LITTLE MUNDEN FULL COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th Janaury 2026@ 7 pm in Little Munden Memorial Hall, for the transaction of business from the Agenda below. The meeting was open to members of the public and press.

Present: Cllrs Tracey Harding (TH); Paul Armstrong (PA); Billy Summerson (BS); Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin (MG); Jessica Harding (JH); Vicky Tompson (VT): In attendance: Aubrey Holt (AH); Jackie Morris (JM)
Tuesday 20 January 2026 @ 7 pm in Little Munden Memorial Hall, for the transaction of business from the Agenda below. The meeting is open to members of the public and press.

1. APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: None

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 18th November 2025 PA approved the Minutes; MG seconded

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow Parishioner and Public Comments

JM commented that a car had demolished the footpath sign at Green End. TH to find out Footpath number and take up with East Herts. TH said that the car had ended up on the roof. VT mentioned that they could pay for the damage through their insurance for any damage to property. AH asked for KC to be copied in as well.

JM also reported on rubbish in layby approaching Sacombe. - There had been several bags near the large tree on the bend, the Dane End side. PA commented that Jan Armstrong has been litterpicking every 1st week of the month from Sacombe towards Dane End, PA commented how time consuming this was.

TH suggested doing another organised litter pick between Sacombe and Dane End. TH suggested advertising in the Village news and on a banner in the Village. VT had also picked up rubbish dumped in Horses' Meadow Car Park. A date for a litter pick was discussed and it was agreed to go for Sunday 1st February 26. JM reported that she used to do the litter pick every Sunday from Dane End up to A602 and commented how satisfying it is! She also commented on the appallng amount of rubbish on the A10, probably due to there not beeing a landfill site anymore. PA also commented on the M25 where rubbish was dumped down the banks. TH suggested advertising the Litterpick on the one of the banners and also Love Dane End.

PA queried that Sacombe dont get the Newsletter until 6th or 7th of the month. VT commented that there had been an issue with the printers this month.. JM reported that she

had been doing the weekend before the week of the end of the month so the copies should be out during the last week of the month.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Decision: 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. Planning Approved

TH queried "Dischage of Conditions"i.e what it meant. AH commented that this referred to the previous Planning conditions put on the site and that he had heard back from planning who had said this should have been decided a couple of months ago. They still don't have all the information they need and will update in a couple of weeks. TH commented that under the Appeal there had been a restriction put on to be only for the family and if not the site should be closed down. She questioned why this was not being looked at and pursued this aspect.. AH commented that this application was to overide this as they had now put inan application in for a residential site. AH to keep the PC posted on this matter.

5.2: Planning Appeal: Roughground Farm Beggarmans Lane Old Hall Green Hertfordshire LPA Appeal Reference: 25/00072/REFUSE The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of planning permission for:- Agriculturally tied dwelling with air source heat pump, cycle store and car parking.
Now with Secretary of State, Awaiting a decision.

AH commented that an outcome for the Mentley Lane Traveller site was due soon, which Should have been decided by the end of September.

PA commented that a lot of work had been done at Field Farm and originally they only had permission for 6 but now have 12 caravans. TH mentioned that the PC had queried the 12 caravan allowance. She remarked that the site had been cleared up very well.

AH said that a count of traveller sites would be coming up soon - last years was January or February. To keep updated on what AH suggested contacting East Herts to find out exactly what they had found. TH commented that the number of caravans at High Cross should also be taken into account as these would add to the total number. PA questioned why East Herts were getting so many caravan sites. TH felt that it was because East Herts were a soft touch. VT commented that they also have enough money to buy these pieces of land.

6. FINANCE

RECEIPTS

DATE	**FROM**	**FOR**	**£**
29/11/25	Panto Ticket		16.00
01/12/25	Panto Ticket		16.00
01/12/25	Panto Ticket		16.00
5/12/25	Panto Ticket		17.00
8/12/25	Astco Clothing Bank	Clothing Bank	30.40
8/12/25	Ticket Source	Panto tickets online	840.94
09/01/26	Astco	Clothing Bank	12.00

		TOTAL	**936.34**

PAYMENTS

DATE		
13/11/25	TH/ Panto Costumes	78.50
14/11/25	TH/Panto Costumes/props	71.95
21/11/25	TH Banner/Panto	38.72
21/11/25	licensing	21.00
03/12/25	HMRC Clerks PAYE	55.00
08/12/25	TH Panto Props	102.38
08/12/25	G Ward Clerks Fee	246.00
12/12/25	TH Pen Lunch	93.50
20/12/25	Bank Charges	9.98
06/01/26	AP Solutions	50.00
07/01/26	HMRC Clerks PAYE	55.00
	TOTAL	**822.03**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance on Current Account 9/1/25	**17933.36**
Balance Brought Forward 12/1125	17807.05
Less Payments	822.03
Plus Receipts	948.34
Balance as at 12/11/25	**17933.36**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

TH commented that she had put together a budget for this year – it needs to be agreed for the Precept but would be a rolling budget throughout the year. All were given a copy. PA had queried the order of wood TH had requested which was 2 x 4s –- TH said it was for tanalised wood and needed the total cost of the fencing to make sure money was available. PA to go back and get the price.

