LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
held on Tues 21st October 2025
@ 7 pm in Little Munden Memorial Hall,
The meeting was open to members of the public and press.
Present: Cllrs Tracey Harding; Chair(TH); Paul Armstrong;ViceChair (PA);
Michelle Galvin (MG); Jessica Harding; (JH); Vicky Tompson (VT);
Members of the Public David Tomlin (DT);

1. APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: G Ward (GW)

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 16th September 2025

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow Parishioner and Public Comments:

DT Asked if there had been any further news about the railings and who was responsible for them. TH commented that there was nothing recorded in the passed Minutes. BS did have some information as to when the Railings were changed over which may help.

DT also queried whether there was any news about The Boot. TH commented that it was a private sale and work was being carried out. There were rumours that it would be a Childrens Nursery, however TH commented that she wasn't sure how that would work with cars dropping off children up the Public Footpath. This was defninetly to be considered especially with the houses along the side of the road. PA commented that objections would be high because of the school although TH didn't think it would impact their early years intake. TH mentioned that the worry was that if she didn't get change of use she would may put in a Planning Application for housing. TH also commented that only part of the building was listed so that wouldn't really figure much in the Planning.

DT questioned whether the replacement of shrubs instead of trees on Kennedy Road/Easington Road had been looked at? TH commented that she hadn't chased them up lately but would do. She commented that 2 trees had been put in and also commented that with the trees at the top of village they wouldn't be chopped back to reduce their height.

DT also commented about the Trees along Munden Road TH commented that she was planning on walking along the road with the tree surgeon to list all the trees that need to be removed or reduced. It was mainly the yews which need to come out as some are only held up by barbed wire so are potentially dangerous.

DT also asked whether there was any news on the intention of the PC to move the War Memorial. TH replied that it has only been there since the late 90s so it shouldn't be a problem moving it.

There was a query regarding the Memorial Hall Car Park being sold. TH commented that this item had been on the September Minutes and was just a query as to whether the PC would be interested in buying it. Nothing has been heard back yet and there was no indication that this was a firm proposal.

DT queried the nature of the activity on Home Farm. TH commented that architects said that the individual units had been bought and the remainder of the land was still with the receivers. It is of concern as there is always the risk of a Traveller site moving there.

TH also cmmented that there would need to be a lot of money spent on fixing the drainage in the Farmyard which is subject to flooding due to inadequate drainage.

5. PLANNING

5.1: Wheelwrights Farm, Rowney Lane Dane End, Herts SG12 0JY

REF NO: X/25/0409/CND Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials of construction), 4 (Hard and Soft Landscaping), 7. (External Lighting), 8. (Drainage), 9.(Biodiversity Net Gain) attached to 3/23/0487/FUL. Awaiting decision.

TH reported that there had been a meeting last week and the Council put in an objection on behalf of the PC and did follow up with a chat with the District Councillor today who felt it would be a long time before Planning will make their decision. There had been a big change in the nature of the Planning being applied applying now for a residential setting as opposed to a Traveller & Gypsy Site. If it is now a residential setting it would throw out his appeal to stay and on that land. As a result planning would take a long time to come to a decision. TH did also comment that she had used her point to object to the lagoon developmet in that there would be increased traffic – The roads around Rowney Lane are even more narrower than those around Home Farm where the Lagoon was proposed to be sited. This should be a major point that Planning should look at. BS commented that an entrance has already been put in and also they have also been taking the fencing down. TH also **notesd** that **E**nforcement had been out since the Church Meeting a few weeks ago. TH did make the point though that the High Cross Site must be included in the annual count of Gypsy Sites although residents hadn't complained about this. TH went on to say that they must include these sites in their counts.

5.2 The White House Munden Road Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0LP

Ref. No: 3/25/1198/FUL | Received: Thu 17 Jul 2025 | Validated: Mon 11 Aug

Pemission Refused.

