

## LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC), held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.**

### 1. ATTENDANCE

**Present were:** David Metcalf (DM) Chairman; Lizzie Bacon (LB) Vice Chairman; Jonathan Pool (JP); Keith Williams (KW) Tony Bartels (TB); Jenny Macintosh (JM); Darren Jones (DJ).  
– Councillors.

Geraldine Ward (Clerk).

**Members of the Public: 3**

**APOLOGIES: None**

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

DM proposed that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 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

The Land Deposit issue had overtaken matters regarding this.

**ACTION:** DM to write letter to Lord Carter.

#### 4.3 Little Munden Memorial Hall Trustees

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

#### 4.4 Horses' Meadow Car Park

Action on the new fencing and gate had been delayed until action on new play equipment was decided.

**ACTION**

**GW:** Clerk to seek quote from Stuart Kirkham for jobs on HM.

#### 4.5 Noticeboard

DM to attempt to reconstruct Notice Board.

**4.5 Phone Call**

DM reported that he had received a telephone call from Rosemary Cheswright to say that she would be meeting with Ringway and said she would pass on the list of complaints from the Parish Council. Subsequently Rosemary Cheswright confirmed to DM that Ringway would be contacting him directly.

**4.6 Youth Club**

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****3/14/0554/FP**

Householder Application for replacement of conservatory with a slate roof garden room and replacement of timber carport and store. Green End Farmhouse, Green End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NX. No objections.

**Decisions****3/14/0129/FP**

Householder Application for the Erection of a single storey garage plus carport on drive at front of house. 2 Forge Cottages, Munden Road, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0LP.

Permission granted.

**6. FINANCE**

Current Account Balance BF 11/3/14	697.12
Deposit Account Balance BF 11/3/14	11942.70
<b>Receipts on Current Account</b>	Nil
<b>Receipts on Deposit Account</b>	Nil

**Deduct Payments from Current Account**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payment to</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
			<b>£</b>
20/3/14	Post Office Ltd	814	33.38
20/3/14	G Ward/Clerks Fee	815	172.80
31/3/14	L Bartlett/Litterpicker Payment	S/O	41.92
31/3/14	C Bartels Website	S/O	30.00
10/4/14	Hert Internet	S/O	35.86
		<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>313.96</b>

£

<b>Online balance on Current Account 16/4/14</b>	280.07
Balance Brought forward 11/3/14	697.12
Less Payments	313.96
Less o/s chq nos 810/812	103.09
Plus Receipts	Nil
<b>Balance as at 16/4/14</b>	<b>280.07</b>

<b>Online balance on Deposit Account 16/4/14</b>	<b>11954.97</b>
Balance brought forward 11/3/14	11942.70
Less transfer to credit account	Nil
14/4/14 Interest paid in	12.27
<b>Balance as at 16/4/14</b>	<b>11954.97</b>

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1 Correspondence Received

27/3/14 Email from John Hambrook, Wicksteed Playscapes re quotation for Play Equipment.

4/4/14 Independent Examinations of Hertfordshire Mineral and Waste Development Framework.

9/4/14 Circular Emails regarding Deposit of Land application, Lord and Lady Carter.

10/4/14 Email from Liz McGill regarding the Rest and Welcome Public House.

11/4/14 Email from Siobhan Kellett re road sign, Whiteley Close.

#### **ACTION:**

Clerk to order sign.

15/4/14 Letter from David Cameron re new tax cuts for businesses and charities.

24/4/14 Email from Helen Denton/Definitive Map Officer, Rights of Way Service explaining the Land Deposit documents which had been displayed on a footpath in the Village of Dane End. There had been concern that these maps had not shown the Common Land but was the following explanation was given in the email: "Landowner deposits should not show common land. This is because the deposits allow the landowner to stop public rights coming into being by through use by the public. Only highways and village greens can come into being through public use, generally over 20 years; common land can only be created by enactment or other technical methods for which public use is not relevant".

## 8. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

JP gave a synopsis of discussion with Wicksteed. DM suggested that the Parish Council should go ahead with the equipment, providing a safety certificate would be provided. He

also questioned at what stage the grant would be received. JP reassured that part of the grant would be available up front and the Clerk confirmed that half of the Parish Precept would come through within the next month. DM asked that the PC approve the acquisition of the Wicksteed play equipment. KW proposed the motion and DJ seconded it and was carried unanimously. DM congratulated JP on all his work on achieving this. JP suggested an on-site meeting with the Chairman. It was agreed that there was no rush to get rid of the igloo as the new equipment would be far enough away. KW enquired whether the Igloo was condemned and it was agreed that it was still safe and had passed the last Playground equipment. It was agreed that there was no reason why it shouldn't stay and could be treated with filler and pain. TB to look into restoring the igloo.

<b>ACTION:</b> GW to enquire as to how much this would add to the Zurich Insurance. JP to order equipment. TB to look into improving igloo.
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## **10. BUDGET**

JP commented on the budget as followings. He had allowed £1800 for the three items that the Clerk had brought to the attention of the Council which included restoring fencing on Horses' Meadow car Park, creosoting Easington Road fence and repairing wire fencing at top of meadow. £5,000 had been budgeted for new Play Equipment. The budget was proposed by JP and TB seconded.

## **10. EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

<b>ACTION:</b> To remain on Agenda for next meeting.
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## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS**

The meeting was brought to a close at 7.55 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Little Munden School, at 8.00 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman