

## LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC), held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 8.00 pm.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

**Present were:** Lizzie Bacon (LB) Chairman; Jonathan Pool (JP) Vice Chairman; Keith Williams (KW) (Councillors

**In Attendance:** Darren Jones (DJ); Paul Kenealy (District Councillor) Geraldine Ward (Clerk).

**Members of the Public:** About 30 Parishioners.

**APOLOGIES:** Jenny Macintosh (JM); Keith Boulton (KB); Hannah Charvill (HC); Rosemary Cheswright (County Councillor).

Lizzie Bacon welcomed the new councillors to the meeting.

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Keith Williams declared an interest in Agenda Item No 5.1.

#### 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

KW proposed that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 be taken as read and JP seconded them.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING from the last Parish Council Meeting

##### 4.1 Common Land

LB reported that David Metcalf would be happy to work on this issue in the future.

##### 4.2 Little Munden Memorial Hall Trustees

KW reported on a meeting held with the Solicitor and Ivan Smith and all of the trustees. They all agreed to go ahead and get the Deed of Variation drawn up and updated to the present day. The Charity Commission would become the overall Trustee. He noted that the set up at the moment was archaic and needed to be brought back up to modern standards.

##### 4.3 Noticeboard

LB hasn't been able to talk to David Metcalf about creating a new noticeboard but would talk to him as soon as he had returned from holiday.

##### 4.4 Extra Bin for Horses' Meadow

JP reported that two bins had appeared on Horses' Meadow. JP suggested putting a chain round one at the top of the Meadow. The Clerk to ask the litterpicker to be aware of them. JP suggested that one could be used for recycling. After some discussion it was agreed to have just one and to store the other one. KW to store the spare one.

**4.6 Letter from WSP re Flooding**

David Metcalf had taken the copy of the letter to action. LB to follow-up with him.

**4.7 Playground Inspection/Horses' Meadow**

The Clerk reported that she had phoned EHC and had flagged up the condition of the Igloo in the week preceding the inspection. She confirmed that she would bring it to the attention of the inspector. The report was due shortly.

**4.8 Website**

All agreed that the website layout and design was good. Councillors thought it would be a good idea to let it get up and running and see what comments if any from users it got with a view to making alterations. JP said it would be a good idea to announce in the Newsletter and ask for comments from Parishioners as to how to make it better. KW mentioned that it would be particularly good to have comments from the younger generation.

**5. PLANNING**

**5.1 New Applications**

**3/15/1080/FUL**

Construction and use of an Agricultural Storage Lagoon. Home Farm, Munden Road, Dane End, Ware, Hertfordshire. For Indegro Ltd. Representations to be made by 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015. JP pointed out that representations originally were to be made by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. A letter of representation was sent by the Parish Council on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Since then the Parish Council have held an EM on 6<sup>nd</sup> July during which the Parish Council and the public heard statements of clarification from the applicant and his representative and a question and answer session. JP suggested that now a second letter of representation should be submitted to East Herts Council. The letter had been drafted and sent to all councillors and if in agreement would be sent off. JP also suggested that it should be noted that the intention was to include a copy of the EM Minutes if they are approved. JP asked if Councillors were happy with this which they were.

**3/15/1367/ARPN**

Change of use of existing agricultural store/livestock pens into three residential dwellings at Whitehill Farm, Dane End, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 0JS. For Lord Carter of Coles. Representations to be made by 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015. JP commented that this was a resubmission from a few months ago. Representations were made then to EHC and was subsequently turned down. They have resubmitted on the basis on two technical points and was exactly the same application. Therefore JP reported that he had sent off the same letter of representation. JP went on to say that the biggest concern is that although the buildings that they are considering building are very nice, there are a lot of other buildings there, including the possibility of the presence of asbestos. The application had not alluded to any of these buildings and JP had asked the agent what would happen to them. They have said that they will get in touch with Lord Carter's representative and will get back to him. That was early July and he has still not got back despite a number of attempts to get in touch with him. JP stated that he would continue to try and contact him on this point as the presence of the other

buildings suggested further development plans in the future. LB made the point that this new application was based on permission being granted for two barn conversions at Levens Green. JP to follow-up and stated that if he doesn't get a response from the agent he will contact EHC to say that he had been trying to ask what the plans were for the other buildings.

## 5.2 Appeal

**3/14/2229/FP APPEAL REFERENCE NO J1915/D/15/3007532**

Mulberry House, Green End, Ware SG12 0NX

RE: 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. **The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted.**

## 6. FINANCE

Current Account Balance BF 8/6/15 £13,050.01

### Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount £
30/6/15	L Bartlett Litterpicker	S/O	41.92
30/6/15	C Bartels Website	S/O	30.00
15/6/15	Herts Display March/April/May	889	290.16
15/6/15	Post Office Ltd Clerk's PAYE	890	33.38
15/6/15	G Ward Clerk's Fee	891	166.00
6/7/15	Digital Monkey Ltd Printing	892*	250.00
6/7/15	Adrian Worthington Horses' Meadow	893*	309.50
6/7/15	Jackie Morris Newsletter Edit	894*	180.00
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>1300.96</b>

	<b>£</b>
<b>Online balance on Current Account 9/7/15</b>	<b>12455.17</b>
Balance Brought forward 8/6/15	13050.01
Less Payments	1300.96
Less Cleared Cheque no 886	33.38
*Plus uncleared Cheque Nos 892,893,894	739.50
<b>Balance as at 9/7/15</b>	<b>12455.17</b>

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1 Correspondence Received

30/6/15 Emails from Cllrs James Cartwright and Paul Kenealy re attending EM

1/7/15 Email from Cllr Ken Crofton – apologies not able to attend EM

## **7.2 Correspondence Sent**

25/6/15 Letter from Jonathan Pool on behalf of LMPC to Simon Drinkwater, EHC re Application 3/15/1080/FUL  
29/6/15 Letter to BDO and Annual Return documentation

## **7.3 Late Post**

None

JP asked the Clerk if she had flagged up the condition of the igloo.

## **8. NEW WEBSITE**

Discussed during Matters Arising.

## **9. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015**

JP proposed the minutes for adoption and KW seconded them.

## **10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

At the meeting a request by the SLADE Campaign, (Stop Lagoon at Dane End) had been made to the Parish Council to fund the expenses to 6<sup>th</sup> July for the sum of £1250.00. The Chairman explained that the Councillors were not in agreement to cover the expenses as there had been no prior approval of the content of the leaflet/posters nor of the costs thereof, but consideration would be given to making a contribution to future costs.

## **11. RECEIVE NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND TO DEAL WITH THOSE MATTERS IF APPROPRIATE**

### **Newsletter**

JP had sent round a draft of a proposed new look to the Newsletter but had rather fallen on deaf ears. JP decided it would be better to discuss at a later date.

A letter had been sent to the Clerk from Sophia Theo regarding starting up discussion about a skateboard ramp. JP's thoughts were the same as two years ago. The PC had confirmed support for the skateboard ramp project on condition that it was commissioned and paid for by a benefactor through the Youth Club. It was subject also to a number of conditions. It is possible that it was these conditions that caused it's subsequent withdrawal, although the Parish Council is unaware why the application didn't go ahead.. Personally JP felt that the PC should not be involved in this and that the availability of Skate Board Parks in nearby towns should adequately fulfil those needs and that the PC should not get involved in something that the majority of villagers may not want. He felt that the PC should reply to the letter. KW felt that it should be looked at. The Clerk reported that Sophia was intending on coming to tonight's meeting but then in view of the impending discussions re planning, she had decided to wait until September. The Clerk to write to Sophia and report that the

Council had discussed it and that they would be happy to see her at the next meeting and talk about it then.

KW left the meeting at this point.

## **12. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISHIONERS**

### **Minutes**

Concern was expressed by Parishioners that the previous Parish Council Minutes weren't on the website. The Council reassured them that now the new website was up and running this would be addressed immediately.

### **Storage Lagoon**

There was considerable objection to the Councils' decision not to pay the costs of £1250 and overriding public opinion was that the PC had a duty to financially support such campaigns.

The proposed Dane End lagoon would be for the storage of digestate that had already been separated by anaerobic digestion.

The Parish Council reiterated that, whilst the principle of a lagoon for the storage of digestate may have merit, it was strongly against the siting of it off the Whempstead Lane and that it ought to be possible to find a suitable site immediately off the A602 trunk road.

Paul Kenealy (District councillor) suggested that the earliest date that this application might go to Committee would be September/October. He reiterated that the best form of opposition to the Planning Application was for individuals to write letters of opposition.

LB questioned some Parishioners as to why they were arguing with the PC when the PC had objected to where the lagoon was proposed to be sited and she felt that the funding of expenses to date would set a precedent for anyone else applying for money without giving an accurate and detailed proposal.

The point was made that, after previous approval of the application for the green waste digester at Green Tye, a variation to the planning permission to double the number of permitted vehicle movements was subsequently granted, ie a maximum of 4 in and out HGV movements per day at the proposed Dane End lagoon could be varied (upwards) later.

From the floor there was a question as to whether the PC should not write to Environmental Health and Highways? DJ made it clear that the letter of representation from the Parish Council to EHC pointed out that no odour impact survey had been done, no traffic survey carried out, no traffic infrastructure survey over the road that would be used and that there had been no accident and emergency planning included.

The eventuality of a Planning Application Committee Meeting was then discussed and from the floor there was a question as to whether or not the Parish Council would be happy to pay for someone to represent the Community at the meeting. LB pointed out that the PC doesn't have to appoint a person and that can be choice of campaign group. JP pointed out that Paul Kenealy should be given as much information as possible as he would have more of a voice to the Planning Committee and that there is only 3 mins for Parishioners to put their views through an appointed person.

Russell Parkins suggested that the PC could precept for 2016/17 a one-off sum to support financially the campaign against the lagoon. LB agreed that this could be considered when the PC discussed what level of 2016/17 precept it would apply for in November.

### **Defibrillator**

A Parishioner questioned when the defibrillator would be up and running. Mrs Copsy informed the meeting that they were just waiting for the electrician to come and connect the box. Training would be available on its use and all would be welcome to attend these sessions.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015** at Little Munden Village Hall, at 8.00 pm.

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