LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2025
AT LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

Present Councillors: Tracey Harding (TH); Paul Armstrong (PA); Billy Summerson(BS); Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin (MG); Jessica Harding (JH)
In Attendance: Aubrey Holt (AH); Jackie Morris (JM)
Members of the Public 3

1. APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: None

2. 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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th March 2025: PA approved the Minutes and MG seconded

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow Parishioner and Public Comments:
David Tomlin had received an email from The Beam Theatre in Hertford to offer an invitation to the receipient of the email to get in touch for a possible theatrical performance in the Village Hall. The Clerk had not received email so he would resend to M G. He said some of the shows can be reduced in size and performed in a small space.

TH asked JM for information concerning the fence along the Tributary to ascertain whose responsibility it was. TH felt it was probably The Environment Agency because it is not on the Highway and was protecting their asset, the Tributary. The problem was finding out who put it in. AH said that he had brought the subject up with East Herts but they had come back and said that it was Highways. KC asked Highways but they said it wasn't on it wasn't. AH to follow up and see if it is Highways. The Clerk thought that it was built around 2004. KC had suggested that the PC take responsibility for it but TH advised that this would make them liable for any accidents. JM to ask John Grisbrooke if he has any knowledge of it.

5. PLANNING

3/25/0226/ARPN: Change of use of agricultural building to residential use comprising three two bedroomed dwellings. Creation of parking to adjacent access and amenity area. @ Barn at Whitehill Farm, Dane End Herts SG12 0JR.
FOR: Lord Patrick Carter Further to my earlier consultation regarding this proposal, I write to inform you that this matter was considered by the Council on the 4th April 2025 and it was decided to Prior Approval is Required and Granted Subject to Conditions.

APPLICATION: 3/25/0075/HH PROPOSAL: Formation of new hardstanding for parking, new vehicle crossover and dropped kerb. AT: 23 Founceley Avenue Dane End Hertfordshire SG12 0NG FOR: Mr Elliot Mondey. Further to my earlier consultation regarding this proposal, I write to inform you that this matter was considered by the Council on the 13th March 2025 and it was decided to Refuse Planning Permission subject to the following:-
There is insufficient and inaccurate information submitted within the application.

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

6. FINANCE

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

RECEIPTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	**£**
28/03/25	JP Boilers	Newsletter Advertising 25	120.00
01/04/25	Instone Memorials	Newsletter Advertising 25	120.00
03/04/25	Plans for Building Ltd	Newsletter Advertising 25	120.00
03/04/25	Howe Engineering	Newsletter Advertising 25	120.00
03/04/25	Jeanettes Hair (J Moore)	Newsleter Advertising 25	20.00
04/04/25	New Marque Motorhomes	Newsletter Advertising 25	120.00
04/04/25	Astco Clothing	Clothing recycling	12.00
04/04/25	K Willingham	Cash	120.00
04/04/25	Dane End Stores	Cash	120.00
		TOTAL	**872.00**

PAYMENTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	
28/03/25	Herts Display (G Ward)	Laminate Pockets	11.00
09/04/25	Zurich Insurance	Parish Insurance Renewal	904.42
10.04/25	Mini Digger		300.00
		TOTAL	1215.42

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 10.04.25	21540.71
Balance Brought forward 14.03.25	21884.13
Less Payments	1215.42
Plus Receipts	872.00
Balance as at 10.04.25	**21540.71**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

112/3/25 Letter to Mrs Trundle Re Horses' Meadow/Solicitors delay. There was now a date for the documents to be signed by LMPC so hopefully a Completion Date would be announced soon.

24/3/24 Email from Aubrey Holt to TH Re Clarion Properties; Toad Hall and Planning/Unauthorised Encampments.TH reported that a Clarion person had visited the property and put a camera in the loft hatch and that the gutter needed clearing. Needed to contact the flat below as it was a private flat. TH had emailed Clarion as well reregarding the empty property but had not contacted those concerned. AH had received an email regarding

this and would follow-up shortly. He went on to say that there was a fear that they were going to sell the property. AH said hopefully the pressure from himself and TH would be enough to prevent this and that they would be refurbished.

