LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
21st July 2022 at 8.00 pm
AT LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL

1. Present: Tracey Harding (TH); Paul Armstrong (PA); Claire Monk (CM); Billy Summerson (BS); David Hart (DH);

In Attendance: Geraldine Ward, Clerk; (GW); Liz Gregg Smith (LGS)

Apologies: Julie Hursey (JH) ; Colleen Coelco (CC);

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th June 2022

4. PLANNING

4.1 New Applications
None

4.2 Decisions:
3/22/0566/VAR
Part conversion and part demolition of existing buildings. Provision of mixed use development for B1 Use (business) and retention of existing agricultural buildings. Erection of 26 dwellings, 10 to be affordable housing. Works to include access, landscaping, engineering and associated works. Provision of car parking spaces and cycle spaces. Variation of condition 12 (off-site highway works to improve pedestrian accessibility) of planning permission: 3/19/2211/FUL - To vary the wording from 'Prior to commencement of development' to 'Prior to first occupation of the development'. AT: Land At Home Farm Munden Road Dane End Ware Hertfordshire SG12 0LL FOR: Enterprise Residential Development Limited. Permission granted, subject to conditions.

5. FINANCE **£**

Receipts

Donations & Door Takings Platinum Jubilee Party	1064.36*
E Mondey Allotment Fee	15.00
Total	**1079.36**

Payments

Date	For	Cheque No	£
16/06/22	HAPTC Subscription	BACS	510.27
16/06/22	Hertfordshire Display/June N/lttr	BACs	213.00
16/06/22	Ghosh/RE J& Old Man Band PJP	BACS	400.00
17/06/22	G Ward/Epson Print Cartridges	BACS	39.99
22/6/22	T Harding PJP Expenses	BACS	169.53

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23/6/22	P Armstrong Expenses PJP	BACS	415.90
29/06/22	Agland Litterpicker)**	S/O	48.55
10/7/22	G Ward July Expenses	BACS	271.00
		Total payments	2068.24

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 11/7/22	10546.54
Balance Brought forward 14/6/22	11535.42
Less Payments	2068.24
Plus Receipts	1079.36
Balance as at 11/07/22	**10546.54**

*All agreed that despite not making a profit the Jubilee had been a great success.
** TH asked the Clerk to check that the Litter Picker still wants to do the job.
CM commented on the large bill coming the PC's way from Castle Water. The Clerk reaffirmed that they were hoping to set up a Direct Debit to manage this debt.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

14/6/22 Email from Clerk to Allotment holders apologising for lack of water
19/6/22 Email to all allotment holders updating on Affinity Water Engineer to come out and look for leak
28/6/22 Update to Allotment Holders re TH enquiries to Castle Water re leak and status of engineer booking of up to 28 days.
30/6/22 Email from Mark Davis suggesting monthly audit of water usage, volunteering to take water readings. The Clerk pointed out there wasn't need for this as the water would be switched off over the winter.
4/7/22Email from EHDC notifying Annual Play Equipment Inspection week commencing 25/7/22.
6/7/22 Email to Mr Stocking/MD of Enterprise Residential Developments/invite for member of team to July Parish Council Meeting.
6/7/22 Locality Budget Application sent
11/7/22 Copy of Email sent to Castle Water setting up a Fixed Direct Debit of no more than £100 per month.

7. SETTING UP ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE AND STATUS OF WATER LEAK/OPTIONS FOR FUTURE WATER SUPPLY

TH pointed out that there was a Well on Home Farmland and at the Christmas Tree Farm as well. Considering this, she questioned whether there an option for the Parish Council to have a Well. A bore hole would have to go down but TH pointed out that this could be looked at as a long term plan and advice could be sort from Russell Parkins about how to go about this. TH to contact him regarding this. DH mentioned that he had a set of divining devices which could be used.

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TH had spoken to Mark and Utku (Allotment users), about setting up an Allotment Committee which TH would be happy to head up. . Initially need Committee to take over and keep the general areas such as paths cleared. TH has a strimmer that Mark had said he would look at. Initially it was agreed to try and set up a meeting of Allotments holders, possibility in the pub or on Horses' Meadow itself.

PA went onto explain that he was planning on installing a Portkabin on Horses' Meadow which could be used for Allotment Meetings. PA went on to explain that this was a spare portakabin that he was willing to donate to the Parish Council. CM didn't think it was a good idea as the last building on there, (The Youth Club) had been burnt down. PA pointed out that this structure is metal. TH commented that it would be handy for storage for both the PC and possibly allotment holders. It could also be used for Event Storage and it was proposed to tuck it well under the trees and painted green. There was some worry that it could be vandalised, however Paul explained that he would be replacing the padlocks and doors. TH suggested that CCTV could also be installed and possibly putting metal shutters on the windows. The Parish Council would also investigate the possible sourcing of electricity for it.

PA suggested that everyone meet at Horses' Meadow at the weekend to decide where to place the structure and to measure up the area.

The PA resolved that this would be actioned subject to conditions.

TH commented that Frank Coopers had still not got back to her regarding a price for marking out a 7 a side football club. She would chase up.

8. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

GW reminded the Councillors that the Emergency Plan needed to be redone to incorporate risks of fire and drought resulting possibly from Climate Change..

The Risk Assessment document also needed reviewing.

Both documents to be approved at the September meeting.

9. UPCOMING PROJECTS AND BUDGETING FOR THESE

- TH reported that the pantomime is underway and the script was being edited. Some actors had also been found. The script was being rescripted to give a local twist. TH felt it would be lovely to have something this Christmas after two years of nothing happening during this time. The pub could also get involved to help as well.

- PA also had an idea to do a Soapbox race and had been trying to locate a good place where there was good access for spectators. They would be looking at also contacting a group who does these all the time. TH explained that this, like the Pantomime would not be a Parish Council event but a Community Event which the Parish Council would help to lead. Therefore, it shouldn't be up to the PC to do all the work. PA commented that the Scout

Group at Buckland also do it. All agreed that the lanes were ideal as the soap boxes would be on the road and the spectators above it!

- Paul also explained that Horses' Meadow would have a couple of Auto Jumbles. These are very popular now. This would be a fund raiser where people pay for their pitches and resolved to hold 3 Auto Jumbles over the year, in the Spring, Summer & Autumn. PA felt this would also be good for the Pub and the Shop.

- The outdoor cinema possibility was proposed although all felt it was a bit of large expenditure to put on such an event as the film licencing was so expensive. It was also restrictive with timings i.e. times the films could be shown subject to light. However there were types of outdoor cinema which could be shown throughout the day. All agreed that the Auto Jumble idea would be a more successful fundraiser.

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- CM reported that unfortunately the trees which had been planted dried out. CM thought she would get pack of saplings from the Woodland Trust, - they had said more could be obtained in November. These could replace those which needed replacing.

- CM commented that the grain store at Home Farm was taking shape. PA felt that the housing development had been put on hold until the road had reopened. PA had commented however that they had cleared some of the buildings.

- PA commented that there had been no news on the Planning Application at Field Farm and Liz Gregg Smith commented that nothing had been heard regarding the Appeal/Wheelwrights Farm. In addition to this the retrospective application at Hare Street does not appear to have been actioned at all.

- Comments were also made on the tethered horses on Levens Green. The owners have permission to tether them there as long as they have water, however often there is no water or the buckets have been kicked over. CM felt that they did appear to be distressed at times in the hot weather. However the RSPCA are not interested as long as the horses have water. There is still a problem though as the buckets can get knocked over and when the sun moves the horses are often not in the shade, which is extremely uncomfortable for them in a heat wave. EGS suggested World Welfare for Horses may be a better point of contact as the RSPC are too much like pot luck. She also pointed out that they won't come out for wild animals and will

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always destroy them if they do. EGS suggested Tracey Parker for rehabilitation and rescue. There is also the lady from Woody's wildlife who has done wildlife presentations at Great Munden Recreational field.

- BS commented on the village signs that they were all ready to go in. The legs are painted with bitchimin so they can go straight in and won't rot.

- TH commented that the ditch at the bottom of Whitehills on the Common Land which the Council own, needs digging out. PA said he was planning on buying a mini digger to do flooding prevention on Whempstead Road so this could also be used for this purpose.

- Discussion took place regarding planting around new road signs and it was agreed it should be natural planning with flowers such as foxgloves and hollyhocks.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.15 pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Thursday 22nd September 2022 at 8 pm.

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