Great Munden Fencing signs – PA commented that the cost is £680 and TH commented that they need to pay up front for this. PA to give TH the order so she can invoice Great Munden. TH and asked for costings before the order goes in. She also commented that it looks like someone had reversed into some of the fence adjoining The White House PA said it"s only visible because the fence has been cut back and had been like this for some time. The one the other side is rotten but PA commented that is has been cut back today. He went on to say that he was looking at putting in concrete spears for the posts to go in. Also the wire fencing could go from HM Car Park to where the trees start – as there is fencing there. TH said it was important for the bit from the car park. PA said would need a post basher. JM mentioned that they may have one at home. Other TH said that could hire one if necessary although PA was keen to purchase one, which would cost about £40.00

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7/01/26 from Simon Springate to ask if the Parish Council wished to purchase The Baulk. TH contacted the HertsCC and checked it was a public footpath which is maintained and can ever be closed. VT also mentioned cited a piece of land next to the pub car park which was claimed by a resident as it had no title on it.

- The Springates had purchased a number of ransom trips when Trundle died. TH was fairly sure that a piece of land behind Kingsfield Road was a designated playground.and TH suspects that that Trundles sold it to a developers as he had wanted to develop two bungalows on the area. They had also bought a strip of land behind Barbaras which could be devloped into housing.
- 9/01/26 Email from Lizzie Bacon re Salt Bin Emptying. Clerk to follow up.
- 20/11/25 Railings Munden Road query re maintainance – no reply. TH commented on contact with Goutram. GW to find and forward his Ringway details to TH so he can be contacted concerning who was responsible for the railings. VT thought that old railings were in the episode of Grantester filmed in ?
- 31/12/25 Invitation for a Parish Councillor to join The Standards Committee from Electoral Services Office. No interest.
- 14/01/26 Letter from Chris Hinchcliffe Re Road Safety, to be forwarded to Councillors
- Email to Steve Ward request on update re Purchase Horses' Meadow

8. ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDENING UPDATE

VT reported that the allotments are progressing well and spring bulbs cabbages, chard garlic and onions are all growing with the help of a donation. However rabbits have eaten wallflowers and Apring bulbs.
She also note that there is now a burning implemement in the form of an old bin and Eliot Mondey has donated a Gazebo. She went on to report that the pond had a leak and mentioned that a plastic pond is about the same price and would be less able to punchture. Lots of sand and earth around was around for the edges. VT had seen one for about £50.

PA suggested fencing the whole of the allotment area to prevent the deer getting in although TH felt that they would still jump in. JM noted that the deer had wrecked the Great Munden Recreation Garden. VT also commented that a new shed was coming.

9. HORSES MEADOW UPDATE/PURCHASE Still waiting for a Companies House charge to be removed from the deeds.

10. VILLAGE EVENTS UPDATE:

Tracey asked everyone to think what events could be done over the next year. PA suggested a village fete – TH suggested doing more of an event and inviting The Umbrella Big Band back in June. - then next year do a pirate themed fete. All agreed that this would be a good idea. TH suggested could do something in the afternoon of the band and it was agreed to go for 16th May 26 She went on to say that it may be possible to do something in the afternoon as well. Paul queried whether

there were any D Day/Beacon type events this year.as there was an 85th Aniversary and the 16th May 26 was agreed. It was also agreed to do a couple of cinema events – which would be discussed at the next meeting. PA to advise when Boot Biker event would be as well.

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

11. BS said that the nets would be dealt with shortly. PA had a phone number for guys doing the football practice which could help pay for nets.

12. PA reported that the poles with lamps on had gone (as discussed in last meeting) but still need wire to come out of ground. Russell to help with this.

13. TH queried whether 7 a side pitch could be marked out, PA would be in contact with them.

TH thanked Vicky for clearing the ivy off the the trees and had done a great job. TH went on to say she had taken a walk through Jubilee walk and there are a lot of fallen brances and fallen trees which need cutting back. VT suggested marking them with paint. No one minded the brambles as they were under the treeline. VT could cut them back although all felt that they are good cover for wildlife. TH felt it should be left. The grass can be cut neatly up to it and wasn't talking about the the walkway.

PA reported that signs now need painting, with black bitchmun and white paint.

He also reported that in the first week in February all Haultwick signs would be done.

JH requested a change to the start of the meeting to be at **7.30 pm** to allow more time for people to get back after work. All agreed.

TH said Brian Duffy had rung TH. Explained to him how a lot of the trees had exposed roots and were a danger so would be in touch with Harry the Tree Surgeon who would had put in a quote today to reduce the yews significantly and be more of a hedge. TH went on to say that it would be in 2 phases, and a TPO order would be needed for dangerous trees.

Rather than responsibilitiyies for Councillors TH had put together Groups such as Environmental Group (Police and Neighbourhood Watch (VT); Environment (TH); Planning and Infrastructure (and Highways/TH) TH said these groups need. Events are for all.

TH had been in discussion with Callem Wright regarding the Woodland. He met TH up at the Woodland that had been planted near the Old Vicarage. He commented that he was surprised that any of it had survived and was impressed that there were insects on the oak trees. He has done a new plan comprising of a mix of of different spieces. TH described how there will be a pathway all the way round which will have wild flowers either side and a additional bank of wild flowers.

War Memorial: JH to do design for a Memorial Garden which can be costed into the bid. TH suggested starting the process now to get the grant processed in time for the Rememberance Day. JM asked what would happen to present site. TH suggested that as it is

a bus stop could put a nice bench there and maintain the shrubbery there. PA commented that he will be able to make a bench.

TH commented that various rubbish sites were discussed which Clarion need to be aware of. TH felt that if the rubbish wasn't cleared should let Clarion know. Michelle Galvin also had problems with trees going into drains and guttering is also an issue. Leylanid in the front garden had drained water in the garden and tree routes had taken over the front garden. AH to follow-up.

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11. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 17th February 2026 @ 7.30 pm**

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