LITTLE MUNDEN ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2025
@ Little Munden Memorial Hall for the transaction of business from the Agenda below.
The meeting was open to members of the public and press.
Present Councillors:
Cllrs Tracey Harding; Paul Armstrong; Billy Summerson; Julie Hursey; Michelle Galvin; Stephanie Armstrong; Jessica Harding (JH)
Members of the Public: 6
In attendance: Aubrey Holt (AH)

A G E N D A

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

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST January 2025

PA approved the Minutes and TH seconded them.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:- To allow Parishioner and Public Comments

The Meeting followed a public meeting to discuss future plans for the Allotment Field at Horses' Meadow. The main purpose of the meeting was for the PC to put forward plans for a Community Allotment. TH explained that the lower allotments closer to the road were very overgrown and that these would make a good area for a Community area. TH explained that this would enable people to experience allotment gardening without the full responsibility of a whole allotment. There was discussion to understand how the allotment plots could be rearranged to accommodate more people on divided plots as opposed to creating a large Community one. A letter would follow from the Parish Council as next steps and providing more detail. TH also reaffirmed the idea of moving the Play Equipment from the top of Horses' Meadow to the bottom where it would be more visible. TH also reported that a tree surgeon would provide the area with wood chips and carry out a Health and Safety monitoring of the Walnut tree.

DT spoke out against moving the Play equipment to the bottom of the field. He felt where it was gave save access for children via Easington Road.

The Boot was discussed and it was reported that all funding for such projects had been withdrawn by the Government so it was probable that it would now be put up for Auction. TH did mention that hopefully the Rest and Welcome would open in the future so at least ther would be an alternative within the area. AH also commented that there used to be significant funds available for community projects such as this and it was extremely disappointing that this had been withdrawn.

DT commented that the Laurel outside the old shop was getting extremely high.. The residents to contact the owners and ask to cut back. TH commented that she had also written

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to Hope Merriman regarding the trees on Founceley Avenue which need topping. She also asked the Clerk for the tel number of Mr Duffy to contact regarding the Yew Trees along Munden Road. The fencing along the Tributary was also still in need of repair.

TH also commented that a large rut had appeared around Balfour play area, which she would notify Hop Merriman about.

From the floor a query was made about what was going on in Sacombe. PA explained that the pumping station had been turned off so the tankers were replacing it temporarily. A pipe had been repaired and testing would take place on Wednesday with a view to completing the work by Friday. PA also went on to say that a they had done a litterpick and cleared up the area. Repairs needed along the road would need to reported which Ken Crofton would then accelerate to get repaired.

Other road repairs, included the parapet on the bridge at Whitehills which need to be replaced by something more workable. There was also a road collapse on the road to Levens Green which Ringway had marked for repair. TH also reported that following completion of resurfacing on Founceley Avenue the Junction Lines would be reinstated.

The appalling state of Marshalls Lane @ Sacombe Green was also discussed and Ken Crofton was now involved in this and AH reported that he had talked to Enforcement about this but there wasn't anything that could be enforced, he reported that he would be having a meeting on this to gain more clarification regarding this. He queried whether considering the number of lorries going up to Toad Hall, whether they had enough documentation could be questionable. PA also questioned whether it was just top soil and wondered where it was derived from – i.e. could it be from a contaminated site. It was agreed that further investigation was needed to clarify more detailed facts about these soil movements.

AH reported that some information on Traveller sites had come back which reported that 35 sites were needed. TH commented that more information was needed on the sites they have reviewed and that they are clearly not meeting their quota of sites needed which is why many from outside the County are able to get planning approval.

5. PLANNING:
~AH commented that Planning had been satisfied that work had begun on Home Farm within the time frame for the Planning to have full approval to go ahead. It was noted that the planned for resin pathway was no longer included in the plans.

5.1 NEW
APPLICATION: 3/25/0170/PIP PROPOSAL: Permission in Principle Stage 1 application for the demolition of an existing garage and greenhouse, and erection of a new residential dwelling with associated parking and new vehicular access and associated work. AT: Land At 5 Gladstone Road Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0NH. Comments by 17th February 25. This would be an infill development and there were no objections.

LATE PLANNING
APPLICATION: 3/25/0245/ARPN PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural building to two, three bedroom dwellings. AT: Lordship Farm Green End Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0NS Deadline: Comments by: 10th March 2025. No objections.

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6. FINANCE

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

RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	£
21/01/25	A10 Timber	Refund overpayment	9.67
22/01/25	The Mundens PCC	Newsletter Contribution	186.40
24/01/25	G Ward	Cash on night	47.50
24/01/25	G Ward Cash on night	Panto Tickets cash	
855.00			
24/01/25	G Ward SeniorLunch Don (£120):Bar Panto £30.00		150.00
24/01/25	G Ward	Bar Panto	30.00
05/02/25	Great Munden PC	Newslttr contribution	186.40
7/02/25	Astco Clothing	Recycle Clothing	6.00
		TOTAL	**1470.97**

PAYMENTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	
28/01	Herts Display	Nov/DecNewlttrs	184.00
29/02/25	AP Solutions	Xmas Tree Recycle	20.00
03/02/25	BWP Creative Lim	Website Hosting	273,69
07.02,25	Kirkhams Contracting	Grass Cutting/Parish	2220.00
07/02/25	Mundens PCC	Church Clock/Chrchyrd	200.00
10/02/25	G Ward	Clerks Fee Feb 25	344.00
		TOTAL	3241.60

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

Online balance on Current Account 10/02/25	**22525.72**
Balance Brought forward 17/01/25	24296.35
Less Payments	324160
Plus Receipts	1470.97
Balance as at 10.02.25	**22525.72**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

20/1/25 Email from S Ward (Solicitor for LMPC) with copies of Draft Overage Deed and Draft Transfer documents regarding the purchase of Horses' Meadow.

22/1/25 Email from EHDC Election Services - payment reminder of Invoice mistakenly requesting payment of fees for General Election.

27/1/25 Email from East Herts DC: Cancellation Notice of Election Expense.

17/1/25 Email from Sally Roberts, Great Munden Parish Council re Notification of money sent (Newsletter contribution)

3/2/25 Email from HAPTC to The Clerk Re Buckingham Palace Garden Party and Nomination Form. The nomination had been unsuccessful in the draw!

10/2/25 Email from Corporate Policy Team: Statutory Invitation from The Government re the Reorganisation of Local Government Structures in the County.

5/2/25 Leon de Bruyn: PCSO Contacts

5/2/24 Email from Jackie Moris Re PC Newsletter Advertising

7/2/25 Email from Nasir Miah/EHDC: Council Tax and Precept Form: Setting Precept amount for LMPC for year 25/26. This was had been agreed online by Parish Councillor in Principal with no change and the form sent.

8/2/24 Email from Dereck Wheeler re Hall Website Update.

9. ALLOTMENT AND COMMUNITY GARDENING
As above

11. HORSES MEADOW UPDATE
Conveyancing on this transaction had been held up due to lack of Title Documents and Plans but the PC was now hopeful that completion would take place before the end of March.

TH commented that once the Parish Council owned the land, the Ware Memorial could be moved from it's present site to Horses Meadow. This would make the Remembrance Ceremony much safer, bearing in mind attendance has been increasing over recent years. TH to look at possible grants from the War Memorials Trust.

TH noted that a large rut had appeared around play area, to notify this with Hope Merriman.

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

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 18th March 2025 @ 7.00

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