

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 17th November 2016 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 8.00 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Jonathan Pool (JP) Chairman; Keith Williams (KW); David Hart (DH); Jenny Macintosh (JM); Lizzie Bacon (LB); Hannah Charvill (HC) – Councillors

District councillor: Paul Kenealy

Members of the Public: 4

APOLOGIES: Darren Jones & Geraldine Ward (Clerk)

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

HC 3/16/2403/FUL

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th September 2016

The minutes were proposed by DH and seconded by JM

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

4.1 Fencing Horses' Meadow

The fencing has been done.

4.2 Basketball Hoop Base

DJ to investigate potential resurfacers.

4.3 Lovely Day Productions Car Parking

The company have now paid the amount outstanding.

4.4 Appeals AP/16/0091/REFUSE Home Farm, Munden Road, Dane End. **Construction of an agricultural lagoon and access road. Appeal lodged with Inspectorate.**

Appeal No APP/J1915/W/16/3156149. www.acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Re. SLADE request for financial contribution.

Whilst the minutes of the last meeting accurately recorded what JP said, it was not the intention to suggest that the level of written objections within the community had fallen from 60% (initial application) to 7% (following the revised application). It is likely that the level of positive objection probably is still around the 60% mark, higher if you take petitions into account, but it is essential for those households which originally objected to the initial application to reconfirm their objection and, to this end, JP would expect SLADE, at its proposed public meeting, to encourage residents to write to the appeals' inspector strongly supporting the decision of East Herts Council to refuse the application.

4.5. Footpath Kingsfield Road to Boot overgrown.

John Grisbrooke advised that we should contact Countryside Management Scheme. Paul Evans, CMS, has forwarded (16/11/16) JP's enquiry on to the relevant Rights of Way Officer at Hertfordshire County Council, Tom Goldsmith.

Tom Goldsmith reports that he has had a quick look on the Land Registry website and the path itself has a registered owner, separate to the neighbouring properties. If we wish to follow this up, there is a search charge of £3.00. LB offered to contact Tom Goldsmith to investigate more fully the situation. LB also to contact Tom Goldsmith regarding the hole by the Baulk Gate.

4.6. VETs scheme.

The VETS Scheme is now in place and the leaflet promised by Community Heartbeat is on Mundens.net - this contains the essential number to call for back up if you are dialing 999 and need to use the Defibrillator. This will in turn ring the volunteers who are registered on the scheme. Councillors have agreed to pay for the hire of the Memorial Hall next Thursday evening for a volunteers' training session.

4.7. Brambles on the pavement leading up to the school

KW reported that the brambles had now been cut back. This has now been put on the Parish maintenance cutting schedule.

5. PLANNING

5.1 New Applications

3/16/2403/FUL

Erection of detached dwelling. Land adjacent to 7 Pearman Drive, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0LW. Comments by 24th November 2016.

At the time of the previous planning application, the Parish Council decided that it was neither for nor against the proposed development, but, following representation from the immediate neighbours, agreed to write to East Herts Planners requesting certain assurances. On the appeal against the refusal of the application, the Parish Council wrote again on behalf of the immediate neighbours inviting the Appeal's Inspector to take note of particular comments within the 'Authorisation for Committee/Officer Decision paper. The appeal, of course, was withdrawn and this revised application has now been submitted.

In a letter of 21 October written on behalf of the applicant, the new proposal seeks to overcome the previous reasons for refusal by reducing the size of the dwelling, which reduction in size has increased the distances from the boundaries of the site. On the face of it this seems to address the main objections of the immediate neighbours. Except that JP understands that the neighbours do not agree that their objections have in any way been addressed.

JP invited Messrs Tinner, Marlow and White to address the Council.

Mr Marlow felt that the application was being developed on a garden and not “land” fit for Development purposes. He also felt that the new application did not address the previous objections of the previous application.

Mr Tinner also felt that although the development was reduced in size, problems with noise, more traffic and tree scape change which were reasons to turn down the previous application, remained unchanged. He felt that the new application remained out of character with the rest of the properties, pattern and density of Pearman Drive. The proposed house would still disrupt the line of the drive. He also noted that if granted permission it may set a precedent for other properties to seek planning permission within their grounds.

Mr White, a new resident to Pearman Drive commented that he had moved into a large detached house, four bedroomed property with a large garden double garage and driveway with lovely views, all features shared with the other properties on the drive. He stated that he objected to the plans to put a house in the garden of no 7 and that the plot is too small. He stated that all other properties enjoy gardens of ¼ to 1/3 of an acre and felt that the new property, if built, would be shoe-horned into a much smaller space making it totally out of character with the rest of the properties. He went on to say that at the moment no other house overlooks another but the new property would affect his property’s views from the front. It would also effect the view of the village on the approach to Dane End from Sacombe.

JP asked for sight of the original objections and the ones that the residents would want to put forward now to see if there were any further objections that could be put forward. He asked for the written submissions to be given as soon as possible so he could pass these onto East Herts Planning on their behalf.

New Applications

3/16/2228/PNHH 30/9/16

Prior notification. Single storey rear extension: Depth 7.8 metres, max height 4.0 metres, eaves height 2.5 metres. The Cottage, Green End, Dane End. 42 days for LPA to issue determination otherwise development may proceed.

3/16/2210/HH 6/10/16

Part demolition of existing bungalow and rebuild with alterations to fenestration. Proposed new porch and ground floor extension. Proposed extension to raise roof height and create first floor. Cherrymead, Frogs Lane, Haultwick, Ware. Comments by 27/10/16.

3/16/2135/LBC 6/10/16

Proposed single storey lean to extension and erection of new detached garage. Yew Tree Cottage, Green End, Dane End, Ware. Comments by 27/10/16.

3/16/2346/HH 28/10/16

Proposed double storey side and single storey front extensions. 6 Easington Road, Dane End, Ware. Comments by 18/11/16

3/16/2466/HH

Two storey and single storey rear extension. Two new first floor side window openings. 18 Kingsfield Road, Dane End, Ware. Comments by 30/11/16

Decisions

3/16/1850/FUL 4/10/16

Extensions and remodeling of stables and change of use of land within paddock area to form manege. Woolston Farm, The Street, Haultwick, Ware. Permission granted.

3/16/2130/FUL

The installation of a 21m lattice mast with 6 antennas and 2 microwave dishes, 2 equipment cabinets and a meter cabinet and development ancillary thereto within a fenced compound. High View Farm, Green End Lane, Dane End, Ware SG12 0FF. Telefonica. Permission Granted.

Appeal

E/15/0098/ENF

Appeal against the enforcement notice of erection of an unauthorized two storey rear extension. The Cottage, Green End, Dane End. All representations to be received by 30/11/16.

6. FINANCE

JP referred to the accounts which had been circulated to Councillors and, in particular, the budget for 2017/18, with the recommendation that the precept request be unchanged at £9,430.

All were in agreement that the precept should remain unchanged.

KW queried whether money should be spent on the playground However JP felt that the igloo would be functional once repainting and filling had been done. KW felt that the size of the links in the chains on the swings needed replacing according to the recommendations of the report. KW and JP to carry out site inspection of negative items raised in the Playground Inspection Report.

Online Current Account Balance BF 6/9/16	£ 16284.82
Receipts:	
Litterpicker Grant	521.04
Precept	4715.00
Lovely View Productions	100.00
Newsletter Payment LMPCC	217.63
Allotment x 2	24.00
Total	<hr/> 5577.67

Deduct Payments from Current Account

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount
15/9/16	BDO (Audit)	968	120.00
15/9/16	LMPCC Church Clock	969	200.00
15/9/16	Affinity Water	970	41.73
15/9/16	Wickes Leisure (playground repair)	971	420.00
15/9/16	Herts Display (Aug/Sept)	972	161.20
15/9/16	Post Office Ltd PAYE	973	33.38
15/9/16	G Ward/Clerks Fee	974	198.84
15/9/16	LMMH/Hall Booking fee Sept/Dec	975	60.00
30/9/16	L Bartlett/Litterpicker payment	S/O	41.92
30/9/16	R Barron Website Management	S/O	35.00
13/10/16	Post Office Ltd PAYE	976	33.38
13/10/16	G Ward Clerk Fee	977	178.82
13/10/16	EHDC Playground Inspection Fee	978	49.80
31/10/16	L Bartlett/Litterpicker payment	S/O	41.92
31/10/16	R Barron Website Management	S/O	35.00
31/8/16	L Bartlett/Litterpicker payment	S/O	41.92
31/8/16	R Barron Website Management	S/O	35.00

Total Payments 1650.69

	£
Online balance on Current Account 11/11/16	20211.80
Balance Brought forward 6/9/16	16284.82
Less Payments	1650.69
Plus Receipts:-	5577.67
Balance as at 11/11/16	<u>20211.80</u>

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received

30/9/16 Email to and from Helen Denton to JP Re Common Land CL161 and CL172
See agenda item 8.

11/10/16 Playground Inspection Report login details from EHC
There were no adverse findings greater than Very Low or Low risk.

13/10/16 Email from HAPTC re: Transparency Funding
Smaller authorities are required to publish the following information online:

- all items of expenditure above £100
- end of year accounts

- annual governance statement
- internal audit report
- list of councillors or member responsibilities
- the details of public land and building assets
- minutes, agendas and meeting papers of formal meetings

JP concluded that the Parish Council do not need to receive any Transparency Funding as the above actions were already being carried out and published on the Website and that funding was not necessary to help achieve these actions.

15/10/16 Email from DM to GW Description of Common Land
See agenda item 8.

24/10/16 Email from Lisa Stalley re Little Munden School Christmas Parade and Fayre
No problems from Councillors.

26/10/16 Letter and documents from EHC Re: East Herts Pre-Submission District Plan
The council again agreed that the parish does not have the resources, time or expertise needed to formulate a District Plan. Paul Kenealy offered to investigate how other small villages are formulating plans and to report back. LB wondered if it would be an idea to get together with Great Munden and Sacombe although JP thought liasing with, say, Benington and Walkern may be more relevant. JP reported that there is expertise and financial assistance available although probably not enough to cover such a time consuming and expensive task.

6/11/16 Letter from Robert Hicks re the preservation of Sacombe Bridge In response to Mr Hicks:~

JP stated that listing is not a preservation order, preventing change. It does not freeze a building in time, it simply means that listed building consent must be applied for in order to make any changes to, in this case, Sacombe Bridge, which might affect its special interest.

Listing would mark and celebrate the bridge's special architectural and historic interest, and also brings it under the consideration of the planning system, so that it can be protected for future generations.

However, listing Sacombe Bridge will not, in itself, prevent 42-tonne tankers using the bridge; accordingly, there do not seem to be particular benefits to fast-tracking (from 20 weeks to 12 weeks) the listing at a cost of £1k to £2k.

This said, there is clearly substantial support within the local communities to protect the bridge and to stop the irrevocable damage foreseen by Mr Hicks and an additional 2000+ HGV movements annually would undoubtedly be a grave threat to Sacombe Bridge's preservation.

7.2 Correspondence Sent

8/11/16 Email from JP to Richard Tinner and Carolyn Marlow re Land Adjacent to 7 Pearman Drive. Dealt with at item 5 Planning.

7/11/16 Invoice to Great Munden Parish Council for Newsletter contribution.

8. COMMON LAND

JP had sent out an interim report. KW had measured up and in fact the conclusion was that the land currently set aside was not far off from the measurements on the HCC Maps. KW suggested that the surveyors and land agents could meet up. There was further discussion about 'ownership' of the land and the judgment papers of 16th January 1973 in front of the "Chief Commons Commissioner" Mr G D Squibb QC which have been mislaid.

KW proposed that the Parish Council should get HCC surveying Department to come out and measure the land and agree the boundaries.

9. LITTER PICKER VACANCY

The Council had received applications for the vacancy from 6 young people. The council agreed to defer a decision until the January meeting.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

HC reported that she had witnessed drug users in HM Car Park. KW suggested she inform Duncan Wallace of the Rural Police Unit, Buntingford and also suggested trying to get hold of their registration numbers.

11. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISHIONERS

None

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January 2017

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman