

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 15th March 2018 at Little Munden Memorial Hall at 8.00 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Jonathan Pool (JP) Chairman; Lizzie Bacon (LB) Vice Chairman; Tracey Harding (TH); Keith Williams (KW); Darren Jones (DJ); – Councillors; Jenny Macintosh (JM); - Councillors

Geraldine Ward (GW) Clerk

In Attendance: Ken Crofton (KC)

Members of the Public: 7

APOLOGIES: David Hart (DH)

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th January 2018

The minutes were proposed by DJ and LB seconded.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

4.1 Basketball Hoop Base

TH reported that she had been in contact with Kompan Playgrounds to look at suitable equipment for Horses' Meadow. This company claims up-to-date information on where grants are available, so that once we know what equipment we want, it should be easy from there to apply for grants.

ACTION: TH to continue to investigate suitable play equipment for younger children.

4.2 Newsletter Advertising Manager

TH reported that she had spoken to Jackie Morris and would be having a meeting with her over Easter. She would be putting together a plan to work out the best way to introduce paid-for advertising into the Newsletter.

ACTION: TH

4.3 Oak Tree in Whiteley Close

The Clerk had contacted Little Munden's County Councillor, Ken Crofton who had swiftly investigated the ownership of the land on which the oak tree stands. He had reported that it belonged to HCC and had fast tracked a job number to get the tree looked at by HCC.

4.4 Mole Hills on Horses' Meadow

KW reported that the weather had been too wet to carry out work but would do when conditions were more suitable.

ACTION: KW

4.5 Allotments

The Clerk reported that she had met with John Grisbrooke at the allotments and had photographed an area where there was rubbish to be removed. There wasn't a great deal at present and would probably only need a small trailer or van to remove items to the dump.

ACTION: GW

4.6 Path on the Balk

LB reported that the work could be carried out shortly. Tom Goldsmith had informed her however that there were changes within EHC Departments which meant that he could be moving to a different Department but would inform her when and if this may happen.

ACTION: LB

4.7 Traffic Calming

To be discussed at next meeting.

ACTION: DH

4.8 Bench Windy Rise

To be discussed at next meeting

ACTION: JP

4.9 Repair of tarmac footpath at the back of Fouceley Avenue and concrete path up to Gladstone Road

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the new Housing Association who said they would investigate the poor state of the above. There would be a site visit on Monday 19th March.

ACTION: GW

4.10 Dog Litter Posters

TH would be getting these shortly from EHC.

ACTION: TH

4.11 Website

TH reported that she would be having a meeting with Richard Barron, the Webmaster the following day.

ACTION: TH

4.12 Friends of Rowney Priory

At the previous meeting there were requests raised by Gary Abbott on behalf of FORP. One was to ask for representation from the Parish Council to speak at the forthcoming Enquiry in May. JP said that he would be happy to do this. The other request was for the Parish Council to donate to the Fighting Fund. JP felt that it was not appropriate to spend Parishioners' money this way and this had been the same response to requests from SLADE for donations. All Councillors agreed on this response.

4.13 The Forge

At the last meeting a Parishioner had aired concern over the position the petrol pumps had been put back in, following construction of a new driveway. The Clerk had spoken to the Enforcement

Officer at HCC who had reassured her that as long as the pumps were in front of the forge that fulfilled Planning constraints. There had been no imposition of exact location put on by EHC.

There was also concern about the general state of the pumps. KW agreed he would have a word with Mark Hackney about this.

ACTION: KW

4.14 Horses' Meadow Bin

JP reported that it had now been removed and requested that the Litter Picker put the rubbish he collects into JP's personal black bin or take home.

ACTION: GW

5. PLANNING

5.1 New Applications

APPLICATION: 3/18/0099/FUL

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing stables and barn and erection of detached two bay carport and replacement stables.

AT: Woolston Farm, The Street, Ware. Comments 6th March 2018.

APPLICATION: 3/18/0254/LB

PROPOSAL: Retrospective approval of the revised window layout on the south east elevation of the forge, following completion of the work carried out under application 3/12/1605/LB

AT: The Forge, Munden Road, Dane End, Ware, Herts

5.2 Decisions

APPLICATION: 3/17/2578/HH

PROPOSAL: The relocation of the entrance from the west side of the site to the East side.

DECISION: To Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions. AT: Fellowsfield, Mill Lane, Dane End, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 0JL

APPLICATION: 3/17/2960/HH

PROPOSAL: Single-storey link extension to garage, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and alterations to fenestration. AT: Woodcroft, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick, Ware, SG11 1JH

DECISION: To Refuse Planning Permission.

APPLICATION: 3/17/2855/HH

PROPOSAL: retention of existing rear 2 storey gable and construction of single storey rear extension. AT: The Cottage, Green End, Dane End, Ware SG12 0NY

DECISION: To Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions.

APPLICATION: 3/17/2854/HH

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing unauthorised two storey side extension. Retention of rear two storey infill Gable extension.

DECISION: To Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions.

AT: The Cottage, Green End, Dane End, Ware SG12 0NY

5.3 Appeal

Woodcroft, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick, Ware

LPA Appeal Reference: 17/00149/REFUSE

Decision: within 8 weeks of the start date – 26/2/18

6. FINANCE**6.1****Online Current Account Balance BF 12/1/18****21,276.78****Receipts:****Nil****Deduct Payments from Current Account**

Date	Payment to	Cheque No	Amount
			£
18/1/18	Herts Display	1099	96.72
18/1/18	EHC Installation Dog Bin	1100	501.20
18/1/18	Post Office Ltd	1101	33.38
18/1/18	The Play Inspection Company	1102	120.00
18/1/18	G Ward Clerks Fee	1103	173.15
31/1/18	Litter Picker payment	S/O	43.42
31/1/18	Richard Barron Website	S/O	35.00
13/2/18	HMRC/PAYE	1104	33.38*
13/2/18	G Ward/Clerks Fee	1105	175.70
13/2/18	Herts Display	1106	225.68*
13/2/18	LMMH	1107	90.00*
28/2/18	Litter Picker payment	S/O	43.42
28/2/18	Richard Barron Website	S/O	35.00
Total Payments			1606.05

£

Online balance on Current Account 8/3/18

20,119.79

Balance Brought forward 12/1/18

21,376.78

Less Payments

1,606.05

Plus cheques not cleared *1104,1106,1107

349.06

Plus Receipts:-

Nil

Balance as at 8/3/18**20,119.79**

6.2 JP reported that he was querying the huge invoice the PC had been sent for the By-Election. He felt, in particular, that the amounts charged for the ballot books, poll cards and postal vote packs seemed excessive.

ACTION JP

6.3 The Clerk reported that she had asked Affinity Water why the last two bills had been so large. They had suggested monitoring the meter by turning off the water supply to see if the meter was still running.

ACTION KW

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence received

Jan/Feb/March:- circular emails to and from Sarah Henderson re Tree in Whiteley Close:- see Appendix 1

January 24th Geoff Adams letter re removal of hedgerow and trees along Frogs Hall BOAT, Haultwick

January 26th Emails from Tom Goldsmith to Geoff Adams re Frogs Hall BOAT, Haultwick

February 10th Email from Martin Crees re Fencing and other works at Woodcote, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick

February 13th Email from Martin Woods re Grass Verge Outside 4 Easington Road (Agenda Item 9)

February 26th Email from Brian Penn re Cycle Ramp on bank on Whempstead Lane

7.2 Correspondence Sent

February 12th Email from Jonathan Pool to Joanne Crouch, EHC re By-Election expense.

Email to Digital Monkey/ Artwork for Dog Signs, Horses' Meadow and reply.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

TH presented a draft of a leaflet to be circulated with the Newsletter. All were pleased with the format and JP suggested that, with the minor amendments he proposed, it be simply printed on the front of the Newsletter which would make it stand out. He went on to suggest that a public meeting be held as part of the Annual Parish Meeting in April. He suggested that the evening should run as follows:

7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting

7.50 Public Meeting/Presentation on Neighbourhood Plan

8.00 Annual Parish Meeting

JP suggested contacting Paul Kenealy to get him to attend the meeting and deliver a small presentation. If he was unavailable JP stated he would be happy to make a formal presentation and any questions which could not be answered, could be noted and responded to in due course. He suggested that a list of those present and their email addresses should be recorded at the meeting.

**ACTION: TH - leaflet
GW - invitation to PK**

9. GRASS VERGE - EASINGTON ROAD

Mr Woods, a resident of Easington Road, reported that he had been battling with EHC and Highways regarding the grass verge outside his house. It was being constantly driven over by reversing vehicles delivering to the shop and the buses driving up onto the verge. He suggested timber posts down as far as the shop could be a solution.

Ken Crofton had already spoken to Highways about this, but suggested that the Parish Council help to fund this as there was no monies for this in the HCC budget.

The PC felt that a cheaper solution could be found rather than that offered by HCC, although KC suggested that Highways would want to install the posts. He agreed to find out the costing of five posts.

JP also suggested that Mr and Mrs Woods could look into other options which would be agreeable to themselves and discussion took place as to whether flower/plant troughs would be an idea.

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

TH reported on a scheme whereby Parishioners are encouraged to adopt a piece of the Churchyard and pledge to maintain it. However JM did comment that the Churchyard does receive a monthly tidy up already by volunteers from the Parish.

JM also reported that the Reverend Comfort would be leaving the Parish in June.

JP advised the Clerk that Councillors had reviewed her pay effective from 1 April 2017.

11. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISHIONERS

Alex Bartels had expressed an interest in the Common Land in relation to the possibility of building cycle ramps. JP assured him that as the land was registered to Lordship Farm it was highly unlikely that this type of activity would be welcomed on the land. DJ pointed out to Alex that the ramps he had built adjacent to the allotments were not safe and posed a danger to children. Alex queried whether it would be possible to have a formal Club on the land if he had all the correct insurance and CPR checks. JP said the PC would be prepared in principle to consider such a scheme.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.50 pm

Next Meeting:- 26th April 2018

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman