

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 21st July 2016 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 8.00 pm.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Jonathan Pool agreed to be appointed Chairman for a period up to and including the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2017; a new Chairman will be appointed at the PC's May meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Jonathan Pool (JP) Chairman; Keith Williams (KW); David Hart (DH) Jenny Macintosh (JP); Darren Jones (DJ) - Councillors
Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk

Members of the Public: 2

APOLOGIES: Hannah Charvill (HC); Lizzie Bacon (LB)

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

KW:- Planning 3/15/1080/FUL

4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th May 2016

The minutes were proposed by DH and seconded by KW

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

5.1 Little Munden Memorial Hall Trustees

KW had spoken to Derek Wheeler about this who informed him that no further action needed to be taken on this.

5.2 Noticeboard

All Parishioners agreed that David Metcalf had done an excellent job providing the new Parish Council Noticeboard and that the Clerk should send on their thanks.

5.3 Fencing Horses' Meadow

The Clerk reported that a quote would be obtained shortly.

5.4 Basketball Hoop Base

It was agreed to get prices for tarmac for the base and that it would probably need edging. Several years ago the car park had been tarmaced and it was agreed to get a quote from the firm who had done the work.

5.5 Lovely Day Productions Car Parking

JP agreed to contact the company himself.

5.6 Gladstone Road Fence

The Clerk to contact Lord Carter's Agent.

AGENDA

6. PLANNING

6.1 New Applications

3/16/1323/FUL

Woolston Farm, The Street, Haultwick, Ware, Herts

Proposed extnesions and remodeling of existing stables and change of use to form manage in paddock area. Comments by 8th July 2016.

TELEFONICA: Proposed Base Station Installation at CTIL2346633-TEF79165 LAN AT HIGHVIEW FARM, GREEN END LANE, DANE END, WARE SG12 0LP. Comments by 25th July 2016.

Some discussion took place regarding this proposal. JP queried whether different companies share the receiver and KW commented that by law the receiver had to be shared to stop a proliferation of masts over the countryside. JP also queried whether the landowner at Highview Farm would continue to fell the trees around the proposed site although all agreed that there wasn't much that could be done to stop this. The Councillors did not object to the proposal and felt that Parishioners would be enthusiastic about it.

6.2 Decisions

3/16/0868/HH

48 Founceley Avenue, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0NQ

First floor side and two storey rear extension. Single storey front extension. Permission granted.

3/15/1080/FUL

Home Farm, Munden Road, Dane End Ware, Herts SG12 0LL

Construction of an agricultural lagoon and access road. Permission refused.

On the 25th May 2016, East Herts Council decided to refuse planning permission on the grounds that the proposed development would result in a significant change in the amount and type of traffic on the rural roads serving the development site which are constrained in both width and alignment. As a result, the proposal would have a significantly harmful impact on the rural character of the roads, the residential properties along it and would lead to the potential for conflict with other road users. The proposal would thereby be contrary to policy TR20 of the East Herts Local Plan Second Review April 2007 and the NPPF.

It is understood that the options available to the applicant (Indegro Limited) are:

- 1) They could appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). They have 6 months from the date of decision to appeal and it would be solely in respect of the reason for refusal.
- 2) They could submit a further planning application, either smaller/different shape/access etc. or at an alternative site.
- 3) Without planning permission, local farmers could fertilise their crops with biodigestate by way of delivery tankers transferring the biofertiliser directly to the spreading equipment.

The PC will respond to developments as appropriate.

3/16/0785/ARPN

Whitehill Farm, Whitehill, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0JR

Prior approval is required and granted subject to plan numbers.

Prior Approval is a form of Permitted Development brought in by Central Government to try and bring unused agricultural buildings back in to use as residential. In the absence of any structural alterations, planning permission is not required for the change of use of the redundant farm buildings to residential assuming the planners are satisfied that the proposal falls within the requirements set out by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

As this proposal falls within these requirements, the application is 'Prior Approval Required and Granted'

3/16/1109/PNHH

Woolstone Farm, The Street Haultwick, Ware, Herts SG11 1JQ

Single storey rear extension Depth 5.4 metres maximum height 3.9 metres. Eaves height 2.4 metres. Prior approval is required and refused subject to conditions.

6.3 Appeal

3/16/0285/FUL

Land adjacent to: 7 Pearman Drive, Dane End, Ware, Herts Appeal Reference AP/16/0055/REFUSE.

The PC did not think it was able to object on planning grounds, but that, following the representations from Pearman Drive residents, it agreed to write to EH Planning (22 March) requesting assurances that the planning authorities be satisfied on five specific matters which it understood reasonably to be of concern to the immediate neighbours.

David Hart met two Pearman Drive residents on site and reported back verbally to the PC essentially on their concerns that the size of the plot is too small for the proposed size of house, the closeness of the house to the other properties in the road, loss of neighbours' privacy, loss of the turning point used to reverse from the homes at nos. 6 and 5 and that the new house would be of greater impact on the area because of its close proximity to the road (as opposed to the rest of the houses that are set back from Pearman Drive). Following the Appeal Notice and further representations from the immediate neighbours, the PC agreed to write (01 July) to restate their continuing concerns, highlight the relevant

conclusions in the 'Authorisation for Committee/Officer Decision' paper and invite the Inspector to take particular note of these considerations in deciding the appeal.

The clerk informed the meeting that HC had informed her that the appeal has been withdrawn.

Post Script: In an email dated 22nd June and copied to Jonathan Pool, a parishioner wrote: "Certainly the PC has not been slow to support or seek rejection of other developments in the valley such as the Carter's desire to develop their barns, or the Lagoon. It may give the impression of prejudice in favour of their committee members. That would be unfortunate." Councillors are appalled at these (possibly libellous) remarks and collectively confirm in the strongest possible terms that no prejudice is now or will be shown in favour of fellow councillors.

7. FINANCE

	£
Online Current Account Balance BF 12/5/16	15615.75
Receipts: 4/6/16 Allotment payment x 5	60.00
9/7/16 Allotment payment x 2	24.00

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount
19/5/16	Post Office Ltd	946	33.38
19/5/16	G Ward Clerks Fee	947	179.78
19/5/16	R Barron Website May&June	948	70.00
	VOID	949	
19/5/16	J Morris Newsletter Editing	950	180.00
30/5/16	L Bartlett/Litterpicker payment	S/O	41.92
1/6/16	Trundles/Horses' Meadow rental	S/O	0.50
9/6/16	Post Office Ltd	951	33.38
9/6/16	R Barron Website (July)	952	35.00
9/6/16	Mundens PCC (Village Lunch)	953	200.00
9/6/16	G B Long Plumber	954	45.00*
9/6/16	G Ward Clerks Fee	955	178.52
9/6/16	Herts Display May Newltr	956	64.48
30/6/16	L Bartlett/Litterpicker payment	S/O	41.92
7/7/16	Adrian Worthington Parish Maintn	957	154.77*
7/7/16	SLCC (Clerks Manual)	958	50.50*
	Total Payments		1309.15

	£
Online balance on Current Account 12/07/16	14535.87

Balance Brought forward 12/5/16	15615.75
Less Payments	1309.15
Plus Receipts:- Allotment Payments	84.00
Plus uncleared cheque no 954, 957, 958	250.27
Less cleared cheque no 940	105.00

Balance as at 12/7/16 **£14535.87**

7.2 The Clerk reported that David Metcalf wished to waive payment for the cheque £27.80 for the padlock on Horses Meadow.

7.3 JP informed the meeting that the accounts for the year to date (3 months 12 July) showed income of £4.8k (mainly 6 months' precept) and expenditure of £2.6k; no items of expenditure to date called for particular comment.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence Received

3/6/16 Email from Rick Tinner to Clerk & JP re Land Adjacent to 7 Pearman Drive, Dane End, Ware and reply.

13/6/16 Email from Parishioner to JP re District Plan meeting on 5th May 2016.

17/6/16 Email from Andrew Morris re A602 Improvements.

29/6/16 email from Phil Barnes re Horses Meadow/local nature reserve.

The Parishioners commented that in theory this was a nice idea however JP did not think that picnic benches at the top of the field were a good idea and could encourage outsiders. However the idea could be transferrable and better suited to the use to which the Common Land to the north-east of Church Lane may be put. Furthermore the scheme proposed for Horses' Meadow would be unlikely to receive permission from the landowner.

29/6/16 Email from HCC re Highway Fault report.

30/6/16 Email from JP to Councillors re 3/15/1080/FUL Construction of agricultural lagoon and access road.

5/7/16 Email from Kate Gilmartin, Circle Housing re 34 Fouceley Avenue.

14/7/16 East Herts Council (Councillor Ken Crofton) EHC, Chairman's Garden Party

8.2 Correspondence Sent

23/6/16 Letter to Freeholder of the Boot, Dane End re closure.

1/7/16 Email from JP to CT1 re Planning Appeal: Land Adjacent to 7 Pearman Drive AP/16/0055/REFUSE.

4/7/16 Letter to Lord Carter re fence down at the top of Gladstone Road.

8.3 Late Post

None

9. TO REVIEW THE MAJOR INCIDENT EMERGENCY PLAN TO REFLECT CHANGES AND UPDATE

DJ reported that the Plan had been updated and was ready to be circulated to the relevant parties.

10. COMMON LAND

The Councillor agreed to invite David Metcalf to the next meeting to discuss this. KW commented that hedging could be grown up one side and that funding schemes were available such as from the National Lottery, English Heritage, Biffa etc.

JP commented that first the Council need to “take possession” of the land. DJ commented that he thought that David Metcalf thought that the land on the site which had been “set aside”, was not the full amount in respect of the measurements for that particular plot of common land.

JP thought that the best way forward would be to meet with David Metcalf to inspect the site.

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

- DH reported that the hole under the Baulk gate was increasing in size. Agreed that Tom Goldsmith should be contacted about this.
- DJ reported that nothing seemed to be developing regarding the Rest and Welcome and volunteered to contact Liz McGill again.
- KW reported that Open Reach had been surveying along the Munden Road in connection with the commitment to improve broadband in the area.
- KW suggested that the footpath on Church Lane which leads up to the school should be put on the Parish Council’s cutting schedule as the brambles were out of control and dangerous to small children.
- JM commented that the village lunch was a great success and 47 people attended the last one.

12. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISHIONERS

Bob Hicks enquired whether the PC has any interest in the Slade Fund Accounts to which JP answered “no”.

Mr Hicks went onto to enquire what the status was regarding the gate at Horses Meadow as he was concerned about the possibility of fly tipping and the possibility of travellers occupying the field. JP reported that it had been discussed at the last meeting and that at present concerns were not too great as there were less night time visitors to Horses Meadow than when the gate was initially installed; gate closure would be kept under review.

Mr Hicks also reported that the footpath up to Paget Cottages was very overgrown and volunteered to cut back the brambles.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.57 pm.

The next meeting will be held on
Thursday 15th September 2016 at Little Munden Village Hall, at 8.00 pm.

Signed _____ **Date** _____
Chairman