

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC), held on 15th May 2014 at Little Munden School at 8.00 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: David Metcalf (DM) Chairman; Lizzie Bacon (LB) Vice Chairman; Jonathan Pool (JP); Keith Williams (KW) Tony Bartels (TB) – Councillors.
Geraldine Ward (Clerk).

Members of the Public: 0

APOLOGIES: Jenny Macintosh; Darren Jones.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Tony Bartels declared an interest in a Planning matter.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

DM proposed that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 24th April 2014 be taken as read. DM proposed the Minutes and LB seconded them.

4. MATTERS ARISING from the last Parish Council Meeting

4.1 Common Land

DM still to write to Lord Carter regarding progressing this issue further.

4.3 Little Munden Memorial Hall Trustees

Ivan Smith reported to KW that he was getting papers legally drawn up.

4.4 Horses' Meadow

Adrian Worthington had agreed to creosote the fence along the footpath bordering Easington Road.

The Clerk reported that Mark Stevens would be giving a quote for the broken fencing and gate on Horses' Meadow.

ACTION

GW: To pass on quote from Mark Stevens re broken fencing and gate.

LB: To investigate the possibility of Grant funding for new gate and fencing.

4.5 Noticeboard

DM to attempt to reconstruct Notice Board.

4.6 Youth Club

DM reported (in his capacity as a volunteer) that there had been little take-up on the Questionnaires that had been circulated and that it was beginning to look as if Club was in danger of closing.

Regarding whether the insurance for the Youth Club could be tied in with Parish Council's insurance, the Clerk had established that this was not possible as they were two separate entities.

5. PLANNING

3/14/0685/FP

Householder application for single storey front and rear extensions, Gadgets, Munden Road, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0LP. No objection.

3/14/0729/FP

Householder application for two storey side extension 19, Paget Cottages, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NL. No objection.

3/14/0731/FP

Householder application for single storey rear extension Cherrymead, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick, Ware, Herts Sg11 1JH. No objection.

6.1 FINANCE

Current Account Balance BF 16/4/14	280.01
Deposit Account Balance BF 16/4/14	11954.97
Receipts on Current Account 16/4/14	1500.00
Receipts on Deposit Account	5057.43

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount £
24/4/14	G Ward/Clerks Fee	816	248.93
24/4/14	Zurich Municipal	817	470.50
24/4/14	Herts Display	818	93.60
24/4/14	CDA for Herts/Subscription	819	30.00
24/4/14	EHC Dog Waste Bin Emptying	820	370.80
24/4/14	SLCC Mebership Subcription	821	64.00
24/4/14	G Ward reimbursement for Litter Picker Hoop	822	15.00
24/4/14	Post Office Ltd	823	33.38
30/4/14	L Bartlett Litter Picker	S/O	41.92
30/4/14	C Bartels/Website	S/O	30.00
	Total Payments		1398.13

	£
Online balance on Current Account 6/5/14	1444.16
Balance Brought forward 16/4/14	280.01

Less Payments	1398.13
Plus o/s cheque nos 817/818/819/820/821/823	1062.28
Plus Receipts 16/4/14	1500.00

Balance as at 6/5/14	1444.16
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Online balance on Deposit Account 6/5/14	15512.40
Balance brought forward 16/4/14	11954.97
Less transfer to credit account	1500.00
Plus Precept payment 16/4/14	5057.43

Balance as at 6/5/14	15512.40
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6.2 The Clerk reported that the Bank Accounts were now online and reported problems with being able to transfer money from the deposit to the current account. Santander do not appear to recognise the accounts as being linked as a result of being old Alliance and Leicester Accounts. JP volunteered to try and sort this out with the Bank.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received

28/4/14 Email from Jethro Ensor / Location Manager Lovely Day Ltd re Filming in Dane End.

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8. AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

The Councillors approved Sections 1 and 2 of the Audit document and it could now be signed off by the internal Auditor, Derek Wheeler. The Clerk to display Notice of Audit from 19th May 2014 to 1st June 2014 and records would be available to view from 2nd June 2014 to 27th June 2014. The Annual return and supporting information should be at BDO LLP by the Audit date of 30th June 2014.

9. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

JP reported that having been given the go ahead to order the new equipment, Wicksteed now disputed the agreed price and it came out as more than the last quote. This however was being sorted out by their representative. There would be a lead time of 4 to 6 weeks from order to date of installation. JP and DM agreed to meet at Horses' Meadow and discuss precise location and TB also to examine the old igloo equipment to see what could be done to make it safer.

10. EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

ACTION: To remain on Agenda for next meeting.

11. COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

To remain on Agenda.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

12.1 DM went through the new timetable for Parish Council Meetings, as follows:

- July
- September
- November
- January
- March
- April
- May

12.2 JP commented on whether the Capital Grants programme could be used for the new fencing project on Horses' Meadow. He also commented that it would be nice to have the surface replaced under the Basket Ball hoop so that all the equipment looked smart and useable. The surface options were discussed.

12.3 Little Munden School: KW reported that although he was no longer a school Governor, he would still act as a link between the school and the Parish Council.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS

None.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.05 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th July 2014 at Little Munden School, at 8.00 pm.

Signed _____ **Date** _____
Chairman