LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
15th July 2021/8.00 pm
AT LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL

1. **PRESENT:** Tracey Harding (TH); David Hart (DH); Billy Summerson (BS) Colleen Coelco (CC);
   Apologies: Claire Monk (CM); Julie Hursey (JH); Paul Armstrong (PA); Liz Gregg Smith (LGS)

   In Attendance: Andrew Huggins (AH) Richard Tinner (RT);

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   None

3. **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th June 2021**
   The minutes were proposed by DH and seconded by BS

4. As Councillor Huggins had to leave early he updated the Parish Council on the following: "The implementation of Unitary Councils was probably not going to go ahead as the former leader for Harpendon was not re-elected and his replacement was not going to take this matter forward unless economic reasons forced them to".

He went onto comment that the boundary review was ongoing and population forecasts were being done with the intention of allowing Parish Council areas to become the building blocks for Wards. This would include properties which had current granted planning permissions as well as natural growth in housing development. He went on to say that it was likely that the PC would be contacted to take part in the public consultation and areas to be considered would depend on where PCs felt a connection. The first public consultation would be later this year and another one, next year.

4. PLANNING
4.1 New Applications
APPLICATION: 3/21/1758/HH
PROPOSAL: Erection of an oak framed detached annexe, AT South Lodge Farm, Potters Green, Dane End, Ware. Comments by 2nd August 2021.

4.2 Home Farm Development (following receipt of Planning App Decision/2019)
The PC was still uncertain what the conditions were attached to the Planning Application. TH to look into this. The Clerk had obtained Land Registry documents but nothing about change of ownership had come to light as yet.

5. FINANCE

Receipts and Payments 15/4/21

Receipts Nil

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	**Payment to**	**Cheque No**	**Amount**
29/6/21	Litter picker payment	S/O	48.55
09/7/21	Herts Display July	Bacs	130.20
9/7/21	HMRC	1262	110.00*
9/7/21	G Ward (Clerks Fee)	Bacs	274.09
9/7/21	G Ward Reimburse - Land Reg re Home Farm	Bacs	7.94
		TOTAL	**580.78**

Online balance on Current Account 9/7/21	**18947.69**
Balance Brought forward 11/6/21	19418.47
Less Payments	580.78
Plus Receipts	
Nil	
Plus uncleared Cheque*	110.00
Balance as at 9/7/21	**18947.69**

6.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT

29/6/21 Annual Governance Annual Return sent to PK Littlejohn (Auditors) cc to Sue @ HAPTC

5/7/21 Email to Allotment holders re Rules & Regs requesting acknowledgement that all have read and accepted conditions.

6/7/21 Email from Keith Williams with Meter Reading/Horses' Meadow

Email from Castle Water – acknowledging correspondence re high bill. The Clerk had spoken to the water company and was now awaiting a recalculation of the bill.

8/7/21 Letter rec'd from Planning re representation on Home Farm

9/7/21 Email to D Petitt re update on Whiteley Close Play Area

9/7/21 Title Register doc for Home Farm

7. COMMUNITY MATTERS/BENCHES ETC

The replacement/acquisition of Parish benches was discussed. It was agreed that the recyclable ones were the best option. AH to email pictures and prices and take it from there. TH also pointed out that the fence at Horses Meadow Car Park also needed repairing which she would be organising.

8. PARISH/COMMUNITY LAND

The situation concerning the play area at Whiteley Close was discussed.

The Parish Council still needed to know whether the area was still a designated Play Area as the only solution for the time being seemed to be getting new play

equipment on there. There was also a possibility of leasing the area from Trundles as they have little interest in it. The Clerk was looking into this. AH pointed out that it was possible to get legal advice about such matters from Legal Advice Services, EHDC. Clerk to investigate.

DH reported on the 20's Plenty Scheme and reported that the Parish had been accepted onto this Worldwide Scheme. He would be implementing the signage shortly. He would be attending training on this on Tuesday. He also pointed out that it would be useful to put up a sign from Kingshill Road, pointing out the back footpath route through Easington Road to Horses' Meadow. TH felt that this may well encourage more children to access the Meadow by following a safer route there.

CC suggested getting a more permanent sign up at Horses Meadow with gate opening and closing times on it, as well as one prohibiting parking outside the second gate. **ACTION:** Clerk.

Woodland and possible acquisition: TH reported that she was still waiting to have a meeting from a woodland expert from EHDC. Once a report had been done on the present state of the land, a decision would be made on it's viability.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

TH would print off the Questionnaire and would get it distributed in the first week of September. RT also felt it would be a good idea to have an electronic version circulated which could be downloaded from the Website and/or Spotted in Dane End and sent back to the PC via email.

9. RECEIVE NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND TO DEAL WITH THOSE MATTERS IF APPROPRIATE

TH reported that she and GW had met with Ken Crofton to discuss various outstanding issues. This had been extremely useful and KC would be investigating the various issues that were outstanding such as the junction at Whempstead Cross, and village signs and signposts. There had been no response from Highways on any of these issues.

TH thought it would be good to try and rearrange the Car Rally and Outdoor Cinema event which had been put off from 2019. DH to contact Brian Weedon to see if he would be interested in helping with the Car Rally and the Clerk was to investigate the possibility of holding an Open Air Cinema Event.

10. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS FROM PARISHIONERS

Judy Carter reported that the dog poo situation had got extremely bad at the top of Whiteley Close on the large green verge. All agreed that it would be a good idea to now get some CCTV cameras for these problems as well as the fly tipping problems.

TH felt it would be worthwhile for the PC to have more involvement in the Village Hall. All thought it would be good to start using the table tennis equipment. A Community Cafe could possibly be organised around this especially as it was

unlikely that the Village Lunch would resume. It was hoped that the Christmas Fair could take place again this year.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.25 pm.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Thursday 16th September 2021