TH reported that @ 16 Gladstone Road several saplings had grown very tall in the garden – they were also growing under the pavement. TH pointed out that this could cause problems to the drain. AH to action. TH also pointed out that some of the trees on Founceley Avenue had raised the pavements and meant that the Water Board had had to come out and repair pipework. JH pointed out that the pipework must need replacing by now. AH to have a chat with KC once the Elections are over. TH also commented on the resurfacing of Founceley Road and that the junction lines would be put in once the work was completed, after she had waited 6 years for them to action this.

24/3/24 Email from AH TO TH: Re Property Sales Dane End. AH commented that he had a call organised with the Head of Planning (Sara Saunders) and TH. TH mentioned that she would do a lot of prep work for the meeting as there were a lot of issues that they hadn't done although they had sent a report saying that there were 6 caravans at Levens Green when it was known there were more than 6. At Braughing there was one caravan although they are not travellers. PA also commented that the Levens Green Site was the same. TH went on to say that several of these sites were not gypsy families and that people were renting sites privately which was not resolving the issue for the genuine gypsies.
AH thought that it would be beneficial for himself, TH and the Chair of Great Munden Parish Council to meet up before the meeting. AH would confirm a date over the next few days. Both agreed that it was good to finally have a meeting arranged.

AH also commented on the ongoing problem with Toad Hall/damage to road. AH thanked TH for speaking to the residents and felt that we are now in a better place of understanding the situation. There would now be a final review and wait to see the outcome of that. In the meantime should keep on top of it and keep the communication going regarding it. AH thanked all for all the work on done on this.

25/3/25 Notice of Election for County Councillor for distribution on boards.

31/03.25 Email from Keith Williams Re Footpath Diversion/School/Update and Offer of assistance. TH reported that the lady she had been talking to regarding this has not felt this was a safety issue as the steps outside the hall could be approached via the Church and it had been delayed for a five year period.
31/3/25: Email from Ken Crofton re heavy duty barrier fencing along Munden Road.
2/4/25 Hall Hire re reitrement party for John Grisbrooke on 26th April 2025.
31/03.25 Email from Keith Williams Re Footpath Diversion/School/Update and Offer of assistance
31/3/24 Email from Ken Crofton re Heavy duty barrier fencing along Munden Road.
2/4/24 Email from Elaine Munro re: Hall Hire for retirement party for John Grisbrook (26/4/25).

8. **ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDENING**

A few videos have been posted on Social Media regarding the works carried out so far. The Tree Surgeon has been in and cleared all the trees around the sides of the Allotment fields and has made it a lot brighter. Also Steve had been over the whole site with his digger which had made an amazing difference. JH showed the members of the Public the plans of the

allotment and explained the site, including square beds; greenhouse; natual pond; polytunnel; wild flower area and vertical planting. The plans were passed around the attendees. She went onto to explain that there would be raised beds and a seating area. TH also said that if less able people wanted to come down and garden they could use the raised beds with seating around. Would also welcome experienced people to come down and offer advice. Would become a community place for people to come down and join in. JH had visited a Community Garden in London and got some informative ideas from the visit. TH also suggested creating bug hotels for children and could also encourage the School to come down.

9. HORSES MEADOW UPDATE

A date had been set to sign off some of the Paperwork so an exchange date should be advised of soon.

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

PA mentioned that the village signs were in need of a clean. He went onto say that the gateway signs were finished now and ready to go up. He said he had been to Haultwick and marked up where the signs were to go. Had also gone up to Green End and had spoken to people in the village as to where they should be sited.

VE DAY: PA AND BS were to pick up some wood for the fire. TH to order a banner from Herts Display. She went on to say that the fire would be lit at 6pm and people could go down then and have Fish and Chips. TH would read a tribute at 9.30 pm. It was agreed to supply a bar and would also have a toast with Proscecco. Toilet facilities would also be provided. 1940S Music could also be played. PA reported that he had speakers and a generator. TH said that she would do a Risk Assessment.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 20TH MAY 2025 @ 7 PM

THE MEETING WAS BROUGHT TO A CLOSE AT 7.45 pm.

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