

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC), held on 15th January 2015 at Little Munden Memorial Hall 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 – Councillors.
Geraldine Ward (Clerk).

Members of the Public: Bob Kirkby (BK); Gary Strivens (GS).

APOLOGIES: Jenny Macintosh (JM); Darren Jones (DJ).

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

DM proposed that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2014 be taken as read. LB proposed the Minutes and TB seconded them.

4. MATTERS ARISING from the last Parish Council Meeting

4.1 Common Land

DM and LB to check through old files.

4.2 Little Munden Memorial Hall Trustees

Bob Kirkby attended the meeting. He reported that he and KW had met before Christmas to discuss this issue. As a result BK was to follow-up the procedure for appointing holding trustees and since then Bob had had the opportunity of meeting with the Community Development Action Group who had within that organisation an expert on Village Hall matters. BK reported that he had looked into the situation of the Village Hall having had all the papers and had been advised that Little Munden Village Hall is one of the few village halls who have individuals as holding trustees and their expert recommended having a single body as a Hall Trustee such as the Charity Commission. The benefit of doing this would be that the Hall would never have to appoint Trustees again and in this respect appointed a single body would be a one off legal fee. BK reported that the fee would probably be a minimum of about £600. Costs involved in having a body as a holding Trustee included that of registering with the Land Registry which would cost about £250. He went on to say that the Committee of the Memorial Hall have yet to be reported to and felt that this route suggested would be the route to go and that the Management Trustees would have the power to get on with this.

DM pointed out that the Parish Council had no jurisdiction regarding the Memorial Hall. KW pointed out that this issue had been discussed before and the Parish Council had decided not to support this move. BK pointed out that if something was to happen then it would be handled professionally. KW to report back to the other existing Holding Trustees and ask his opinion on the matter. He felt that he and Ivan Smith would want to

be sure that the charities Commission will have the villages' interests uppermost if the need arises.

4.3 Noticeboard

DM to attempt to build a new Parish Council Notice Board. TB mentioned that he did have a table which could be used for a top part.

4.4 Youth Club

DM reported that he had an email, forwarded from Derek Wheeler re Church Meeting he attended regarding the youth initiative they were launching called Messy Church. DM felt that the Parish Council should support this. The Youth Clubs funds were to be transferred to the Parish Council accounts and DM wondered if some funds could be used for this although JP felt that this was not a good idea at present and to perhaps review the situation in a few months time.

4.5 Public Access Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that at present BT were undergoing the 90 days consultation over the existing telephone which had to be decommissioned. This process should be completed in early March.

4.6 Extra Bin for Horses' Meadow

The Clerk had emailed East Herts to enquire about obtaining a bin and was awaiting a reply.

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| ACTION: Clerk to chase up EHC to obtain bin. |
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4.7 Basketball Base

TB to investigate supply of new basket ball base.

4.8 Charities and Meeting up with new Vicar

KW requested a meet up for Tony Brown with the new Vicar with the objective of handing over the Charities to him. DM to write to the Vicar and invite him to a Parish Meeting, possible the APM in April. In the meantime DM to write to him to introduce the subject to the Vicar. He also felt that the Parish Council should look to appoint a new representative for the Consolitated Charities and it was agreed to also copy Brian Long into the letter.

4.9 Community Grant

In the last meeting, it was agreed to try and arrange an event for the elderly of the Village. To this end it was agreed to apply for a grant from EHC. The next date would be 2nd March but there was no meeting inbetween. DM agreed to Email JM to apply for the grant on behalf of the Parish Council.

4.10 The State of the Roads

DM reported that he had had a call today from Rosemary Cheswright to arrange a meeting with him and a representative from Ringway to discuss this issue. He had also received a letter from Oliver Heald in response to his letter.

Gary Strivens (resident of Haultwick) summarised a meeting he had had with Robin Noades (Local Network Technician for Ringway Ltd Highway contractors to Hertfordshire Highways) on Thursday 15th January 2015. A copy of this Summary is attached to these Minutes.

GS advised that he would write a report to be sent to Oliver Heald. The PC also agreed that something should be put in the Newsletter about reporting potholes.

