JUST GIVING DONATION	GW Transfer	BACS	645.65
04/09/24	Deborah Ovens		BACS	35.00
			Total	**5734.61**

PAYMENTS

03/07/24	Tracey Harding	D Day Expenses	BACS	286.69
06/07/24	G Ward	Land Reg Title Deed	BACS	17.94
07/07/24	G Ward	Clerks Fee July 24	BACS	296.00
25/07/24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	BACS	55.00
03/08/24	Herts Display	July Newsletter	BACS	111.60
05/08/24	Herts Display	Aug Newsletter	BACS	111.60
05/08/24	Mundens PCC	Open Gardns takings	BACS	10.00
06/08/24	G Ward	Clerks Fee Aug	BACS	272.50
06/08/24	Herts Display	Photos/Program OpG	BACS	72.76
12/08/24	G Ward Reimburse	Projector/Film Screen	BACS	588.14
09/09/24	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	BACS	55.00
09/09/24	G Ward	Clerks Fee September	BACS	255.00
			Total	**2132.23**

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Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 13/09/24	**23004.03**
Balance Brought forward 03/07/24 `	19401.65
Less Payments	2132.23
Plus Receipts	5734.61
Balance as at 13/09/24	**23004.03**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

12/9/24 Email from Esther Piper EHDC re ACV on The Boot Dane End/Moretorium period and advised Solicitor.
10/9/24 Email from Derrick Bridges Re Land Registry/Land Charge on Trundles.
9/9/24 Email from SDW/Derrick Bridges re Application of Title and and Title Plan
4/9/24 Email from Mr & Mrs Fenner offering support for Saving The Boot and help offered.
3/9/24 Email from SDW/Derrick Bridges – Horses' Meadow Associated documents: Draft Overage Deed; Draft Transfer Doc and Epitome of Title
4/9/24 Email from HAPTC: Invitation to meet Chris Hinchcliff MP/NE Herts 18/10/24 @ HAPTC/Zoom drop-in.
2/9/24 Email from A Worthington re state of the Allotments
31/8/24 Giselle Russell email re Hall Fees for daytime Yoga and Movement to Music
5/8/24 Official Copy of Register of Title Re Home Farm
5/8/24 Email from TH to Aubrey Holt and reply re Available Grants

8. CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. TH commented that there was a vacancy on the Parish Council and a suitable candidate would be co-opted subject to whether or not an election was requested.

9. DISCUSS ANY UPDATES ON THE PURCHASE OF THE FREEHOLD OF HORSES' MEADOW AND DISCUSS ASSOCIATED FOOTPATH AND RANSOM STRIPS (AROUND DANE END)

TH commented that there was a lease on the path that had now lapsed. GW mentioned that it was not an actual footpath and it would appear that it belongs to the house that Simon Springate owned. TH made it clear that this was not a public footpath and that it needed to be clear who was responsible for which piece of the land.. TH also commented that there were a number of other ransom strips around the village which had been under the ownership of Trundles. She said she had a map showing where these were and that once the purchase is complete and it will hopefully become more clear on what the future of the company may be. She was hoping these could be donated to the Community.

10. THE BOOT PUB: IMPLICATION OF CLOSURE AND COMMUNITY ACTION TO SAVE IT./THE PLUNKET FOUNDATION DOCUMENTATION AND FORTHCOMING

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The Pluncket Foundation had been contacted and some leaflets had already been printed inviting people to meeting at the Christmas Tree Farm on 26th September to guage support. The Meeting would be to discuss options coming up with ideas to see if the project was financially viable. East Herts had been made formally aware that the group would most likely make and offer under the terms of the Pub's status as an ACV (Asset of Community Value). The moratorium period was underway and EHDC would also be contacting the Freholders Solicitors.

11. ALLOTMENT AND COMMUNITY GARDENING

TH explained that once the purchase of Horses' Meadow had gone through the intention was to move the play equipment from the top of Horses' Meadow to the bottom where it was more visible as at present it was difficult to see who is up there at and if a child hurt themselves there was a risk that no one would know.

TH went on to say that she had been in discussion with one of the Allotment Holders and felt that it would be a good idea leave the top half as it is and completely clear the bottom half of the Allotment Field and make it into a community garden/allotment. This was based on the idea that a lot of the people who work full time do not have time for upkeeping a whole allotment themselves and the lack of cultivation presently on the majority of allotments proves this point. She went on to say that then a plan can be put in place at the beginning of each year to decide on what was to be grown. That way people could garden when and if they want to, produce could then be shared or if the pub was in operation, they could be supplied, for a donation. It would also be more of a community group.

JH made the point that some people would put in more work than others although this was disputed and it didn't really matter whether this was the case. TH pointed out that it would also be good for inexperienced gardeners to learn about gardening. VT felt it would be good to have a beehive on the allotments. TH thought this maybe viable once the play equipment had been moved to the bottom of the field. VT went on to say that at Knebworth does their own honey. TH also went onto say that there was also the wooded area at the back that may be suitable. . JH also pointed out that would have to be careful if case of allergies. Discussion then also took place regarding the meadow bordering the Allotments – this had been purchased by Home Farm, from the Parish Council, years ago which had never been used. TH agreed that there should be a closer inspection of the allotments, as to which ones were being used or not and that an initial meeting should be held there shortly

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

TH went on to say that over half term week she would be looking at tidying up The War Memorial and other sites around the Village. Any volunteers would be good.

TH also asked for volunteers to distribute leaflets advertising the Public Meeting for Save The Boot.

Discussion took place regarding the Cinema event on the Meadow. Fire pits would be allowed and some burgers or hot dogs would be done.

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Bonfire Night was also discussed as to whether anything would be taking place, bearing in mind that the Halloween event would be at the Christmas Tree Barn on 2nd November, fancy dress would be optional. There would probably be a disco and bar. The Seniors' Chrstimas Lunch would then be the next event followed by the Panto.

BS commented that there was still excess water on the road by the Village Hall. TH commented that the problem was that they made such temporary repairs and the problem always comes back. It was agreed that this was also the same up at Whitehills. TH suggested going up one weekend and locating every pothole with the "what 3 words" app and then confront EHDC with the results making it clear that they would be liable for damaged cars.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The meeting was brought to a close at 7.40 pm and the next meeting would be on Tuesday 15TH OCTOBER 2024 @ 7.00 PM

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TRACEY HARDING **DATE**
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