LITTLE MUNDEN ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on 19th November 2024
Present Councillors: Tracey Harding, Chair; Billy Summerson; Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin MG; Jessica Harding (JH); Paul Armstrong (Vice Chairman)
Members of the Public: 3

1. **APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: None**

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 15th October 2024**
   JH approved and MG seconded.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Discussion took place regarding Yew Trees along Munden Road. TH said that it was her intention to go and see Mr Duffy during the Christmas Holidays. When TH had spoken to him before, he said that his tree surgeon would make contact to sort something out but never had. TH now thought it better to go through advice of a tree surgeon employed by the PC as a starting point of discussions..

TH and MG had cut down the saplings along Munden Road which had been placed in the Boot Car Park. TH commented that he bench (from The Boot) was still there which needs moving, repairing and looking after.

5. PLANNING:

5.1 NEW

APPLICATION: 3/24/1984/HH PROPOSAL: Demolition of conservatory. Erection of single-storey side and rear extension. Insertion of roof lights, replacement roof to existing structure. AT: 30 Easington Road Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0LX. No objections..

5.2 DECISION

APPLICATION: 3/24/1667/VAR PROPOSAL: 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. AT: Home Farm Munden Road Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0L

Nothing had been heard about the decision regarding the new application to increase the size of the bedrooms in some. TH commented that despite this new application the planning had

to be resubmitted again. PA asked if any contact had been made with the developers. TH replied that they hadn't been in touch although we were aware of the company who were doing the work.

5.1 NEW

5.2 DECISIONS
APPLICATION: 3/24/0918/FUL PROPOSAL: Change of use and redevelopment of agricultural building to 1 self-build residential dwelling incorporating air source heat pump and parking. AT: Land Off Mill Lane Levens Green Old Hall Green Herts SG12 0JT FOR: Mr W Borlase. It was decided to grant permission subject to Conditions.

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

RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	CH NO	£
13/10/24	J Page	*Hallown Ticksx5	BACS	45.00
30/10/24	V Thomson	Hallown Ticketsx2	BACS	18.00
01/11/24	Astcoclthing Bank	Recycling	BACS	6.00
05/11/24	A Jay (on night price)	Halloween Ticket	BACS	10.00
06/11/24	Wonka Cinema	Cash from Cinema	BACS	(£425.00)
	(less £200.00 cash for Halloween Float)			225.00
			Total	**304.00**

PAYMENTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	**CH NO**	
10/10/24	Herts Display	Sept Newsletter	BACS	111.60
15/10/24	HMRC	Sept/Oct PAYE	BACS	110.00
01/11/24	Filmbank Distrib WONKA	Licensing OpenAir C	BACS	183.60
05/11/24	G Ward	G Ward Clerks Fee	BACS	300.00
06/11/24	Vincent Armstrong	Disco/Halloween Ev	BACS	300.00
07/11/24	Herts Display	Oct Newsletter	BACS	111.60
08/11/24	Herts Display	Nov Newsletter	BACS	111.60
09/11/24	HMRC	PAYE Nov	BACS	55.00
12/11/24	Herts Display	Oct Newsletter	BACS	80.00
			Total	**1363.40**

<u>Deduct Payments from Current Account</u>

Online balance on Current Account 14/11/24	**26845.76**
Balance Brought forward 7/10/24 `	27905.16
Less Payments	1363.40
Plus Receipts	304.00
Balance as at 07/10/24	**26845.76**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 28/10/24 Email from Aubrey Holt. Unauthorised Traveller Development/Puckeridge

  AH was able to give an update in person on this matter and explained that following being taken to court ere taken to court the occupiers had been granted permission to stay but had to vacate after 6 weeks. However they had put in a planning application for the land which he said does add a further complication. Westmill was a similar site – where a complete hold was put on any action and permission had eventually been granted. TH commented that this was happening more and more in the area. AH commented that a major problem was that East Herts hadn't met the required number of locations for Travellers, which legally they have to deliver. This in turn means that the area is becoming more vulnerable to these applications. TH questioned why aren't East Herts finding more suitable sites and as things stand there was more or less a guarantee that this application would go through. AH commented that this was not sustainable and that the Oakley site was an example where they had reached their quota had continued to put more caravans on the site.

