LITTLE MUNDEN FULL COUNCIL MEETING
TO PARISH COUNCILLORS:
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April 2026

Present: Cllrs Tracey Harding; Billy Summerson (BS); Julie Hursey (JH); Michelle Galvin;(MG); Jessica Harding (JH); Vicky Tompson (VT): Ken Crofton (County Councillor); Aubrey Holt (District Councillor); Lisa Lucas (owner of The Boot) . The meeting was open to members of the public and press.
Members of the public: 4

Geraldine Ward, Clerk to the Council 20/03/26

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 17th March2026:** The Minutes were approvied by MG and seconded by BS

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. **PLANNING:**

Development at Home Farm: TH commented that some of the units were nearly completed and PA commented that a barn had been knocked down where the houses were to be! A member of the public queries this and TH said that there was no movement on residential side of things as currently with the Receiver.

Litter picking: A scheme for members of the Parish to adopt there own area to litter pick was to be adopted. Wider picks would take place in Ehrmpdyresf, \ hotdrd, \horses' Meadow etc.

TH went on to say that she had been working with Ken Crofton and Highwasy to look at resolutions to improve parking and vehicle access.

TH commented that there would be dance at the Christmas Tree Farm in June , this would replace the Summer Fete. Also looking at booking a summer camping night in the summer and an Open Cinema Night, both on Horses' Meadow - details to follow.

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT
TH commented that it was now the second growing season there:- has become a great success and is still looking for volunteers from the Parish – who will not be disappointed!

GLADSTONE ROAD: TH reported that Clarion, Aubrey Holt and hereselft had been working tirelessly on 1 Gladstone Road and has finally been let.

Wheelwrights farm
Objections could go in unti 22nd of the month.
AH said comments could still be submitted past the date. He had asked for it to go to Committee. If recommented for approval.

Hopefully there will be completion soon. sNeed now to ensure that they complete on Paget Cottages and will hopefully get a local Parish Family in there.

OVERGROWN TREES
Clarion assisting to get some of these trees cut back.

HORSES' MEADOW: This completed on the 19th March which is a great asset for our Community and will keep it free from development for future generations. Plans are now developing to move the Ware Memorial from it's site across the road and do develop a Memorial Garden where people can sit and reflect on loved ones.

Kings Wood: recent planting of saplings here was complete in March this year and thanks were due to all who helped planting over 600 saplings. The wild flowers have been jpurchased and will be planted in the Autumn.The Parish Council were looking to purchase a bench for people to enjoy the view of our lovely valley TH also thanked to those who supported the Parish Council through donations without which many community events could not take place. They are an important part of our lasting legacy of our Parish Council. TH also thanked Liz for donating the two Christmas Trees for the village. Thanks were also due to Martin Spackman for donating straw bales to the Parish when needed.

TH went on to thank Ken Crofton and Aubrey Hold who give up a great deal of their time in supporting us and guilding us though. Also a big thank you to Jonathan Poole for all his help in producing the Accounts.

We welcome Vicky who is the newest recruit to the Parish Council who has jumped in with both feet literally at Horses' Meadow. Thank you to all Parish Councillors who are a wonderful supportive bunch which makes our Parish Councilone of most supoortive and approachable Parish Councils. TH went on to thank the Parish Clerk, Gerry, Whatever e face we do with the best intentions and often there is a lot of hard work behind the scenes to achieve the results. Surch as Kings Wood and Horses' Meadow.

The Community Allotments have been a great success and now can see side shoots of our Community to people who have not attended events.

To the floor all welcome to our events which are great fun.

Thank you for being a funncy, cajpable and practical bunch without whom things would not get done. We don't do quiet we don't do boring and look to see what new things we can bring to the Village I look forward to working with you fantastic lot again!

KEN CROFTON/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Ken commented that he had and the leadership he has 14 pc in division and this was one of the most active mainly due to TH's drive and energy. So much has been activeved in the three years of this Parish Council. TH commented that there used to be a friendly between the Club and the Village which could be looked at again.
CRICKET CLUB
Anthony had provided a fixtures list. TH also mentioned
The apm was brought to a close at 7.20 pm and there followed:

THE APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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4. Public participation

From the floor there was a query about what was happening with the Boot Public House. The owner of the building was attending the meeting so could be asked directly. She explained that the Planning Application had gone in AH thought that it would take about a week to process. LL said that they had noticed that the last builind had been put up and then planning went in – she said that the builind they were planning is the she had noticed that the last building there the plans were differenct from what was put up. The planning would be regrospective. TH said there was concern that it would be near Pauls fence. Kevin asked ddif
A resident enquired whether it was normal to get permission after builindg
Was put in and LL commented that Planning wasn't do you need change of use put in first. She said she had applied for Change of Use. TH with regardegard to Nursery – how will traffic be managed, it'll be tight with 3 or so cars going up. KCd did warn that Change of Use is not a given and can be difficult where a pub is concerned. KC also noted that a Change of Use was not a given. And said if was a tough scenario to get a change of use. He advised here not to spend any more money on the building until she had permission. Lisa Lucas went on to say that it was a Community Asset to have a Nursery School and that familys here need a Nursery School. She went on to say that she would work closely with the school to promote them. TH asked how many children would be looking at she replyied 40 children but not all arriving at the same time. Drop off would take place in the pub car park and there was concern about the practicality of this. TH asked to make it viable how many children would be needed – about 40. LL left the meeting and said she hadn't felt comfortable at the meeting. AH said that

Some discussion then occurred about the plausibility of the traffic implications.

