LITTLE MUNDEN ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on 15th October 2024

Present Councillors: Tracey Harding; Billy Summerson; Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin MG; Jessica Harding (JH)
In Attendance: Geraldine Ward (Clerk)
Members of the Public: 3

1. **APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: 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 17th September 2024**
   JH approved and MG seconded.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sue Capon, a resident of Munden Road reported that tree cutting was going on all week on The Dane End House trees. MG reported that a Survey had been done on trees along the Tributary by a tree surgeon and a report had just been forwarded by PA. MG had attended this meeting with PA and reported that the purpose of the tree survey was to look at all trees and recommend work on any trees on The Dane End House border . MG reported that trees further up looked as if they had been done in last 3 years. GW mentioned that crown work on Horses' Meadow was included in the quote, although all thought the quote was expensive and pointed out that at the moment the PC didn't actually own any of trees on Horses' Meadow. TH would advise when she would be meeting with the owner of Dane End House, in case anyone wished to attend.

Mr Tomlin queried whether there were any plans to replace trees that had been chopped down on Kingsfield/Easington Roads. TH commented that any suggestions for replacing the trees would be most welcome. although trees do pose a problem when they get bigger with overhanging branches and tree roots raising pavements. She went onto say that the Parish Council could look at doing something else in this area and that something should replace on the corner of Kennedy Road where a large oak tree had been. TH commented that some new estates have smaller shrubs and plants, something to provide colour. BS commented that it was alright putting trees in but have to remember the after care and maintenance of them in following years. JH commented that trees shouldn't just be chopped down and not replaced with anything. From the floor VT commented that some of the trees had died and also some of the Trundles land had restrictions on them for planting. Highways had also been around and surveyed trees, removing any that were dead or diseased. All agreed that it was good to keep the village looking green and pretty and trees be replaced with suitable alternatives.

VT commented that there were two houses in the village that had been empty for some time and whether PC could do anything about this. MG commented that one of the houses on Easington Road which had been rented out had been empty for 20 years. The owners had been approached but were not interested in selling. TH commented that there was possibly a

means of compulsory purchase if a house had been left empty for so many years. Th to contact the Council to see if anything could be done to ensure the maintenance of these properties. Mr Tomlin reported that he had spoken to the owner of one of these empty properties which had had a tenant within the last 20 year and had asked the owner the owner of the property whether there were any plans to sell the property but he replied that he was keeping it in memory of his parents and not interested in a tenant either. All felt that it would be a good idea to enquire to the District Council regarding what could be done about these properties, to at least ensure their upkeep to protect neighbouring properties.**PLANNING**
5.1 NEW
3/24/1893/LBC
Proposal: Remove the roof covering and roof structures to the rear outbuilding
AT: Horseshoe Villa, Munden Road, Dane End, Herts SG12 0LP. **No objection.**

5.2 DECISIONS
LATE PLANNING
APPLICATION: 3/24/0918/FUL. Change of use and redevelopment of agricultural building to 1 self-build residential dwelling incorporating an air source heat pump and parking. AT Land off Mill Lane, Levens Green, Old Hall Green. 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**	**£**
27/09/24	**EHDC**	**Precept**	**BACS**	**5715.00**
4/10/24	**ActcoClothingBank**	**Recycling**	**BACS**	**8.00**
			Total	**5723.00**

PAYMENTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	**CH NO**	
23/09/24	LMMH	July-Nov PC Mtngs	BACS	112.00
27/09/24	M Galvin	OpenAirCin Exp	BACS	18.71
7/10/24	T Harding	Event Expenses	BACS	420.17
07/10/24	G Ward	Oct Clerks Fee	BACS	270.99
			Total	**821.87**

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

Online balance on Current Account 07/10/24	**27905.16**
Balance Brought forward 13/09/24 `	23004.03
Less Payments	821.87
Plus Receipts	5723.00
Balance as at 07/10/24	**27905.16**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

7. CORRESPONDENCE
15/9/24 Email from Jonathan Pool re /Land at Horses' Meadow
This was getting closer to Exchange of Contracts and hopefully would complete by Christmas.

24/9/24 Email from Erica Grant, Electoral Services Officer Re Parish Councillor vacancy/Statutory Notice for notice boards/website.

4/10/24 Email from Janie Wentworth Stanley re Keepers Cottage Planning application 3/24/1688/FUL/ Change of use – Agricultural Land to Garden and construction of ancillary cabin. TH to discuss with Aubrey Holt.

4/10/24 Email from Leon De Bruyn Re new PCSO for EH Rural Team. Glen Stanway, PCO would be coming down to the Memorial Hall on Sunday, with a car to talk about Stranger Danger etc to Children. TH commented that some Parishioners had concerns in the Village about Child Safety. V there is an individual currently living in the village of concern to people. People concerned about him – it was rumoured that he was carrying a knife. All agreed that his presence is unnerving. Apparently barred in the shop and barred from buying alcohol. TH pointed out that this was what Sunday was about to get people to talk to PCSOs about concerns. It seemed unfair that he had been dumped in the village with no support.

5/10/24 PC Websites (James Lungley) Re: Invoice for Hosting and Support. For approval.
8/10/24 East Herts District Plan Review. Assessment of Open Space and Sport Facilities

9/10/24 Email from Kym Lloyd/London Hearts.org/Debfrillator Fund now open. TH forwarded to Sacombe. The Clerk suggested that the Cricket Club would be interested.
9/10/24 Email from Paul Burt re Development Management Planning.

8. CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL
No one had yet come forward.

9. DISCUSS ANY UPDATES ON THE PURCHASE OF THE FREEHOLD OF HORSES' MEADOW AND DISCUSS ASSOCIATED FOOTPATH AND RANSOM STRIPS (AROUND DANE END). There still needed some checks on boundaries and possible ransom strips. TH commented that once purchased plans would be set in place for moving the play equipment.

10. ALLOTMENT AND COMMUNITY GARDENING. TH reported that she had applied for an Allotment Grant (of £5000) through HAPTC to help create a community Garden at Horses Meadow. This would support the plans discussed at the previous meeting to make the bottom part of the Allotment into a Community Garden.

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

TH reported on the Meeting to discuss Saving The Boot last Wednesday. The Group had now been nominated a representative from the Plunkett Founation. Mark Davies would be formally putting something together for a Team Meeting.

TH reported that she had spoken to the owner of the Freehold who would be happy to sell as soon as possible to the Community. There would be a Community Meeting over the next week to discuss grants and meet with the nominated Plunkett representative. TH also updated the meeting on the Rest and Welcome – plans had been put on halt as a bat had been seen there.

TH reported on upcoming events: The Seniors Christmas Lunch was organised for the 5th December 2024; The Halloween Party would be on 2nd November and the Panto from 12th to 14th December 24.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The meeting was brought to a close @ 7.27 PM The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 19th November 24 @ 7.00 pm

SIGNED……. DATE…….

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