LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2021 at 7 pm IN LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

1. Present: Tracey Harding (TH); Claire Monk (CM); Colleen Coelco (CC); Paul Armstrong (PA); Julie Hursey (JH)
In Attendance: Debbie Petit (DP); Elizabeth Gregg-Smith
Apologies: David Hart (DH); Billy Summerson (BS); Andrew Huggins (AH); Ken Crofton (KC)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th October 2021
The Minutes were proposed by TH and seconded by CM

4. PLANNING

4.1 Decision
3/21/2449/ARPN Welgelegen, The Street, Haultwick, Ware, Herts SG11 1JQ
Change of use of agricultural building to Class C3 for 1 dwelling house.
Permission had been refused (18.11.21).

5. FINANCE

Receipts and Payments 14/9/21-5/10/21 **£**

6/10/21	Book payment/Sylvester	8.00

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Ch No	Amount
8/10/21	HMRC	1267	55.00
8/10/21	G Ward (Clerk Fee & expenses)	Bacs	275.00
19/10/21	BWP/Parish Council Websites	Bacs	273.60
19/10/21	Royal British Legion (Wreath)	Bacs	21.98
26/10/21	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	1266	87.84
29/10/21	Monthly Litter Picker Fee	S/O	48.55
8/11/21	Herts Display under paymnt	Bacs	5.00
8/11/21	Community Heartbeat Telephone	Bacs	120.00
8/11/21	Kirkham Contracting (Grass Cutting 21)	Bacs	2220.00
11/11/21	G Ward (Clerk Fee & expenses)	Bacs	255.00
14/11/21	Film Licences x 2 (outdoor cinema)	Bacs	333.60
		TOTAL	**3695.57**

Finance Contin….

Online balance on Current Account 16/11/21	14963.24
Balance Brought forward 4/10/21	18650.81
Less Payments	3695.57
Plus Receipts	8.00
Balance as at 16/11/21	**14963.24**

6.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT

28/10/21 Email from JH to Clerk re details of TPO Officer/complaint about Oak Tree, Whiteley Close. JH reported that further damage had been carried out on the Oak Tree in Whiteley Close. A wedge had been cut out of it and placed back in to try to disguise the damage. JH had tried contacting the TPO Officer as a resident and not as the Parish Council in the hopes they would look at this with fresh eyes. Awaiting response.

2/11/21 Email from Brian Penn re gift of petrol lawn mower to the Parish Council for the Allotments. The PC were very thankful to Mr Penn for this gift. The Clerk had arranged for the lawn mower to be accommodated in a shed at the allotments

8/11/21 Email from Stuart Haviland re Herts Stages Rally. There was some concern raised about this as the date of the Rally fell a week before the finishing date of the road works on the A602. PA thought that some of the work had also been delayed until the end of the year. CM queried how ambulances would manage to get through although PA reassured her that the event would provide at least four ambulances. TH felt that the Parish Council should wait until January/February time and review the circumstances then.

11/1/21 Email to Ken Crofton from TH reporting on the Carter's Builder, Gordon's intention to the fix ditch, and a report on blocked drains, Mill Lane/Whitehills. TH reported that Gordon was hoping to get the grass cut back on the ditch soon and that things seemed to be progressing well and was confident that this problem would be rectified soon.

12/11/21 Reply to above from Ken Crofton with report line details:-
www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults or Tel 0300 12340
TH reported that she had gone onto the Fault Line but had needed the exact location (post code) for it to work, which was not always possible.

12/11/21 Email from Ken Crofton to Clerk re Cinema Event

13/11/21 Email from Dan Kennoy to Clerk/Flooding Mill Lane and report of damaged bridge.

15/11/21 TH reply to Dan Kennoy re above.

15/11/21 Email from TH to Ken Crofton in reply to Cinema Event email

6.2 LATE POST

7. FORMAL NOMINATION OF HORSES MEADOW AS A COMMUNITY ASSET INCLUDING CAR PARK AND ALLOTMENTS.

All agreed that this Nomination should go ahead and the Resolution was passed unanimously. The Clerk noted that this would not give the land a great deal of protection but would alert the Parish Council if the freehold was to go up for sale.

8. DELEGATION OF NEW PROJECTS FOR COUNCILLORS

TH had asked at the last meeting if anyone had any plans/ideas for projects. CM reported on the current Tree Planting project and on what would be ordered. These would include a couple of varieties for cross pollination. She Suggested putting four fruit trees on the Queens Wood site, one in each corner and that apples were preferred as the soil was quite chalky. TH thought pear trees would be a good idea for Horse' Meadow. Apple varieties could include bramlies and orange pippins and there could be a mixture of eaters and cookers for people to go and pick.

9. LAND BETWEEN KINGSFIELD AND WHITELEY

TH had had a call from Mr Trundles. He's decided not to go ahead with the bungalow on the land because he didn't want to cut down the ash and cherry trees. TH had looked at the grants and as soon as open will apply for a grant for play equipment. Could also get a fence and gate on it as well.

10. ACQUISITIONS / QUEEN/KINGS WOOD

Queens Wood – TH thought perhaps could get it under some sort of control over it such as a lease. Would contact Lady Carter about this.

11. EVENTS FOR PLATINUM JUBILEE 3-6 JUNE 22

TH had asked someone to speak to Jason re vintage vehicles for a vintage car rally. Need to do this soon into the New Year. CM suggested a Treasure Hunt and the Clerk suggested a film event ; TH thought a music festival would be good with local bands and food etc. The Clerk felt that this idea wouldn't be too expensive to put on. LGS mentioned that it would be a good idea to put in the newsletter and local social media sites to say that we were looking for bands for an event.

12. ALLOTMENT MATTERS – New Shed

The Clerk had wanted to purchase a small shed to put the lawn mower in but would first see if it could be accommodated in one which was already there.

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

TH reported that she had spoken to Lady Carter a while back who had reported that a ploughing match was going to be held towards the end of June. TH felt it would be good for the businesses in the village such as the shop and the Boot and all welcomed this.

TH had spoken to Bevan Trundle who had decided to close his business down next year, so this was something that the whole village should bear in mind. TH pointed out that he would be selling off small strips of land throughout the village as well as possibly Horses' Meadow and land at Whiteley Close. LGS commented that she had concerns over this bearing in mind the problems at Wheelwrights and Cherry Green,

although the PC didn't feel that this was a threat due to the nature of most of the plots.

CM queried the suggestion of DH to move the War Memorial, no one was keen on this idea and the Clerk pointed out that a lot of trouble and expense had gone into acquire and install the Obelisk there. All felt it would be a good idea to close the road next year for Remembrance Sunday. CM suggested keeping the bank mown to improve the site's appearance and PA suggested that one solution would be to put a concrete bridge across it which would make it level. He added that it could be covered with block paving which would also be useful to put benches on there. TH suggested this could be a challenge for next year!

14. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS FROM PARISHIONERS

15. The Meeting was brought to a close at 7.40 pm.

16. The date of the next meeting would be - Thursday 20th January 2022

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