KM asked about the trees KC asked AH if it was likely to go to Committee – he said yes a planning Officer had said it would go to Committee. PA said his solicitor was so good TH said it was supposed to be occupied by one designated family but despite efford to get support from EHerts Planning was not able to do.
Wheelrights Planning. TH had sent in an objection on behalf of the Parish Council. Discussion also tood place regarding the site of the A10 site. AH has also sent in an objection. Date was 22nd but KC said they woould'd turn away objections. KC recommended all to attend the Committee to have a say.

Peony Meadow Planning

AH also noted that the decision on the Rest and Welcome would be though shortly.

5. FINANCE:

5.1 3/25/0760 5 Gladstone Road
Technical Details Stage 2 application for the demolition of an existing garage and green house and erection of a new residential dwelling with associated parking and associated work (granted Stage 1 Permission in Principle under 3/25/0170/PIP).

5.2 3/25/1936 Erection of self build/custom built dwelling/outbuiling & Associated

works, The White House, Munden Road, Dane End Herts SG12 0LP. Permission refused.

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 13/03/26	15670.32
Balance Brought Forward **Balance as at 11/02/26**	**17469.59**
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**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
   01/4/26 Email re Allotment enquiry from Dan and Mweg
   2/4/26 Email to Steven Hart re Lay-by Easington Road. Concerning a taxi driver parking his car. This is owned by Trundles and not the Council.
   3/4/26 Email from Joann West re Allotments

9. **HORSES MEADOW UPDATE/PURCHASE:** After considerable patience and hard work the completion of this transaction was in sight! All were invited for a celebration after the meeting.

10. **VILLAGE EVENS:**

11. **6th June Umbrella Big Band. PA queried if bikes were welcome which TH approved.**

12. **\pop up pub on 23rd May in the Village Hall**

War Memorial: Garden being designed and funding looked at.
VT mentioned the Queens Memorial Fund which had been put into effect today.

TREES: Dangerous trees had been removed. Had gone back to aboreal man – some of trees would not be covered by the tpo, particularly if under 53 years old they're not covered by TPO. Although tall they're not covered by the TPO so can be removed. Copied AH on a document to say that the Yews were a hedge so technically could be cut back. Hopefully if agreed it was a hedge can be removed. To ask Mr Duffy what date they were put in.
TH went on to say he doesn't have to take out but just trim back. TH also commented that there was a blanket restriction on all of the site. VT asked if Environment Agency were interested in. TH had been in touch particularly as the posts were in a state of collapse. Th announced there was a water buzzer. Water donated by Carters and bouzer donated by Bridge Bees have donated the bouzer. Sarah Farm Manager came and organised it all for us.

ALLOTMENTS
VT reported on the recent Allotment Meeting which had been held recently at the Christmas Tree Farm. It was agreed to hold an Open Day, perhaps before Easter, although May may be a better bet weather wise!. She went on to report that a Bank Account was still needed and that a gazebo had been lost to the wind recently. It was also suggested that the pond needed sorting out and that some financial help may be needed for this. VT also commented whether the small unused she next to the allotment may be donated?
The tenants of individual allotment were currently being looked at toom see who wished to keep them.

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

12. BS commented on boy driving cross bike around the field. This was extremely dangerous. JM same sort of thing had been going on in Green End at the bottom of the Bourne. PA commented that 2 boys were doing wheelies down the High Street in Ware.

13. PA suggested clean up in Horses' Meadow. Would be also getting wood for fencing @ Horses' Meadow.
VT commented that no 60 had a path onto the road, directly, they are supposed to use the path which comes out at Green Gates. JM commented that nothing was supposed to be put on the front of these houses.

LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL
TH commented that she had been having conversations with Derek Wheeler about the Hall which he had decided to step down from as he had so much else on his plate. TH agreed to take on Trustee part of the Hall and needed a Committee. Russell to Chair/Gerry to be Secretary and Michelle to be Treasurer. Meeting on 19th to get everyone on board, and meeting with Greg as well.

Toad Hall had been told to halt all acdtivity with large lorries delivering soil there – they had halted activity. Today Enforcement had visited site and will update the PC when he hears. All the rubbish in the soil had come up to the top. TH pointed out that there had been no movement Notice. KC want is the purpose of this? Were they being paid for it. She has said it's for horses to stop the water. Concluded that they were probably being paid for it. JM Mentioned trees at Kingsfield Road, one outside 19. VT volunteered to do.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AT 7 PM FOLLOWED BY THE APM AT 7.30 PM

The Meeting was brought to a close at 20.05 pm