

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC), held on 17th July 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); Darren Jones (DJ) – Councillors.
Geraldine Ward (Clerk).

Members of the Public: 0

APOLOGIES: Jenny Macintosh

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

DM proposed that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2014 be taken as read. KW proposed the Minutes and JP seconded them.

4. MATTERS ARISING from the last Parish Council Meeting

4.1 Common Land

An email had been received from the Carter's Solicitors asking for clarification of the matter as the Carters appear to have mislaid the papers. It was agreed to pass on the scaled maps through but directly to the Solicitors.

4.3 Little Munden Memorial Hall Trustees

No news.

4.4 Horses' Meadow

Adrian Worthington had agreed to creosote the fence along the footpath bordering Easington Road and also to ask him to creosote the main entrance fence that had recently been repaired.

ACTION

GW: Request AW to creosot main fence.

4.5 Noticeboard

DM to attempt to reconstruct Notice Board.

4.6 Youth Club

DM reported that the Youth Club was closed for the time being and he felt that it may be a good idea to open it for the younger ones only in the future.

4.7 Playground Equipment

DM thanked JP for all his hard work in achieving completion of this project and passed on positive comments made by parishioners about it. It was also agreed that it would be a good idea for the PC to get together to paint the Igloo which the PC had agreed to maintain.

5. PLANNING

3/14/0966/FP

Householder application for Garage and Games Room to replace the existing store, Frogs Hall, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick, Herts SG11 1JH. No objection.

3/14/1161/LB

LB Consent for removal and blocking up of existing internal doorway plus formation of new opening in existing internal partition, Green End Park, Green End, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NU. No objection.

Decisions

3/14/0554/FP/JS

Householder application for replacement of conservatory with a slat roof garden room and replacement of timber carport and store. Green End Farmhouse, Green End, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NX. Permission granted.

3/14/0729/FP/MC

Householder application for a two storey side extension and front decking 19 Paget Cottages, Dane End, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 0NL. Permission granted.

Appeals

3/14/0082/FP

Householder application replacement of 2 Velux windows in detached annex with single rear dormer, One Ash, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick, Ware, Herts SG11 1JH. From 30/5/14.

JP pointed out that as there are fewer meetings it would be a good idea for Parishioners to respond to Planning Applications when they are first sent round and to acknowledge receipt and whether or not there are any objections.

SOLAR ENERGY FARM AT NASTY

DM reported that John Ingram, the Clerk of Great Munden Parish Council had approached the Parish Council to ask for support in objecting to the application.

It was agreed that it would not be appropriate for the Parish Council to object as a body but any objections could be made as individuals.

6.1 FINANCE

Current Account Balance BF 9/6/14	1944.18
Deposit Account Balance BF 9/6/14	13712.40
Receipts on Current Account 2/7/14	12.00
Receipts on Deposit Account 27/6/14	515.58

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount £
9/6/14	M Stevens (repair to fence)	827	475.00
10/6/14	G Ward Clerks Fee	828	172.86
20/6/14	J Morris Newsletter Editing	829	180.00
30/6/14	Post Office Ltd	830	33.38
30/6/14	L Bartlett Litter Picker	S/O	41.92
30/6/14	C Bartels/Website	S/O	30.00
Total Payments			933.16

	£
Online balance on Current Account 7/7/14	1023.02
Balance Brought forward 9/6/14	1944.18
Less Payments	933.16
Plus Receipts 2/7/14 Allotment payment	12.00
Balance as at 7/7/14	1023.02

Online balance on Deposit Account 7/7/14	14227.98
Balance brought forward 9/6/14	13712.40
Plus receipt 27/6/14	515.58
Balance as at 7/7/14	14227.98

6.2 JP noted that a VAT claim had to be submitted for the Play Equipment. On 11th July the grant had been received for the Play equipment. Church Yard Maintenance was due for the LMPCC. DM also queried when the next News Letter contribution from Great Munden Parish Council was due.

ACTION:

GW - VAT Claim to be submitted for Play equipment and chase up Newsletter contributions from Great Munden.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received

9/6/14 Email to PC re Mrs Hartfield, Gladstone Road; re cat litter at Balfour Playground. PC agreed it would be a good idea to put some “Scatter Cat” on to the play area as this would be harmless to children but help deter cats.

17/6/14 Email from JP to PC re Horses’ Meadow entrance barrier: JP had suggested a field barrier on the entrance rather than a large gate. DM expressed a wish to get this done as soon as possible to prevent the possibility fly tipping or travellers moving in.

19/6/14 Letter from Little Munden School re fees for PC Meetings at School. The Parish Council considered the option to move the meetings to the Village Hall. It was agreed that this would be appropriate as it may encourage more Parishioners to attend meetings. All voted in favour of switching meeting venue to the Village Hall.

20/6/14 Email to Jonathan Meisles: Zurich Insurance re placing new play equipment on to Insurance policy.

21/6/14 Email from Keith Williams to PC - Public Access Defibrillator. Discussion took place as to the difference between sudden cardiac arrest and a heart attack. DM clarified that a sudden cardiac arrest was complete stoppage of the heart and was what the defibrillator was needed for. If there is a heartbeat then the defibrillator would not work. KW also went on to clarify that in the first instance the 999 call would be made and then the emergency services would pass on the code for the equipment if appropriate. DM also advised that some training within in the village would be appropriate on when and how to use the defibrillator. Discussion also took place regarding the housing of the Defibrillator in the phone box and advised that it would need painting and to check the power supply. KW mentioned that insurance would have to be looked into. DM explained that he had reservations about the fact that the equipment would have to cover a wide area. KW clarified the situation regarding fund raising which Oliver Copey was already doing and the Parish Council would merely be helping with regard to filling in the form of application. A vote was held for the Councillors to agree to supporting this project and the vote was unanimous in support.

23/6/14 Email from Brian Penn re Bonfire Nuisance and replies.

1/7/14 Email from Judy Carter re jobs which need doing. Patch of ground at Green Gates, small post had broken down and tree needs staking. Dead tree on Horses’ Meadow and one in Kingsfield Road. JP reported that John Grisbrooke had volunteered to do the one on Horses’ Meadow. LB also to ask Peter Bacon if he could possibly assist and liaise with John Grisbrooke.

3/7/14 Email from Claire Sim re District Planning Executive Panel on 17/7/14.

7.2 Late Post

June 2014 EHC – East Herts Community Trigger. New measures for those who have been or are experiencing ASB.

20/6/14 EHC – Village Facilities and Services Assessment. Assessment of facilities and services available in rural areas to inform work on the emerging District Plan.

ACTION: Clerk to update form and send in.

8. EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

ACTION: To remain on Agenda for next meeting.

9. COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

To remain on Agenda.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

All Councillors had been given a copy to look through. To keep on the Agenda.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS

Local Roads: JP enquired as to how the complaints regarding the state of the roads was coming on. LB reported that she had collected in forms and emails regarding complaints about the roads. She was yet to get together with Gary and decide how to present the information with possibly letting the Mercury run a piece on it. LB also reported that the Council had informed them that there would not be anything done on the Haultwick road until next year.

Litterbins in Dane End: JP mentioned that the bins, one by the shop, one by Horses' Meadow have not been emptied. He had emailed EHC and been told that they should be emptied once a week. JP had emptied them himself. He had emailed and said they haven't been touched for weeks. DM mentioned that EHC also used to trim the corner at the bottom of Church Lane but had not touched it this year.

Flytipping: JP reported that on the Whempstead Road some asbestos had been tipped into the Bourne under the bridge. However KW reported that this had been there for a year and was not dangerous. KW to enquire whether something could be done about this.

Free Youth Activities: JP reported that he had put something about these activities in the Newsletter but it seemed a shame that the information had been received so late.

Basket Ball Base: JP felt that something should now be done about this. TB to get a price for tarmac. Also to investigate appropriate markings on the internet to put on the tarmac once done.

Fence bordering White House land and path: JP reported that this still had not been repaired.

ACTION:
GW to contact Mark Stevens about doing this.

Santander: JP reported that he had been touch with the Bank to try and effect easier transfers between Accounts and had not got anywhere. He suggested that the Clerk look into finding an alternative Bank.

Dog Poo Bin: The member of the public present enquired whether a dog waste bin could be obtained for Haultwick.

ACTION: Clerk to enquire how much one would be.

Extra Bin for Horses' Meadow: JP suggested an extra bin at the top of Horses' Meadow may be a good idea as there was still a lot of litter at the top of the field.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th September 2014 at Little Munden Village Hall, at 8.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman