LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th February @ 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: Paul Armstrong (PA/Vice Chair); Michelle Galvin (MG); Billy Summerson (BS); Vicky Tompson (VT); Jessica Harding (JH); Julie Hursey(JH)
In attendance: Aubrey Holt (AH)/District Councillor) Jonathan Poole (JP)
Members os the Public 2: Sue Capon; David Tomlin

1. APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

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 20th January 2025

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David queried whether progress had been made with the timber fencing along the Bourne in the village. TH replied that she would be pricing up the timber to repaire and would buy new pieces of wood to go in it and ask Ken Crofton to use Locality Budget for it. Would get prices for it and hopefully get it paid for. VT pointed out that if anything was to go wrong with the fencing, we would be liable. PA commented that they were easy to install as they just slotted in, VT commented that one had fallen out of it's slot. BS commented that the post can't move unless hit in situ. TH remarked that some of the trees had been cut back but would grow back and went on to say with regards to trees in the village some are very overgrown and damaging the paths – the Council are not interested and say there is nothing wrong with the paths!.

DW enquired about Lordship Farm -whether there was still a vinyard? All thought there was still a vinyard – TH to enquire with farm manager. He went on to say that the Farm used to ask for volunteers to pick the berries. TH to ask Manager up there although doesnt think this was still the case.

SC commented on whether there had been any further developments on cutting back the Yews from Dane End House. TH commented that the application was still not complete, although Harry had applied for the application. There was also a query about thehouse with building work on the Gladstone Road/Triangle – extensive building building work and continuous mess on the road. TH mentioned that it was the builders responsibility to sweep it up. BS to ask to sweep it up once the lorrys had finished. TH commented that it was dangerous to motorists and cyclists.

5. PLANNING: None

HOME FARM: PA had checked up with Home Farm re buildings. Planning had been granted for them. However if not taken up within 2 years, housing could be built. PA was also told that any motor vehicles were not allowed on there. Storage was allowed this was

under category of Planning however retrospectively this could be changed to B1. As it stands planning is only for cottage indusry.

SC questioned whether Planning had gone in for The Boot. She mentioned that 3 skips had been filled up recently and the car park was to be closed off as now a building site. PA commented that path had to be kept open as it was a public footpath.

PA had phoned the owner – Uncertain whether the site was suitable for a Nursery.

No update really until Planning Application had been put in although it appeared that it was probably not going to be a Nursery now.

6. FINANCE

RECEIPTS		
Bar/Panto Cash		**506.15**
AscoClothig Bank		**21.40**

	TOTAL	**527.55**

PAYMENTS
DATE

14/01/26	The Mundens PCC Church Clock	200.00
20/0125	Hert Display OCT/NOV/DEC NEWSETTRS	391.72
23/01/26	BWP Creative Lim Webhosting	273.60
11/02/26	Mike Phelan Coaching (Football Nets)	126.00
	TOTAL	991.32

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Online balance 15/02/26	17469.59
Balance Brought Forward 9/1/26	17933.36
Less Payments	991.32
Plus Receipts	**527.55**
Balance as at 11/02/26	**17469.59**

I HEREBY AUTHORISE ALL PAYMENTS:…….

DATE:……` **TRACEY HARDING/CHAIR**

The new nets had already been put up by BS. The old nets had been recycled to the Allotments.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 15/2/26 Email from Joanna West re Paths @ Allotments. Writing to previous tenants and whether they wanted to keep them.
- 5/2/26 Email from Chris Hinchcliffe re Village Schools.
- 21/01/26 Email from SDW re outstanding Charge and copy. GW commented that the Charge was the excuse for delays so far so hopefully it should progress.
- 26/1/26 Crime Report/on website.
- 2/2/ Letter from TH to Clare Mill re 45 Founceley Avenue
- 11/2/26 Email from Daniel Badock re Umbrella Big Bank for 16/5/26
- 15/2/26 Email from Joanna West re Allotment Paths
- 2/2 Letter from TH to Clare Miller re 45 Founceley Avenue

8. SET PRECEPT FOR 25/26 / SIGN FORMS The forms were duly signed.

9. HORSES MEADOW UPDATE/PURCHASE: The outstanding charge had now been removed. Hopefully this should not be held up any further. TH went back to Simon Springate regarding footpath up the Baulk. TH pointed out that is was a public footpath so there would be know point in owning it. TH responded to him by saying if they want to pay legal fees and gift to the PC that would be fine!

10. **VILLAGE EVENTS UPDATE**

TH said that on 16th June there would be evening entertainment again by The Umbrella Big Band in the Christmas Tree Farm Barn. In the afternoon of 16th TH said that there would be something on in afternoon with Community Allotment. There would be a bike show at the Christmas Tree Farm with cars soo: - To be confirmed with Russell.

LITTER PCIKING: A recent litter pick had taken place around the village and up to the A602. VT commented how difficult Sacombe to A602 with the traffic although. PC said that Jan had done a LP on Thursday and on Saturday more rubbish had already been dumped. PC commented that Bikers would be on field on 11th July. In the afternoon of 16th TH said that there would be something on in afternoon with Community Allotment.

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

TH to ask KC regarding this to talk to Highways about this. Was pointed out how household had so many more cars per household now.

PA reported that there had been a problem again with flooding in Sacombe again. He had rung Highways to ask about the possibility of a road sweeper. Are they coming to do – however they won't be doing anyything along sacambre/Dane End and would be waiting for their budget and news of elections! PA had established that there was a blocked pipe he explained that the whole ditch got waterlogged. VT commented that there would be the same problem in Pearman Drive shortly. VT had complained already, TH asked her to do on behalf of PC.. PA reported that he had phoned Highways and someone did **say** they would come

and look. PA had asked what do we pay Council Tax for? But reported that Ringway had been helpful with this matter.

VT queried the Rowney Lane situation – AH had reported there was no news. Planning had done nothing about this recently.

Keepers Cottage – AH had updated that the occupants had now put in a garage which was now an annex with permission to turn into barn. TH commented that this would eventually get Planning Permission. The Council were not keen to give permission. PA pointed out they would fight something like this but do nothing on Travellers issue. TH pointed out that A10)Puckeridege had been refused but had gone to appeal and there also a new travellers site at Buntingford near Freeman School.

VT commented that some in the village have cars houses permanently parked on footpaths and verges. – TH felt that this should be actioned by the Council and they should knock on doors. Parking on the grass verges is also an issue – TH commented there are several strips of grass which have been destroyed – these are slippery and dangeous in the dark. The Council won't put gravel down as the feel this would be dangerous for pedestrians! MG pointed out that on the service road it would be impossible to get an emergency vehicle through. TH felt that the Council should tarmac the verges so that cars could pull up safely and road and would then be wide enough for emergency vehicles. She reported that the council felt it would be dangerous for pedestrians although it was dangerous as things were now and felt it all came down to money!TH said that she was now thinking of using mesh guards which were available in strips which give a steady a steady foundation – TH to ask RP how much his were. Would try putting on top of Gladstone Road so if would be safe for walkers. VT felt that residents could take initiative and do themselves. MG commented that could also do this around the park. TH suggested doing this as soon as possible, and could seed the grass afterwards. TH said could ask Council as it needs doing asap. Needed something done against this at some point.

TH commented that the Rest and Welcome Planning had come up with 3 or 4 things they weren't happy with so the Planning has been withdrawn to get issues addressed. Now English Heritage had withdrawn. Hopefully it should go ahead now.

TH requested PA to contact friend to do brambles on Horses' Meadow – would be difficult to get rid of them altogether but can tidy up. Hedge bordering White House needs doing further. PA to organise. He also reported that Dane End signs need doing.

The Meeting was brought to a close at 7.50 pm and the next meeting would be 17.03.26.

The Precept Document was duly signed.

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