4.11 School Buses

DM did contact Transport to School but the complaints about the route to Buntingford fell on deaf ears and they insisted that a taxi was being sent to take children to Ward Freman, which clearly isn't the case and as DM pointed out the fact that they use companies out of the local area must make the carbon footprint vast.

5. PLANNING

5.1 New Applications

3/14/2090/FP

HA/Creation of first floor with roof terrace.

Ashdown Nurseries, Giffords Lane, Haultwick, Ware, Herts SG11 1JE

3/14/2229/FP

HA/ Raising Roof to form first floor accommodation and two storey and single storey side extension. Mulberry House, Green End, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NX.

3/14/2119/FP

FP/Change of use of existing equestrian facilities to allow use as livery and stud Sacombe Green Farm, 1-2 Sacombe, Ware, Herts SG12 0JF.

3/14/2309/PR

Whitehill Farm, Dane End, Herts SG12 0JS

Change of use of existing agricultural store/livestock pens into three residential dwellings.

Applicant: Lord Carter of Coles. Representations to be made by 4th February 2015.

JM who wasn't present at the meeting had sent a copy of her thoughts regarding this development which were as follows:

- It would set a precedent for further development
- There was no mains drainage on a road which is treacherous in the winter.
- Did not want to see another gated development such as Potters Green.

JP was concerned that he was unable to find out what would happen to the other buildings but other than that he felt that it seemed good use of some ugly redundant buildings. JP had emailed the agent to find out what their intentions were regarding the other buildings. KW

felt that the other buildings would come down but JP was more sceptical about this. The general consensus was that if the development on the whole site is limited to just the three residential dwellings there would not be too much of a problem. It was agreed that the Council should ask the question as to whether further development was planned. JP to follow-up and contact EHC Planning.

Decisions

3/14/1861/LB/LP

LB/ Removal and blocking up of existing internal doorways plus formation of new opening in existing internal partitions. Green End Park, Green End, Dane End, Ware, Herts G12 0NU

6. FINANCE

6.1 Financial Statement

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| Current Account Balance BF 17/12/14 | 11682.33 |
| Receipts on Current Account | None |

Deduct Payments from Current Account

| Date | Payment to | Cheque No | Amount £ |
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| 31/12/14 | L Barlett/Litterpicker Payments | S/O | 41.92 |
| 31/12/14 | C Bartels/Website | S/O | 30.00 |
| Total Payments | | | 71.92 |

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| | £ |
| Online balance on Current Account 5/1/15` | 11610.41 |
| Balance Brought forward 17/12/14 | 11682.33 |
| Less Payments | 71.92 |
| Balance as at 5/1/15 | 11610.41 |

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received

1/12/14 Jenny Pierce, Senior Planning Officer EHC; East Herts Green Belt Review 2014. DM to have a further look.

1/12/14 Email to JP re Flytipping Horses' Meadow.

17/12/14 Email from Claire Pullen, EHC re local Community Projects.

17/12/14 Email from Jackie Morris re 2nd Bus Consultation.

19/12/14 Council Tax 2015/16.

5/1/15 Email from Mark Vigus re Mole Hills on football pitch. JP commented that as the Council did all the cutting on the field and allowed the Football Club to use the pitch rent free, that it would be fair for the Football Team to deal with this.

7.2 Late Post

15/1/15 Quote from Ronald Stanley for installing gate. All agreed that this was a reasonable quote and he should go ahead. It was agreed that all users of the field and the allotments should be given the code for the lock.

Email from Derek Wheeler re Youth Initiative.

8. COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

To remain on Agenda.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

JP queried state of repair of the fence at the top of Horses' Meadow bordering on the footpath. GW to ask Adrian Worthington to mend it.

KW reported that he would trim the lower branches of the oak trees at the top of Church Lane.

Siobhan Kellett asked again to have a road sign preventing cyclists at the front of Whiteley Close, bordering Munden Road. TB agreed to install it.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM PARISHIONERS

None.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.45 pm. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th March 2015 at Little Munden Village Hall, at 8.00 pm.**

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman