LITTLE MUNDEN FULL COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th June 2025

in Dane End Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Tracey Harding; Paul Armstrong; Billy Summerson (BS); Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin Jessica Harding (JH); Viky Tompson(VT)

1. SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER: TH; JH; JHursey

2. APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

3. 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

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th May 2025

TH approved the Minutes, seconded by MG

TH commented on the meeting she and GW had with Mr Duffy concerning the trees along Munden Road. Following the meeting it was clear that the PC would have to action steps to make the trees safer on his behalf.. PA also commented that it was possible to have TPOs lifted especially if they posted a dange i.e. having eposed roots. Deveopers can clearly remove trees with tpos. The PC would look at sorting this out by the Autumn. Discussion also took place regarding who was responsible for the railings. GW had found reference to the railings in past Minutes and David Metcalfe had been was in regular corresponence with Highways when they were being installed.. TH felt that there must be a paper trail referring to it. GW to check archives. AH also felt that Ken Crofton would be the best person to approach. Had already checked with East Herts who said it was Highways. To have a chat with KC regarding this matter. TH also pointed out that highways had been responsbible for the Bank along Munden Road which Whiteley Close back onto. They however no longer take respondibility for this and don't cut the trees back any longer. TH had also found out that Highwasy are responsile for trees but not bushes. Would also look into this matter.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow Parishioner and Public Comments

PLANNING
3/25/0852/HH
Front, side and rear extension to provide accessible accommodation, alterations (part retropective): 7 Pearman Drive, Dane End SG12 0LW

N.B: Please visit the East Herts Planning Portal for further information on the above Planning Applications

6. FINANCE

RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	£
14/05/25	P Armstrong	Money paid in error	156.00
30/05/25	Bank Giro Adyen N.V	Go Fund Me Transfer (Allotments)	246.10
02/06/25	Jeannettes Hair	Newsletter Advert	80.00
06/06/25	Astcoclothing	Clothng Bank	20.00
12/06/25	Jeanettes Hair	Newsletter Advert	20.00
		TOTAL	**522.10**

PAYMENTS

DATE	TO	FOR	
13/05/25	HAPTC	Annual Sub	568.92
13/05/25	Geraldine Ward	Clerks Fee May 25	333.96
20/05/25	Herts Display	April 25	191.60
25/05/25	M Galvin	VE Day Bar	271.20
26/05/25	G Ward	Copier Paper	23.49
02/06/25	Trundle Ltd	Horse' Meadow Lease	0.50
03/0625	Newsletter Editor	Annual Fee 2024	420.00
06/06/25	Herts Display	May Newslttr/Banner	196.20
12/06/25	East Herts DC	Annual Dog Bin empty	593.59
13/06/25	G Ward	Clerk Fee June 25	256.00
		TOTAL	**2855.46**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 13/0625	21833.37
Balance Brought forward 09.05.25	24166.73
Less Payments	2855.46
Plus Receipts	522.10
Balance as at 13/06/25	**21833.37**

PA to transfer £166.00 for sum up payments

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE AND CURRENT ISSUES**
   7/6/25 Email from Lizzie Bacon re Railings, Munden Road – She said responsibility for railings had been Highways so now responsibility would be with private contractors.

   9/6/25 Email from Michelle Roberts requesting Path to be reinstated behind Paget Cottages. TH had mentioned that someone had been maintaining the path along the

front. TH queries why the Council hadn't been maintainng the path. AH to look into this issue and follow-up. VT commented that all the grass verges were a mess nowand would be happy to strim them..

PA commented that he had started a litter pick in Sacombe, ie. Corner by the bridge and strimming the knotweed. Had managed to kill most of the roots. He also commented that he was happy to strim around the village. TH discussed possibility of a local company doing the work and the District Council paying for it. TH to look at areas and forward to TH on what3words.

9/6/25 Castle Water Bill: It was noted that the Account was still in Credit.

10/6/25 Email from Aubrey Holt re follow-up from Whitehills Meeting regarding upcome Meeting withrequired EHDC. TH reported on the Meeting attended by TH, GW and chaired by AH with members of Great Munden Parish Council. EHDC had asked that if more vehicles are seen to be moving onto sites to let them know if this was the case. TH had also reported other illegal sites, such as Levens Green where more and more vehicles are being moved on against all Health and Safety conditions. TH pointed out that Levens Green had proved the point and that a fire had occurred. Sadly someone had died in the fire which call into question Health and Safety issues of the site.. TH reported that the meeting with the 3 Parish Councils had proved that coming together puts forward a stronger case.

12/6/25 Email re A Holt re contact from Enforcement Officer re escalation of Enforecment for Camps Hill farm; Field Farm and Wheelwrights Farm.

16/6/25 Email to Chris Hinchcliffe MP regarding possible Meeting dates. TH confirmed that he would be attending the September meeting. A Q and A session could be held.

8. **SIGNING OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE: The Forms were duly signed by The Clerk and The Chair.**

9. **ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDENING UPDATE**

PA reported that he went down to the Allotments recently and was very impressed with how much had been done. JH reported that potatoes were growing well. Vidoes of progress had been put on Little Munden Facebook Page.. She also pointed out that more volunteers were needed. A cook-off would be held soon. TH also said that an Open Day was to be arrange to allow people to see what was going on, have a chat to see if they would like to volunteer. TH commented that it was a good way for people to get out and see people now that the pub had shut. TH also reported that Little Munden Shool had written to her and would like the children to come down once a week to have a go at growing. JH also said they were encouraging talks down there – maybe on wildlife that the children could join in and learn.

10. HORSES MEADOW UPDATE. TH commented that Trundles Solicitors were so slow and were investigating possible historical charges on the site.

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

PA had had an email from Jenna Ward regarding the field up to the school regarding the possibil of hemlock growing there. It's confusing as hemlock and Cow Parsley are similar. GW to go and look to identify poisenous plants. PA to get rid of if necessary.

TH commented on the New Woodland – had met with a tree expert from East Herts District Council who had offered advice on how to care for trees, particulary atfer the very hot weather after they had been planted.. He advised to strim around the trees and countthem. TH commented that stakes had been purchased and protector. Chippings could then be put around the base which would provide a lot of protection.. TH to put a date out to carry out this work and seek volunteers.

Summer Fete
TH had not had much response regarding Village Fete. She had thought about the possibility of putting on an historiacal renactment and had contacted a Group called Spearfish Creek. They would arrive on the Friday, take an hour to set up and stay until Sunday. It would be a Wild West weekend. They would need a secure place to lock up guns overnight. The suggested date was Saturday 6th September and. All helpers were to wear cowboy outfits. PA queried what music there would be and thatline dancing would be a possibility, although a floor would be needed.. A floor would be needed and PA suggested getting palettes and fixing together. JH to possibility source some wood.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The meeting was brought to a close at 7.40 pm and the next meeting would be on 15th July 2025 @ 7.00 pm.

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TRACEY HARDING **DATE**

CHAIR