5.3 Ref: 3/25/1596/FUL: 5 Gladstone Road, Dane end, Herts SG12 0NH

5.4 Creation of vehicular access onto Glastone Road and alterations to existing access onto Church Lane3/25/1596/FUL . No objections.

6. FINANCE

RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM	FOR	£
3/10/25	Astco Clothing	Clothing Recycle	30.0
26/09/25	EHDC	Precept	5715.00
15/09/25	Summer Fete (6/9/25)	Takings	295.00

15/09/25	P Armstrong	Bar 6/9/25	160.00
11/09/25	T Harding	Expenses	179.72
		TOTAL	**6379.72**

PAYMENTS

DATE	**TO**	**FOR**	
10/09/25	Herts Display	Aug Newsletter	113.28
10/09/25	G Ward	Clerks Fee Aug	366.00
1109/25	M Galvin	Summer Fete Expenses	93.06
11/09/25	T Harding	Fete/Allotment Expenses	786.02
18/09/25	Derek Bridge Sols	Completion Statement	6178.90
03/10/25	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	55.00
08/10/25	P Armstrong	Diesel/Generator/Fete	72.02
08/10/25	T Harding	Panto Costumes	318.47
12/10/25	G Ward	Clerks Fee Oct	286.00
		TOTAL	**8268.69**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 12/10/25	19070.25
Balance Brought Forward 8/7/25	20959.27
Less Payments	8268.75
Plus Receipts	6379.72
Balance as at 8/07/25	**19070.25**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

TH noted that would be putting together a financial forecast so we know where we are annually what expenditure is available for short term or long term projects.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10/10/25 Email from S Ward/Re Horses' MeadowPurchase/Overage Agreement
13/10/25 Email from Sue Capon Re Proposed Trackway HM & reply from TH.
14/10 Email from K Williams/ queries re proposed Trackway HM & reply TH
14/10 Email from S Ware Re Roashan email re Companies House chase up / HM
15/10 Email to East Herts Re Road closure application 9/11/25

8. ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDENING UPDATE

The Poly Tunnel went up a couple of weeks ago. There was another Poly Tunnel available which may be reconsidered and there had been a meeting held regarding a planting plan. TH reported that they would then be looking at a sys**tem of succession planting.** Overall the allotment project had been extremely successful. It was also good for people new to area to meet people etc.

TH mentioned that there also need to consider whether people have individual plots. VT suggested people having smaller individual plots rather than very big ones. TH also felt that there were a few people who came down just for a chat and that people are also welcome to pick their own produce from the Community Allotment. TH had been in touch with the School and Acorns, the Reception Class would come down soon.

9. HORSES' MEADOW UPDATE

Monies had been exchanged and were now waiting for a final completion date. TH also commented that if the War Memorial had been moved it could have a dedicated Memorial Garden there. DT asked if there were plans to also extend the Car Park? TH commented that if grants were available it would be a possibility. TH commented that grants should be easily available. TH commented that the PC was also looking at putting paths in to make the whole of the meadow more accessible.

10. VILLAGE EVENTS UPDATE:

I) Seniors' Christmas Lunch. TH wanted to encourage more people to come this year

ii) TheVillage Panto would be on again this year and the Remeberance Sunday would be coming up on the 9th November. There would still be a Ceremony this year although the Vicar had reitired. TH also noted that it takes about 6 months to recruit.

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

TH commented that Fly tipping was occuring around the Donut. It was suggested to put a camera up there. TH also to put something on “Love Dane End” (Facebook).

BS also commented that there had been complaints about the trees in Founceley avenue – TH commented that the Council wouldn't do anything to the tree Canopy and that this was financial more than anything. BS commented that it was the apples that were the main problem – and the fallen apples were a hazard. TH suggested contacting Clarion about this. TH said that they were under a duty of care to keep the paths clear.

TH commented that the roadway access from Horses' Meadow would not be going ahead.

The Meeting was brought to a close at 7.40 pm and the next meeting would be held on 18th November 2025