LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
18th February 2021 at 8 pm
By the Zoom App

Tracey Harding (TH); David Hart (DH); Claire Monk (CM); Billy Summerson (BS); Paul Armstrong (PA); Julie Hursey (JH); - Councillors; Geraldine Ward – Clerk.
IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Huggins (AH); Richard Tinner (RT) Mark Saunders (MS); Andrew Springett (AS); Keith Williams (KW)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Colleen Coelco (CC)

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

3. **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th January 2021 2020**
The minutes were proposed by CM and seconded by BS

4. **PLANNING**

4.1 Decisions

APPLICATION: 3/20/2189/HH
PROPOSAL: Conversion of garage with replacement of garage door for window and door. AT: White Lea House, Whitehill, Dane End Ware, Herts SG12 0JR. Permission granted subject to conditions.

APPLICATION: 3/20/2625/HH
PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension with roof lights.
AT: 56 Whiteley Close Dane End Ware Hertfordshire SG12 0NB. Permission refused.

5. **FINANCE**

Receipts and Payments 8/1/21-12/2/21

Receipts:	Chris Carter book & postage x 1		6.05
	Sylvester Books x 2	8.00	
	Mrs Fraser-Watt - Books x 1+postage	6.05	
			14.05
			£
Online current account balance B/F 7/01/21			**19223.49**

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount £
14/01/21	Castle Water/Allotments	Bacs	58.08
14/01/21	Herts Display/January 21	Bacs	93.00
14/1/21	Kirkham Contracting	Bacs	2292.00
14/1/21	G Ward/Clerks Fee	Bacs	288.88
25/1/21	HMRC	1256	55.00
29/1/21	Agland/L/picker	S/O	48.55
29/1/21	Longacre Landscaping (deposit on Allotment wrk)	Bacs	640.00
7/2/21	Community Heartbeat	Bacs	151.20
		Total Payments	**3626.71**

Online balance on Current Account 12/2/21	15616.88
Balance Brought forward 7/1/21	19223.49
Less Payments	3626.71
Plus Receipts	20.10
Balance as at 12/2/21	**15616.88**

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT

20/1/21 Email to Rosemary Chatindo/Highways re Founceley Avenue/parking on verge. TH had been chasing Ken Crofton on this who had offered some of his locality budget to help sort this out.

21/1/21 Email to AH re hard standing The Old Shop Dane End and reply. No further comments.

21/01/21 Email from Ken Crofton to Craig Stevens/resident re drainage schemes Mill Lane/Sacombe Pound (Ringway). Works will start when Highways have new budget.

26/1/21 Email from Liz Gregg-Smith to Sara Saunders re Enforcement Update for Wheelwrights Farm. TH getting updated fortnightly on this although all had gone quiet at the moment.

27/1/21 Email from Thomas Mills/support@CastleWater requesting meter readings for allotments following Clerk disputing bill

27/01/21 Development Management, Planning re drive and crossover at 2 Easington Road, confirming no right of way over grass and that hard standing is permitted development Class F. However, stating it is an offence to drive over a footpath and is a police matter. No further comments.
29/1/21 Email from Liz Gregg-Smith re further thoughts on New Homes Bonus/Planning uplift. Need to wait on this until tenders have been complete.
2/2/21 Letter from Richard Cassidy, Chief Executive, Planning re Wheelwrights Farm Planning Enforcement Case.
8/2/21 Email from TH to RT re Helen Standen response to Corporate Complaints Procedure/Home Farm
11/2/21 Letter from David Snell Re Corporate Complaint/Land at Home Farm, Dane End
15/2/21 Email exchange with Longacre Landscaping re Allotment Field, complaints re paths. TH had met with Longacre who will top up the paths in the summer and review whether the PC are happy with the work at that point. TH commented that it was very much better and safer than it was. She went on to say that there were 3 new allotments and some of the trees would be cut back shortly to let in more light.
15/2/21 Email from Ben Golding re front of Old Shop, 2 Easington Road and reply (17/2/21)
17/2/21 Email from TH to Helen Standen re Complaints Procedure COM937. We know the council aren't going to do much about this but it is important at least to log our feelings about this for the future so that in future they will investigate things more thoroughly. RT felt it would be worth copying email to all the members of the Development Management Committee. Will contribute toward the feeling that there is an issue here.

7. TO AGREE ALLOTMENT FEE FOR 2021/22 SEASON

The allotment fee of £20.00 per annum for a full-sized allotment was duly agreed by all Councillors.