  TH asked AH who we could go to discuss this. AH said East Herts would be the people to talk to. At present he was waiting until the end of the month to see what happens on this particular site. TH suggest that looking the bigger issue where quotas had been exceeded those could be included in the overall numbers. These numbers should be taken into account when looking at new sites. AH was happy to share emails and happy to put the PC into direct contact with somebody. AH said he would continue to keep up pressure regarding this and pass on comments to The Parish Council. Would also push East Herts for information and pass on. TH said there was a necessity to know how many sites there were and also include Braughing and Puckeridge PCs to find numbers and pressurise East Herts to become aware of these. AH also confirmed that inspectors could randomly turn up. TH to action reaching out to the other Parish Councils, including Great Munden.

- 1/11/24 Email from PCSO Glen Stanway Re: Parish Crime Report Oct 24
- 3/11/24 Email from Lois Bowles/ Volunteering for bulb planting
- 4/11/24 Email to Derek Wheeler, confirming Hall Bookings.
- 12/11/24 Email from K Williams Re One Way System to Christmas Tree Farm
- Christmas Tree Farm over next few weeks enforced one way system for next 2 weeks. Russell Parkins was trying to push for traffic light but EH didn't thing this was safe.
- 13/11/24 Email from Duncan Gray Re One Way System around Green End/Christmas Tree Farm diversions.
- 15/11/24 Follow-up Email from Jordan Young Re Open Space Consultation

8. CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR To be carried over to January Meeting.

9. ALLOTMENT AND COMMUNITY GARDENING
On hold until Horses' Meadow has been purchased

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

- Discussion had taken places after the last remembrance Day that the site currently used is unpractical and were looking at having a Memorial Garden opposite on Horses' Meadow. It would be much safer for people and would be used more. JH to design something to send out to people. TH queried who we leased the current site from. AH to investigate whether any grants are available for such a project.

- PA opened discussion regarding Sacombe joining LMPC - discussion also took place regarding the Change of borders in Parishes. AH said there is a community regulatory requirement that all boundaries had to be reviewed – at the time a request could be put in to change boundaries. With regards to Sacombe, as they are not a Parish Council they have no precept and therefore no influence on boundaries. PA discussed the possibility of Sacombe being part of LMP although a number are not keen particulary residents of Sacombe TH said at the moment they have no representation and that the subject should be raised again. She suggested drafting a letter stating the PC's with intention to expand Little Munden Parish Council. This would also require eeds survey of everyone Sacombe.

- Seniors Christmas lunch was to be organised shortly. McMullens had given a donation for the prizes. Then the Panto would follow soon after that. PA commented that "Jacks Back" would record a video of it.

- Discussion took place regarding the tree plantation by the School. Some had unfortunately died during a the hot spell in the summer. The Council had said they would come up and have a look and offer advice. TH suggested a working group to go up and tidy it all up initially and review the damage.

TH also commented that she had spoken to Russell re the tree opposite the Telephone Exhange which had been eaten by a deer last winter, this was due to be replaced.. She also mentioned that she had two donated trees to put up in the village for Christmas TH also was happy for anyone to put their own decorations on the trees.

From the floor was a query about what was happening with The Boot Public House. TH explained that The Plunkett Foundation were now involved and leading the Group through grants applications etc.

From the floor a request was made to try and encourage the owner of the Old Shop to trim back the laurel hedge that was getting higher and higher and reducing visibility for cars and pedestrians

An enquiry from the floor was also made re compulsory purchase of empty property however AH said there wasn't any legislation at the moment although it was worth keeping an eye on in case things change. He also enquired about the ransom strip adjacent to Horses' Meadow and why the Parish Council could only acquire part of it. TH explained that this was because one of the cottages owned this which had been leased by the Parish Council in the past.

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 21st January 2025 @ 7.00 pm