LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
held on 15th July 2025 @ 7 pm
in Little Munden Memorial Hall
Present: Cllrs: Tracey Harding (TH); Paul Armstrong (PA); Billy Summerson (BS); Michelle Galvin (MG); Jessica Harding (JH); CLERK: G WARD (GW)

Apologies: Julie Hursey (JH); Vicky Tompson (VT)
In attendance: Jonathan Pool (JP); Mark Davis (MD)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:

JH accepted apologies of absence.

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 June 2025

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow Parishioner and Public Comments

Jonathan Pool in attendance at the meeting gave a summary of the outline of a Planning Application he was intending to put in. TH assumed that this was within the Parish Boundary although JP clarified that it was actually not. He explained that most of the garden is not in the Parish Boundary but classified as land beyond the Green Belt and wnet on to clarify that the land is not in the Green belt.

JP went on to say that he was conscious of the fact that the Planning would probably be in around August when there was no meeting which was why he wanted to bring the application to the notice of the Parish Council now.

JP went onto explain that access to the new property would be via a track already going up to the tennis court were it would be built.

5. PLANNING

5.1: Application: 3/25/0802/HH Whempstead Farmhouse, Whempstead Lane, Whempstead, Herts SG12 0PE. The application was considered by the Council on the 2nd July 25 and it was decided to Refuse Planning Permission

6. FINANCE

RECEIPTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	**£**
17/06/25	HMRC	VAT Refund	890.34
04.07.25	Astco Clothing	Clothing recycle	26.00
		TOTAL	**916.34**

PAYMENTS

DATE	**TO**	**FOR**		
17/06/25	HMRC	Clerk PAYE		55.00
02/07/25	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator		120.00
07/07/25	Jackie Morris	Newsletter Edit 25		500.00
			TOTAL	**675.00**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 8/07/25	22074.71
Balance Brought forward 13/06/25	21833.37
Less Payments	675.00
Plus Receipts	916.34
Balance as at 8/07/25	**22074.71**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

28/6/25 Email from John Birt Herts CC re Locality Budget Scheme Application Form

7//7/25 Email from Aubrey Holt re Planning Application Refusal/Mentley Lane and visit to Field Farm by Enforcement.

9/7/25 Email from TH to KC Re All trees being Topped out/Kingsfield and Founceley Avenue.

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. TH thought that Camps Hill Farm was being sold.

16/6/25 Email from Stephen Ward/Derrick Bridges & Co re historic mortgage on Freehold of Horses' Meadow following email from Trundles Solicitors regarding this. Trying to resolve this issue./Refer to recent email***

22/6/25 Aubrey Holt– forwarded email from Sally Roberts re meetings regarding recent meetings regardingon Traveller Sites. TH reported that she had met with Janie Wentworth Stanley and members of Great Munden Parish Council.regarding all the traveller sites that are appearing in the area. TH went on to say that it was a very well worth meeting and would help continue to put pressure on Planning and Enforcement, Aubrey Holt The District Councillor was also heavily involved in this, offering full support.

23/6/25 Email from Aubrey Holt confirming site visit to Wheelwrights Farm by EHDC

23/6/25 Email from Stephanie Armstrong/Copy of Risk Assessment for Biker Event on Horses' Meadow.

23/6/25 Email from Eliot Mondey re Tree Pollarding Founceley Avenue.
Reply from KC

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8. ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDENING UPDATE

Ken Crofton had offered a part of his Locality Budget to aid the purchase of a Polyturnnel to extend the growing period. Mark Davis was present at the meeting. He commented that he thought there was a lacking of an action plan, although a lot of work had already been done and a lot still needed to be done.. He suggested that a Constitution needed to be set up to define how the Community Allotment was going to work. A plan of action is in place but not a plan of how it can be used by the Community. TH felt more volunteers were needed particularly people to come down and learn how to grow things.

MD went on to say that regarding what is grown needs to involve the wider community too. TH felt it needs an Open Day with possibly a Barbecue. Members of the Community could be invited down to look around the Allotments and have a chat - and find out exactly what people want which could help start the conversation off. MD commented that there needs to be a push to get more people. Love Dane End would be a good place to advertise and Facebook. All agreed that it needs to be advertised on social media.

MD went on to say that for the scheme to be a success it needs steadfast objectives of how its going to work to get people involved. MD thought it would also be a good idea to divide areas up for people to use and have a rota for who does what and when. MD felt people should have own responsibility for their own bit. MD felt not everyone understands what is being done and TH felt that the Open day would then be a good idea. TH also commented that a Polyturnnel had been donated. The School was also involved and could come down and plant things. JH was also arranging talks to be given there.

9. HORSES MEADOW UPDATE

As per Correspondence

10. **LATE SUMMER FETE UPDATE** (Saturday 6th September 25)
TH reported that American Settlers would be setting up camp/gun fights and live dancing in the evening with a caller. Bar/Food Stalls/Tug of War etc. Stalls could also feature and food trucks would be available. She went on to say that the Police would be contacted and made aware.

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

10.1. TH was informed about the state of the path along the front of Paget Cottages and informed Ken Crofton. She also commented that the new woodland (Queens Wood by the School needed strimming to be able to put new protectors around them.

10.2 Fence around Horses' Meadow – PA commented that the posts are rotten and need replacing. PA to speak to workmen on 602 to get more posts. PA had also locked the gate at Horses' meadow and would give an extra key to Mark.

10.3Arrangement for Cinema – Children's film to be in the Hall perhaps. MG commented that last year Willy Wonka was on 21st – the 20th September would be equivalent date as last year. Childrens Cinema to be possibly in August was also discussed. Need to check to see what Vince is doing as his sound system would be needed.

11. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The Meeting was brought to a close at 7.45 pm and the next meeting will be held on 16th September 2025**

SIGNED CHAIR **DATE**

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TRACEY HARDING