8. SECTION 106 FUNDING

TH had spoken to Joshua Carson at King & Co who had sent a more detailed reply and had explained the process well. It was her understanding that the PC had to wait until the development had progressed further. RT commented that according to the Case officers report from the Develop Management Committee – Ware Council would be getting over £300,000 for community projects. However TH commented that it was her understanding that the money would come out of the New Homes Bonus, although Government are trying to scrap this scheme.

9. VILLAGE PROJECTS (attached spreadsheet)

The spreadsheet listing projected projects was screen shared. TH explained that this is quite a rough list of estimated costings. She had now heard back from two residents who were willing to contribute to community schemes. She reported that

one of these donations would cover the costings of the two traffic calming signs. PA commented that the man who had made the noticeboard could possibly do the benches for a reasonable price. TH commented that the PC was looking at the plastic recycled ones which cost about £500 but would be beneficial to get another quote. KW commented that traffic calming measure must be aware of heavy farm traffic. TH confirmed these would be smiley face type signs which wouldn't effect traffic.

AS reminded Council of the scheme to improve signage at the boundaries of the village. To forward the original drawings/photos to TH

Planting – Spring bulbs need to plant in autumn. CM to action, ordering bulbs in time.

Sun flower planting – KW remarked drilled into wild bird pots in Spring, do need some cultivation and covering well. TH to run up leaflet to drop leaflets round houses to have a sun flower competition throughout the village whether planted in the ground or in pots etc. TH and CM to Action.

10. COMMON LAND

TH to speak to Lady Carter regarding planting sun flowers on the edge of the Common Land. CM suggested waiting and meeting her in person. However TH felt should start correspondence with Lady Carter about this and other ideas concerning this land. Ideas included having a few fruit trees, lavender etc, ie as a small nature reserve. TH to send an email to Lady Carter and mention the sunflower project first as this was something that could be done this year.

11. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS JAN/FEB 21

The Council duly approved the payments.

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

AH reported Mr Pool had been in email conversation with Cllr Deering, then David Snell and now himself. He reported that his query relates to moneys he believes are owed to local NHS services which could form a contribution towards a tennis court.

TH mentioned that there had been an accident on Easington Rd and asked AH whether he had any idea when the lowering of the speed limit to 20 mph may come about. He reported that this was a query for the County Councillor and Highways would have to apply for speed monitoring device to assess whether there was a

need for a reduction in speed. AH went on to say that rural settings where there were no street lights should be considered on a case by case basis. TH also mentioned that the parked cars were a problem in the village and added to the risk of accidents. This was all in the light of a recent accident where a lady was injured and taken into hospital earlier in the week. AH mentioned that personal injury/accidents should be recorded. PA commented that the accident was a result of going too fast. TH said she would forward information concerning this incident on to Ken Crofton. DH queries who was going to enforce a 20 mph. However AH pointed out that insurance companies were moving towards all people having black boxes in cars which should help matters.

DH commented on the number of near accidents down Easington Road by the shop as there frequently parked cars around it. JH suggested that the curb could be lowered and the grass removed to get more space on the road. AH suggested asking KC to get the safety audit officer onto it and survey the sight lines around the junction. TH has been speaking to him re Founceley and did have money in his locality budget. TH to Action with KC.

BS pointed out that a large problem was that the large waste bins outside the shop were blocking at least one car parking space. TH to speak to them about the bins to possibly find somewhere else to put the bins.

13. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS FROM PARISHIONERS

KW with more people walking during lockdown are getting a lot of people hanging full dog poo bags on trees. Asked if something could be put in Newsletter. TH mentioned that the PC were looking at cctv cameras. PA commented that he had never received details from EHC re cameras. TH thought it may be a good idea to speak to dog warden about this and to see where we can get cameras from. TShe commented that it may also be a good idea to put one down on Hoses' Meadow in the hopes of detering the drug dealing there. JH suggested that even fake ones may deter this type of activity. Liz Parkins from the Christmas tree Farm reported that dog poo bags had been thrown into the bottom field of the Christmas Tree Farm, an area that was close to the bin. The Clerk suggested putting something in the Newsletter and TH said she would mention this to the dog warden as well.

CM asked if the PC could put geraniums in the bank at the War Memorial in the summer months, they would need to be planted about May time. CM to get quotes for this project.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Thursday 18th March 2021

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.10 pm.